

# Minutes – Essendon Fields Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG)

Meeting held Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023, at 10:30am by Videoconference / Board Room

## Members:

Rod Gurry (Representing Bill Shorten and Danny Pearson MP, Frank Manti (Community Representative), Brendan Pihan (EAPL), Matt Marais (EAPL), Brad Evans (EAPL) Cr.Narelle Sharpe(Moonee Valley Council), Frank Manti (Community Representative) Christine Campbell – Airservices Tim Gill (Airservices Australia).

## Invited Guests:

Christine Campbell (Airservices Australia), Braden Hartcher (Dept of Infrastructure), Kathy Craig (EAPL) Braden Hartcher (Dept of Infrastructure), Malgy Coman (Dept of Infrastructure), Neermala Cash (Department of Infrastructure).

## 1. Welcome

Brad Evans welcomed the committee and attendees to the third CACG meeting for 2023. We welcomed Malgy Coman and Neermala Cash to the CACG. Braden noted that Malgy Coman would be our standing Departmental of Infrastructure CACG representative.

Apologies for the meeting included:

- i. Rod Gurry (Representing Bill Shorten and Danny Pearson MP
- ii. Christine Campbell (Airservices)
- iii. Danny Pearson MP
- iv. Bill Shorten MP
- v. Cr. Narelle Sharp

## 2. Items arising from previous CACG minutes (22 June 2023)

The minutes from the previous meeting held 22 June 2023 were accepted by all.

## 3. Noise

Tim Gill from Airservices provided an update in relation to noise-based complaints. Refer **attached** report.

## 4. Community Feedback/Concerns

BE noted that Essendon Fields had been invited to attend a meeting with the East Melbourne Group chaired by Adam Bandt MP.

## 5. Jet Curfew (Infrastructure)

*Current movements (April to June 2023)*

The DITRDCA were unable to provide data for this period. Will be circulated in due course once available.

## 6. Aviation operations (EAPL)

### *EF aviation update*

Matt Marais outlined a detailed airfield operations update.

- **Movements:**

3-month total: **5,788** (6023 SPLY – down 235 movements)

- **Regional Passengers:**

June 2300 (2096 SPLY)      167 (183 SPLY)

July 2209 (2300 SPLY)      158 (151 SPLY)

August 2295 (2005 SPLY)      165 (164 SPLY)

3-month total: 6804 (6,401 SPLY – up 403 passengers). **490** mvmts (498 SPLY)

- **New Business**

Fly Pelican conducted closed charter during August and September between EFA & Mt Hotham.

- **Pavement:**

30,000m crack sealing of runway 08/26 and taxiways M & N.

54m of concrete rout and seal of taxiways V & W.

70sqm of concrete pavement replacement on Southern Apron adjacent H85.

Hangar 85 Concrete Apron Repairs, Hangar 102 Drain Edge Repairs, Runway 17/35 Drain Cover Repairs and Taxiway C Drain Edge Repairs

- **Drainage:**

\$250k survey, drain clearing and initial repairs. Identified program of works

- **AEP Activation:**

12 July 2023 - Full Emergency declared after Air Ambulance King Air VH-VAE advised ATC a landing gear failure indicator in the cockpit at 12:33am. Aircraft landed without incident at 1:08am. Inspector Pat McKinnon from the State Emergency & Support Command noted *“Access to airside, internal and inter-agency comms were excellent, roles were clear and command was established and exercised well”*.

- **AEP Exercise:** November

- **Fire season:** 2 helicopters – Skycrane & night fire fighting capability

## **7. Development Update (EAPL)**

BE provided a detailed update of planned new development across the airport which included the civil works underway in the Hart Precinct to facilitate the development of a future 20,000m<sup>2</sup> warehouse which will develop modular buildings.

Development of 274 Lionel Street has also commenced with a new vehicle dealership to be constructed for Audi on Wirraway Road in the new year.

## **8. EF Master Plan (Planning Matters)**

Extension of time to lodge the Masterplan with the Department of Infrastructure has been approved. The Master Plan will now be lodged by January 2025. EAPL will likely go out to public consultation in August 2024.

BE noted that EAPL has undertaken a review of the 2006 Heritage Management Plan.

## **9. Departmental Update**

Braden Hartcher provided a presentation of a series of topics namely:

- Melbourne Airport Third Runway MDP
- Moorabin Airport Master Plan approval.
- Exposure Draft Regulations/ Green Paper.
- Aviation White Paper

Refer attached presentation for further details.

**Meeting Closed 12:10am**

**Next meeting will be held Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 11:00am by videoconference /  
in EF Office**

**(Chair – Brad Evans) – (Please confirm if you will attend in the office or via Teams)**