



Gold Coast Airport

AIRPORT NOISE ABATEMENT CONSULTATIVE (ANACC) MEETING

Minutes of Meeting 12th June 2009
Twin Towns Resort
(Visions Room)

Attendance

Amanda McDonald	Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd
Bill Pinkstone	Banora Point Residents & Rate Payers Assoc.
Garth Threlfall	Friends of Currumbin
Geoff North	Gold Coast Hangar Pty Ltd (General Aviation)
John Alcorn	Citizens for Kingscliff
John Sweeney	Bilambil Heights Progress Association
Julie Murray	Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association
Neil Hall	Air Services Australia
Peter Barrett	Tugun Progress Association
Peter Long	Air Gold Coast
Rob Anderson	Virgin Blue
Rob Grant	Air Services Australia
Rob Porter (Chairman)	Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd
Tuihana Williams	Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd
Wilf Ardill	Tugun Village Community Centre Association Inc.
Laurie Ganter	Tweed District R&R Association
Barry Jephcote (SECCA)	South East Community's Combined ASS
Karen Embray	Margret May MP
Martin Simpkins	Air Services Australia
Wilf Threefall	Friends of Currumbin

Observers/ Other Attendees

Elissa Keenan	Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd
Michael Tolerton	Resident of Currumbin
Julie Murray	Tweed District
John McCalister	Tweed District

Apologies

Peter Douglas	Jetstar
Rodger Savage	Bilinga/Coolangatta Neighbourhood Watch
Arthur Elliot	Cyclades Cres. Currumbin Neighbourhood Watch

1. Opening and Welcome

Meeting opened at 9:15am

Introduction by Rob Porter

All members introduced themselves and what area/association they are from, there are some members who are new to the committee.

Welcome to new members and proxies.

R Porter also gave an a brief update on GCA:

Terminal redevelopment

- The 2nd phase of the 4 phase development is now completed 3rd phase should be completed by the end of July

which will see centralised check in, centralised baggage collection and all departure lounges open for business. Redevelopment is really going ahead well and on time

Tower Road

- An increase in fuel facilities, increase in Apron parking & GSE (Ground Service Equipment Parking, all is progressing well

APRON Overlay

- Resurfacing of the runway commencing shortly and if all goes to plan will be up and running by the end of December

Airlines

- There has been a drop in the number from Japan to OOL. 30 Flights cancelled over the next 5-6 weeks due to swine flue. Domestic numbers are still solid

2. Apologies / Proxies

R Porter confirmed all apologies (see Apologies List for more details)

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Action Item 1:

As discussed at the December ANACC meeting and required by the Gold Coast Airport ANACC Terms of Reference Section 5

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All ANACC community representatives are required to re-nominate to continue as part of the committee.

- All Northern members have completed this task
- As yesterday's Sub-Committee meeting resolved Bilambil has yet to nominate a community representative to attend meetings, as outlined in the terms of reference

Section 4 dot point 2

(ii) Community Representatives

Community representatives from residential areas from both the Northern (5) and Southern (5) sides of the Airport. (Total 10) (Note: Community organisations may propose issues for the Committee's consideration through the ten community representatives or in writing to the Chairperson who may also invite Community Organisations to attend a Meeting and make representations).

- It was resolved that GCA will seek a representative from the area by advertising in the paper or doing some sort of community search, as we must have 5 distinct areas with representation to the south, so the status quo can remain. John Sweeny has been the long standing representative for the Bilambil area, and until GCA can identify an association, John Sweeny will remain the rep for this carry through period until such time as we can find a replacement
- Rob thanked all members for their patience with this task
- Item remains Open

Action Item 2:

- Mud map has been circulated to Sub-Committee members. Original ANACC map has been located and transposed on to an electronic version so changes can be made as needed
- Amendment will be made to map to include Arthur Elliot representation for Cyclades Crescent Currumbin Neighbourhood Watch and Laurie Ganter for Tweed district R&R Association
- Item closed

Action Item 3:

- Item closed based on Item 1

Action Item 4:

- Item closed as Karen Embray is attending ANACC on behalf of Margret May

Action Item 5:

- Item remains open as Justin Elliot is not present to discuss

Action Item 6:

- Item is closed T Williams has supplied all members with webtrack address

5. Correspondence

As environment officer for Gold Coast Airport T Williams made a request that if members would like a copy of any inward or outward correspondence they must email T Williams directly as their has been a lot of wasted paper lately

6. Air Services Update

- Since last ANACC meeting N Hall (Airservices Australia) has moved on from the Gold Coast. Martin Simpkins will be his proxy for the interim until Air services can find a suitable replacement for N Hall position, M Simpkins also informed the committee that Rob Grant has now retired from Airservices Australia, R Porter would also like it noted that although there is a large gap in the staff for Airservices at Gold Coast, tower curfew hours will remain the same 2300 - 0600. Rob would like to thank Airservices for making the change in their roster to maintain curfew hours.

Action: R Porter to write to letter to Airservices Australia thanking them for all their support over the years and to acknowledge all the work N Hall has contributed. Also to include the importance of having someone as knowledgeable as N Hall.

- B Pinkstone would like it included in the letter, all the outstanding work M Simpkins has done over the years for the committee in his role as a proxy for N Hall, and if M Simpkins is successful in securing the position the ANACC committee would more than welcome him as a representative

7. General Aviation Update

Geoff North Update:

To G North knowledge their has been no new complaints in regards to light aircraft

Complaint from Mr Cutis

- G North has been liaising with Airservices to try and resolve this concern, M Simpkins has invited Mr Curtis up to the tower where he will be able to explain the procedures and general operation of the tower and try to explain that the circuits are divided across the each area as evenly as possible, which theoretically should allay any concerns Mr Curtis has.
- The issue remains open at this point until Mr Curtis is well enough to attend the meeting.
- Geoff thanked Martin for taking the concern on board.

Light aircraft Training

- Training is still going strong, weather permitting.
- P Long reported that Air Gold Coast is currently training about 60-70 pilots part time, half of which are recreational pilots.

Action: Australian Wings Academy will report back next meeting with their student numbers

- P Long pointed out the noise generated does vary depending on were the students are and what kind of training their doing, both Air Gold Coast and AWA try to keep to the training area above Murwillumbah, Stanthorpe or Casino when practising circuits, they are both very conscious of the noise and how to manage it better. Both schools are as proactive as ever with regards to the noise there students make.
- B Pinkstone said when the current tracks provided were reviewed it was documented in the report that the training

academy's would be doing touch and goes in close proximity to the airport runway whether the over the sea or over the land. This regulation has been in place for years yet the community are finding they have a tendency to be flying out over the out lying areas which was never agreed to by the community.

- Airservices responded saying ideally what the training schools try to do is keep the circuit training as close to the airport as possible. Sometimes the training plan will be in the flight path of a jet and the training aircraft must move from there original flight path which causes them to hover above, inturn causing a lot more noise.
- Airservices also mentioned that due to the curfew of 2200 to 0600, there is constant aircraft movement and congestion throughout the day and this is what could be increasing noise issues. Currently there are no regulatory requirements or laws for light aircrafts it's just a matter of them doing the right thing.
- B Pinkstone said these are not one off incidents and if there going to be flying over the out lining areas there is a track that turns right at 1 DME and goes over the Terranora area
- John Sweeny said this recent period he has received the least amount of complaints since joining the ANACC committee and would like the thank Airservices for their tireless efforts

8. Military Operations

M Simpkins produced the military figures for the last 5 months. It is suspected a majority of these figures are related to the Globemaster Jets.

January: 0

February: 8

March: 20

April: 26

May: 6

9. Noise Enquiries

Noise Dispensation report

- T Williams reported their were no quota movements used during last quarter.
- There was 1 dispensation issue on 17 April which involved a JQ flight which was diverted to Brisbane due to bad weather

10. General Business

Aircraft Noise on Currumbin Hill

- Rob thanked M Tolerton (Resident of Currumbin Hill) for attending the ANACC meeting so that he can address the committee with his very valid concerns
- M Tolerton said ever since the commencement of the Airbus out of the GCA their seems to be a shift from using the Eastern flight path to using the Instrument approach which is directly over Currumbin Hill, M Tolerton has had countless conversations with Airservices but nothing seems to be done. Currumbin Hill residents all accept they live close to the Airport and most residents have lived there for over 10 years and have never seen this happen before. The residents would like to know why they aren't using the flight path located over the water, M Tolerton displayed the Airservices map which clearly states "Aircraft should avoid these areas when possible" also according to Airservices 600ft above sea level is an acceptable height for aircraft to be travelling yet they are a lot lower than that. The Currumbin Hill residents all understand that when the proposal for the runway extension was submitted they knew there would be an increase in aircraft noise but did not expect the path to go off there suggested flight path.
- M Simpkins agrees it does state "Aircraft should avoid these areas when possible" the procedure has been the same for years but Airservices only provided a suggested flight path although M Simpkins said he has noticed since commencing work in the tower he has noticed a lot of pilots taking option 2. Airservices Australia do not police the flight path and have no authority to tell pilots which option they should take
- R Porter requested a formal response from Airservices directly to M Tolertons valid concern
- R Porter explained GCAL has been lobbying Airservices for an ILS to improve the approaches into the Airport for a number of reasons e.g.: from a safety point of view and ensuring pilots do get to the runway during low visibility

- GCAL is also looking at a navigational system as a way to provide better success for the pilots to land, more compliance in which way they approach and looking at the RNP procedure and Nav aids that will support that but in terms of getting those established it is still some time away.

Action: M Simpkins to follow up on a formal response to M Tolertons concerns

- In summary M Tolerton will write formal through the chair of ANACC with the specifics from today. Martin has offered to take the concern offline and discuss with M Tolerton to give him a better understanding of what the procedures are
- R Porter explained all correspondence is received through the chair and said GCAL will also make representation to Airservices based on today's discussion

Terms of reference

R Porter will make a minor amended to the terms of reference point 5

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Amended to:

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Which is foreshadowed for the next meeting

Noise Monitoring Terminal

- It has been a long standing agenda item with the ANACC committee to receive some more information about getting some noise monitoring equipment to the North & South.
- Airservices Australia are going through their noise monitoring technologies upgrade and looking if the current locations are the most appropriate places.
- Paula McMahon will be attending next ANACC to give update from Airservices
- Rob thanked N Hall for organise Paula to attend
- 10 September is attentive meeting date and may be shifted one or two days to make it possible for Paula to attend

Jet Blast Wall

- B Pinkstone asked if a noise barrier will relive the sound from the departing runway
- R Porter gave clarification, it is not a noise barrier it is a jet blast wall which is designed to mitigate damage from jet blast, which can be to people or birds passing by, and trees in the area. It is not going to mitigate noise and is not a requirement at the moment

Request for information

- L Ganter made request to T Williams if he can please be supplied with the previous ANACC committee and also the Sub Committee minutes from 11 December 07 – 11 December 08
- Rob asked all committee members to please submit their request for T Williams in writing with their updated

contacted details and this also applies to inquiries for M Simpkins

Virgin Blue Simulator

The offer is still open to organise some time in the DJ simulator. R Porter said if we have solid numbers and members are happy to leave from GCAL, he will be more than happy to drive everyone up in the mini van.

11. Date for Next Meeting

10th September 2009

12. Close of Meeting

11.35am

ACTION ITEMS

ANACC Committee Meeting 12th March 2009

Action	Responsible Personnel	Status (Date)
Letter of nomination required for ANACC community representatives from their community organisation/ committee.	All community representatives	Ongoing
GCAL to circulate mud map to committee members.	Rob Porter/Tuihana Williams	Closed
Community representatives to provide a brief report at the ANACC meetings to confirm community consultation. The following information is to be included in the reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of Community Organisation/ Committee 2. Name of ANACC representative 3. Date of Consultation 4. Summary of discussion issues 	All community representatives	Closed
Rob Porter to follow up attendance from members from the Tweed Shire Council as well as Justine Elliot's office	Rob Porter/Tuihana Williams	Closed
Rob Porter to follow up with Justine Elliot Military Operations and how the Military can notify the public of their actions	Rob Porter	Ongoing
Tuihana Williams to communicate Webtrack Website details to all members and stakeholders of the ANACC	Tuihana Williams	Closed

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<p>Australian Wings Academy will report back next meeting with their student numbers</p>	<p>Geoff North</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>M Simpkins to follow up on a formal response in regards to M Tolertons concerns with aircraft noise over Currumbin Hill</p>	<p>M Simpkins</p>	<p>Open</p>