



Gold Coast Airport

AIRPORT NOISE ABATEMENT CONSULTATIVE (ANACC) MEETING

Minutes of Meeting 3rd September 2009

**Club Banora
(Tuscany Room)**

Attendance

Rob Porter (Chairman)	Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd
Tuihana Williams	Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd
Bill Pinkstone	Banora Point and District Residents Association Inc.
Garth Threlfall	Friends of Currumbin
Geoff North	Gold Coast Hangar Pty Ltd (General Aviation)
John Sweeney	Banora Point and District Residents Association Inc.
Peter Barrett	Tugun Progress Association
Wilf Ardill	Tugun Village Community Centre Association Inc.
Laurie Ganter	Tweed District Residents and Ratepayers Association
Martin Simpkins	Air Services Australia
Julie Shanahan	East Banora Residents Association (proxy Barry Jephcote, representing SECCA)
Roger Savage	Bilinga Neighbourhood Watch
Craig Elliot	Justine Elliot (MP Richmond) Office
Rod Bates	Banora Point and District Residents Association Inc. (proxy John Alcorn, representing ACCA)

Observers/ Other Attendees

Rob Bradford	Fingal Head Community Association
Michelle Faye	Bilambil Heights Progress Association
Leah Fogarty	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government, <i>Airport Environment Officer – Gold Coast & Archerfield Airports</i>
Elissa Keenan	Queensland Airports Limited
Paula McMahan	Airservices Australia <i>Manager, Environment & Climate Change Unit within the Safety & Environment Business Group</i>
Ian McLeod	Airservices Australia <i>Chief Acoustics Engineer, Environment & Climate Change Unit within the Safety & Environment Business Group of Airservices</i>
Peter Curtis	Resident of Bilambil Heights

Apologies

Julie Murray	Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association Inc
Peter Douglas	Jetstar
Rob Anderson	Virgin Blue Airlines
Margaret May (MP)	Federal Member for McPherson
Peter Long	Air Gold Coast
Barry Jephcote	East Banora Residents Association (representing SECCA)
John Alcorn	Cudgen Progress Association (representing ACCA)

1. Opening and Welcome

Meeting opened at 9:15am

Round table introductions of all in attendance.

RP provided an update on airport activities, explaining that Gold Coast Airport had the second busiest month on record, in terms of passenger numbers, in July 2009, this was on the back of the Global financial crisis, swine flu and the cancellation of several flights to Japan.

Terminal redevelopment

- Terminal redevelopment is progressing well and within projected timeframes with completion set for December 2009.

Runway Overlay

- Commencement of the runway overlay project has been delayed due to supply issues and the weather. RP further highlighted that project works, once commenced, will be predominantly night works and during curfew hours. RP will keep the committee informed of tender approval and the commencement date.

Airlines

- Flights will increase over the coming months with the introduction of several new flights including a possible Hobart service and commencement of Air North services. Jetstar will also be bouncing back with their international flights.

2. Apologies / Proxies

Refer to apologies listed above.

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

5. APPOINTMENTS

Appointments of representatives to the Committee will be by invitation from Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd. Each Representative to the committee shall be appointed by an association and may appoint a Proxy if unable to attend a meeting. Appointments will be for an initial period of two (2) years, commencing 1 September 2008, and will be subject to renewal at the end of that period, unless determined at an earlier date by agreement.

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 a 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

RP introduced Paula McMahon and Ian McLeod to the committee, a brief overview of their roles was also provided.

- Paula acknowledged the committee for changing the meeting date to accommodate their attendance and provided the committee with background information regarding her division of Airservices Australia.
- Airservices Australia (AA) is a statutory authority and all revenue is from industry.
- AA has several important principles, focusing on "safety" as priority number 1, then efficiency and the environment (which encompasses noise) coming third.
- AA has approximately 200 pieces of environmental legislation, ranging from Commonwealth to State, to comply with. The *Airports Act 1996* and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) are the primary sources of environmental legislation that apply.
- In 1999 there were a number of community service obligations under ministerial direction

- B Pinkstone would like it included in a 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:

GN discussed the Complaint from Mr Curtis

- GN and MS provided Mr Curtis with a tour of the Airservices Control Tower (Gold Coast). Mr Curtis gained a much better understanding of flight operations and was pleased with the result.
- GN highlighted the benefits of the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATC) tours and proposed that GCA facilitate a group tour for the ANACC committee.

Action: RP to discuss a plan for the group tour of the ATC with MS.

Resolution: It was agreed that the next ANACC meeting would be held at a venue on Gold Coast Airport to coincide with the ATC group tour.

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 to report back next meeting with their student numbers*

- P Long pointed out the noise generated does vary depending on where the students are and what kind of training they are 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 their 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 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 outlying 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 their original flight path which causes them to hover above, inturn causing a lot more noise.
- Airservices also mentioned that due to the curfew of 2300 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 to 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 there 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

Jetstar RNP Operations

- Tui advised committee that Jetstar are set to commence RNP operations, on a small number of departures, at Gold Coast Airport on the 7th September 2009.

There were no objections or opinions expressed in relation to this issue.

Flights over Currumbin

- Wilf Ardill expressed his disappointment with the lack of a timely response, by relevant parties, to his complaint dated 22nd June 2009 regarding flights over Currumbin Hill, which was forwarded to Tui. Mr Ardill further highlighted that he would like to respond to complainants in a timely manner also but this prevented him from doing so.
- RP apologised and advised that Gold Coast Airport (GCA) have limited resources dedicated to the ANACC and that all GCA staff on the ANACC have day-to-day operational tasks they are committed to as well as ANACC.
- Paula McMahon mentioned that the Airservices Australia noise complaints line was a more appropriate course for Mr Ardill to take regarding the noise complaint.
- MS mentioned that Mr Ardill could contact him directly regarding noise complaints and that he is happy to liaise

directly with community representatives on the ANACC.

Action: Circulate contact details for RP and MS to ANACC community representatives.

Inequitable Distribution of Flights

11. Date for Next Meeting

10th December 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
Rob Porter to follow up with Justine Elliot Military Operations and how the Military can notify the public of their actions	Rob Porter	Ongoing
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 to and also to included the importance of having someone as knowledgeable as N Hall	R Porter	Open
Australian Wings Academy will report back next meeting with their student numbers	Geoff North	Open
M Simpkins to follow up on a formal response in regards to M Tolertons concerns with aircraft noise over Currumbin Hill	M Simpkins	Open