

Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) Meeting No. 2 Minutes



Wednesday 23rd November 2011, 1:00pm
Crystal Room, Mercure Inn, Townsville

	Name	Surname	Company / Representing
Attendance	Brodie	Akacich	Townsville Airport Pty Ltd
	Graham	Anderson	Townsville City Council
	Fred	Bassett	BAE
	Dave	Batic	Townsville Airport Pty Ltd
	Irmgard	Bauer	Resident
	Tracey	Baxter	Townsville Airport
	Deb	Beauchamp	Townsville Aviation Centre
	Tony	Beauchamp	Townsville Aviation Centre
	Stephanie	Cairns	Townsville Enterprise
	Norm	Canton	Resident
	Dean	Congram	Australian Customs
	Sharon	DeFeo	Townsville Airport
	Helen	Gannon	Dept Infrastructure & Transport
	Jenny	Gaylard	Townsville Airport
	Ben	Gertz	Resident
	Kevin	Gill	Townsville Airport Pty Ltd
	John	Hathaway	LNP Candidate Townsville
	Patrick	Heyman	BAE
	WGCDR Glen	Heyward	Defence Support - Queensland
	Carmel	Hoolahan	Townsville Airport Pty Ltd
	Mandy	Johnstone MP	State Member for Townsville
	John	Nankervis	Retired Airport Manager, Qantas
	Rebecca	Part	Townsville Airport
	Christian	Smith	Ingham Wings & Wheels Air show
	Ray	Smith	Donnington Airpark
	Chris	Townson	Brothers Act of Random Kindness Ltd
Lisa	Vali	Resident	

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Apologies	Cr Deanne	Belle	Townsville City Council
	Craig	Black	Defence Support Group (DSG)
	John	Carey	Chamber of Commerce
	Heath	Coleman	Defence Support Group (DSG)
	Jim	Craig	Defence Support Group (DSG)
	Danny	Eatock	CASA
	Trevor	Goldstone	James Cook University
	James	Goodwin	Airservices Australia
	Riitta	Heilbronn	Skysnacks
	Ewen	Jones MP	Federal Member for Herbert
	Greg	Lemass	CASA
	Owen	Richards	CASA
	Glenys	Schunter	Regional Development Australia
	Kent	Spencer	CASA
	Cr Vern	Veitch	Townsville City Council

1. Meeting Open, Attendance and Apologies – Chairman Rob Pack

No formally notified issues.

2. Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes – Minutes accepted.

3. Outstanding Action Items –

Investigate the state of land at back of Halifax street (Brodie Akacich) - Complete

Placement of Townsville Airport Yellow Pages listing (Isabelle Yates) - Complete

Federal, state and local authorities item – Addressed in presentation

Residential land use –Being addressed in presentation

Norm Canton issues – Safety in school environment near airport.

Museum history – Airport has a number of photographs – Christian Smith to cover in meeting.

4. Operations and Development

Operations

Launched Disaster Management Plan.

- Available on TAPL website

- Working closely with District Disaster Management Group, Defence and Cairns Airport.

Gone away from Cyclone plan: In 2011 TAPL had to deal with number of natural disasters including gale force winds, cyclone, volcanic ash etc.

New Developments

Qantas link – 2 services to Moranbah.

Airnorth launched a Townsville to Darwin direct service (commence 2 Feb).

Social Media

TAPL has created a strengthened social media presence.

Facebook – found through Cyclone Yasi it was the best forum for disseminating information for up to date. Used to run competitions, airline updates, events.

TAPL will accept community events to advertise.

Property Development

Flying colours, a well established aircraft painting organisation are moving to TSV.

Will complement QAL/Worland Aviation MRO facility.

5. Master Plan Update

Lisa Valli, Resident

Query regarding the repositioning of the refuelling system - Looks to be moving closer to the residential area.

Kevin Gill, Chief Operating Officer, TAPL

Refuelling system is currently adjacent to the terminal.

TAPL's view that it's not compatible for improving foot traffic. Plan will see it go towards the northern part towards General aviation.

Lisa Valli, Resident

What is the proposed zoning between John Melton Black drive and Sunderland Street?

Some suggestion that that would be transit companies, airplane repair centres – so have noise concerns as a resident.

Kevin Gill, Chief Operating Officer, TAPL TAPL has a view that an aviation community is to develop. Similar to what we have – aircraft maintenance facility. Aviation is noisy and dirty and has to be managed. More air craft hangars are proposed to head towards the north and not the west. West (Garbutt) is a different precinct which does include a goods warehousing, office accom, hotel. These are the type of developments that are very closely monitored and scrutinised.

TAPL to provide more detail at next meeting regarding the plans to the north etc.

6. Environment / Noise

Environment Update Street scaping completing to repair damage caused from Cyclone Yasi.
Replaced with Cyclone friendly trees.

Energy Saving Initiatives TAPL (as a large energy user) has signed up with Ergon on agreement to reduce the demand the airport puts on the grid Solar Shade is part of this. Success rates with 750KVA reduction in load (25 house holds) that TAPL is no longer drawing from the power grid.

Rolling out LED lighting. Use 20% of energy than previous lighting. Low power consumption.

Still continuing to decrease power usage.

Investigations towards air conditioning power usage is next target.

Joint project with Ergon providing a solar shade structure for disabled bays. 2 bays will become electric car charge points.
4kw solar system on board which feeds directly into the TAPL grid.

Wildlife Hazard Management Lower on wildlife strikes compared with this time last year. Due to habitat control. Thanks to Defence works – drainage control etc.

TAPL have been working towards new Bird and wildlife plan which is in final draft.

Consulting with Defence to activate initiatives across the entire air field. Strike rate down 10 – 15 so far.

*Ray Smith
Donnington Airpark* Question regarding the average estimated cost of environment impact?

*Brodie Akacich,
Environment Officer,
TAPL* An environment impact and strategy would be required.
Cost depends on the environment etc
– TAPL costs: Airport Environment Strategy \$80K (5 year document)
Water monitoring is \$30K / year

*Norm Canon,
Resident* Query regarding Townsville City Council’s redevelopment of town common.

*Brodie Akacich,
Environment Officer,
TAPL* (Brodie) sits on work group looking at this project.
Not so much a redevelopment rather a reorganisation of the way traffic moves through the park.
Turning Rowes Bay into a centre of sustainability. Behind that there is a natural wetland.

Current road through town common will be realigned rather than a 1 way circuit.

Water Management	2010/2011 Wet season TAPL have doubled monitoring areas. Water quality is leaving TAPL in better condition than it is coming on. 0 Petroleum hydrocarbons escaped.
Noise Complaints	10 official complaints. 6 complaints came in 1 day from FA-18 operations July – August 2011.
<i>Norm Canon, Resident</i>	Question regarding Helicopter flight paths. Younger helicopters seem to be flying over the Garbutt houses. Do they have a flight path? Is there a flight path over the Garbutt houses? Should they be going down the runway?
<i>Dave Batic, Manager Aviation, TAPL</i>	Spoken with Defence Air Traffic Control – helicopter schools set up predominately to keep these students away from other air traffic. TAPL will liaise with defence as they have cleared them to do it and report back to the group.
<i>Dave Batic (TAPL) to liaise with Defence regarding student pilot/helicopter flight paths over Garbutt.</i>	
<i>TAPL to invite a representative from Air Traffic Control (ATC) to attend the next CACG meeting.</i>	
<i>John Hathaway, LNP candidate for Townsville</i>	Question regarding the 10 noise complaints – does TAPL meet with Defence to correlate complaints? Of 10 do they appear in a particular area? Approach?
<i>Brodie Akacich, Environment Officer, TAPL</i>	Complaints are generally from new people moving in to Townsville area – unfamiliar with the area. Along the flight paths there are generally not too many concerns except when Jets are involved.
<i>Lisa Valli, Resident</i>	Comment: Garbutt residents tolerate a lot of the noise and the vibration effects from impacts. People have explained that they got a message service from the complaints line and never got a call back. They have tried to make a complaint but have been unable to do so.
<i>Brodie Akacich, Environment Officer, TAPL</i>	Residents of Garbutt are very understanding of the neighbour hood. A big thank you to them for that. There are two (2) numbers available to call for noise complaints - Defence number and Airservices number. Airservices Australia website also have an online reporting system for noise complaints. TAPL are aware of the complaints and receive information from both sources.
<i>Irmgard Bauer, Western Resident</i>	Comment: 10 complaints have nothing to do with reality. Many people are inconvenienced with the noise. Applies to a number of residents. Particularly the RAF planes. Awakens residents, pets etc. People don't know where to complain.

TAPL to include additional noise complaint information on website.

7. Report from members

**Department of
Infrastructure and
Transport**

Helen Gannon

Role is to look after federally leased airports. (Landlord) All building, development, growth etc come under commonwealth law and not State law.

Terminal redevelopment, apron etc still requires approval – but approval is granted from Anthony Albanese Minister currently.

Groups like this set up across all areas to take forward agenda of community and stake holders and work as one.

As IY presented on Master plan update – Legislation went through that has strengthened the master plan guidelines. TAPL did miss this new legislation due to timing, however will come under these in 5 years when next master plan items are due.

Another set of guidelines – Major Development Plan – used to be in dollar terms. Trigger now called Significant Community impact. Any development that the airport does want to do that does cause a community impact is required to go through a public community consultation process.

Will be a public document and will be available from Dept of Infrastructure website.

8. Recommendations by the Group

*John Nankervis,
Retired Airport
Manager, Qantas*

Comment: TAPL website flight information has no updates other than scheduled times for Alliance and Rex.

These airlines have more scheduled flights than Qantas and Virgin but do not get updated.

Isabelle Yates, Business Development Manager to contact Alliance and Rex regarding updates info feed etc.

*Irmgard Bauer,
Western Resident*

Question: Busy people don't go to Facebook. The group is connected by email. Can TAPL send out emails regarding changes, and updates? 1 email between meetings as a minimum.

TAPL to increase communication by email to CACG members.

*Christian Smith,
Ingham Wings &
Wheels Air Show*

Comment: Strong interest in heritage and history of TAPL. Has idea of multi user, multi functional working museum which has runway access and road access to incorporate air craft (not necessarily ex military war birds), vehicle, machinery exhibits, rotating displays.

Seeking interest level from community to see where this is going.

*Kevin Gill, Chief
Operating Officer,
TAPL*

Airport is supportive however, airports are highly secure facilities. Various parts of the airport are designated differently. Authorising access is a challenge. Enthusiasts are a great endeavour – Aviation is all about security and safety now. Any planning would need to heavily focus on this.

TAPL are a lessee – don't own the land. However if a need came about from community to the landlord

2012 CACG Meetings

- **Wednesday 21st March 2012**
- **Wednesday 25th July 2012**
- **Wednesday 21st November 2012**

1:00pm, Mercure Inn Townsville
