

SUNSHINE COAST AIRPORT COMMUNITY AND AVIATION FORUM

Meeting Purpose:

Community and Aviation Forum is a consultative forum providing the opportunity for discussion on:

- Existing and proposed airport development and operations.
- Steps to implement or develop the Airport's Master Plan.
- Noise and environmental issues.
- Activities by other aviation stakeholders.

Date:	04/12/2019 17:30 -19:10	
Location:	Sunshine Coast Airport – Management Office – Marcoola Meeting Room	
Facilitator:	Mr Ron Brent	
Notetaker:	Emma-Jane Deacon	
Attendees:	East West Runway Action Group (EWRAG)	Ms Mary McLean
	Marcoola Community Group	Mr Ken Keays
	Marcoola Community Group	Ms Susie Chapman
	Marcoola South	Ms Dawn MacKinnon
	Mudjimba Residents Association	Mr Martin Peelgrane
	North Shore Traders Community Group	Mr Paul King
	Coolum Residents Association	Mr Mark Jones
	Seaside Shores Community Association	Mr Richard Dennis
	Flight Path Forum	Charlotte Wensley
	Noosa Hinterland Residents Association	Mr Rob Neely
	Friends of Buddina	Ms Gwen Brown
	Yandina Creek Progress Association	Ms Cheryl Sykes
	Airservices Australia	Mr Rob Irwin
	Airservices Australia	Ms Sally Adsett
	Sunshine Coast Council	Councillor Stephen Robinson
	Noosa Council	Councillor Jess Glasgow
	Sunshine Coast Council	SCAEP Project Director Mr Ross Ullman
	Sunshine Coast Airport	Chief Executive Officer Mr Andrew Brodie

	Sunshine Coast Airport	Head of Corporate Relations Ms Ayllie White
	Sunshine Coast Airport	General Manager Operations and Assets Mr Frank Mondello
	Sunshine Coast Airport	General Manager Property, Retail and Parking Services Mr Antonio Tolo
	Sunshine Coast Airport	Head of Legal and Corporate Affairs Company Secretary Ms Natasha Hall
	Sunshine Coast Airport	General Manager Aviation Business Development, Mr Gareth Williamson
	Sunshine Coast Airport	General Manager Planning and Infrastructure, Mr Steven Grant
	Sunshine Coast Airport	Corporate Communications Officer, Ms Karina Eastway
	Sunshine Coast Airport	Secretariat Miss Emma-Jane Deacon
Apologies:	Member for Ninderry	Mr Dan Purdie
	Member for Noosa	Ms Sandy Bolton
	Member for Maroochydore	Ms Fiona Simpson
	Twin Waters Residents Association	Mr Kevin Lyons
	Airservices Australia	Mr Craig Dunstone
	Pacific Paradise Progress Association	Mr Warren Fraser
	Visit Sunshine Coast	Mr Simon Latchford
	Buderim War Memorial Community Association	Mrs Marilyn Keelty

Welcome and Introductions

The chair welcomed members and acknowledged the traditional custodianship of the land on which we met and paid respects to the Elders past, present and emerging. He noted their close association with the land on which we were meeting. He acknowledged anyone who was at the meeting of indigenous background.

Apologies noted as above.

1. Introduction

SCA Chief Executive Andrew Brodie welcomed new community groups to the Forum, acknowledging their addition was a reflection on the changing operations for the Airport as we move towards opening the new runway on 21 May 2020. He also thanked existing members for their ongoing involvement.

Members introduced themselves and the community groups they represented.

2. Actions arising from last meeting held 30 July 2019

A meeting with Mr Peelgrane from Mudjimba Residents Association took place to discuss noise contours and OLS. **ACTION CLOSED**

3. Purpose of the Community and Aviation Forum – Ayllie White, SCA Head of Corporate Relations

Refer slide 5 of the presentation pack

Ms White welcomed feedback received from members of the Forum, and undertook to make the Forum more consultative. She did note it was not a decision making forum, but undertook to be upfront about what can be influenced by and what can't be influenced by the forum.

4. Master Plan – Ayllie White, SCA Head of Corporate Affairs and Frank Mondello, SCA General Manager Operations and Assets

Refer to the slides provided (Slides 6 – 8) as an overview of the Master Plan process and outcomes, including the decision not to retain a shorter, second runway on the same alignment as the repurposed taxiway and the decision to revisit the location of freight facilities initially.

In response to questions Ross Ullman provided the additional advice that:

- Sunshine Coast Council confirmed in November 18 that as a result of design development of the runway and the need to accommodate Code E aircraft near the terminal in a way that did not impede the obstacle limitation surface for the new runway, the Code E parking needed to be located on the east side of the terminal which required the southern section of the existing runway to be repurposed as a taxiway because the separation distance available did not meet the CASA regulations. That design development was undertaken in the constraints of aviation industry guidelines, specifications and regulations under MOS 1.39 which requires minimum separation distances which were not available in this case. There were other alternatives, but these would have required the existing terminal to be relocated. The disruption to tenants and airport operations which would have resulted in demolition and/or relocation was not acceptable and Council was not able to accommodate those costs within the project budget.
- Detailed design commenced in May 17 and 'Issued for Construction' documentation was signed off in Sept 18. The Environmental Impacts Assessment was carried out on a concept design, and it is unusual to go through a detailed design process prior to an EIS. An EIS is more general in nature and assesses the environmental impacts, rather than project layout. If there are material changes from an environmental perspective, it will be reviewed by the Coordinator General. Council took its final design back to the Coordinator General who advised he did not see the refinement as a major issue in 2018, so there was no requirement to go back through the EIS process.
- Mr Martin Peelgrane and Mr Rob Neely advised that they had examined the measurements and considered that a Code E aircraft could be parked between the terminal and the new runway to the north. They maintained this position despite the advice below from Mr Ullman and Mr Mondello.
- Mr Ullman confirmed that it was necessary for Code E aircraft to park adjacent to the existing terminal in a way that would allow reasonable passenger access to the terminal. To achieve this at the northern end would mean the tails of Code E aircraft would protrude through the Transitional Surface of the Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS, i.e. the safety exclusion zone) for the new runway. To the east of the terminal, the need to include a taxiway along the back of the parking bays has resulted in the need to re-purpose the southern end of the existing runway as a taxiway because the separation distance required by CASA regulations between a taxiway and a runway is not available. This then allows the parking bays for Code E aircraft to be positioned to the east of the terminal.

- Mr Ullman stated categorically that the decision about the location for Code E aircraft was made solely on the basis of compliant design that satisfied safety and operational requirements. There was no consideration whatsoever of any predetermined outcome (such as closure of the existing runway to facilitate other uses). Mr Frank Mondello made clear that operational requirements precluded parking Code E aircraft to the north of the terminal.
- Mr Neely highlighted the concerns from Hinterland residents that removing 18/36 was going to impact them.
- Frank Mondello advised that only in 0.24 percent of all aircraft movements would require the use the existing runway from an aircraft capability perspective, once the new runway is operational.

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5. AirServices Australia update – Rob Irwin, Service Line Manager

Mr Irwin outlined the role of AirServices Australia and CASA in line with his presentation (slides 9 to 16).

In response to questions, the following discussion took place:

- Mr Brent provided an overview on the spectrum of outcomes of noise complaints from providing an update on what caused the noise right through to changes to flight paths.
- Ms Sykes flagged that newly overflowed communities will have a low tolerance for aircraft noise.
- **ACTION: AirServices Australia will outline the complaints process at the next CAF meeting.**
- Mr Brent confirmed that the rules for General Aviation are quite flexible but in his experience, GA operators are open to feedback on aircraft noise issues.
- Mr Brodie confirmed the Airport's Fly Neighbourly policy is still in place and the Airport has strong conversations with operators who do not comply.
- **ACTION: Sunshine Coast Airport to review the Fly Neighbourly policy and provide an update at next CAF forum.**

6. Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project update – Ross Ulmann, Project Director

Mr Ulmann provided update on the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project with his presentation (slides 18 to 32).

He confirmed the new runway would be operational from 21 May 2020.

- Mr Ulman confirmed that there has been no pumping of water containing very low levels of PFAS, into the river, for more than a month now. He wasn't able to rule out an extra release at this stage but hoped there would be an announcement prior to Christmas that no further release would be required. He confirmed the development application for the pipeline had not been approved as yet.
- **ACTION: Ms White to arrange briefing to CAF on health implications for PFAS**

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7. Frank Mondello, SCA General Manager Operations and Assets

Mr Mondello presented on operational considerations SCA were preparing for the new runway, including safety considerations

- Mr Mondello provided additional information on how wildlife strike risk is managed off airport premises, through monitoring wildlife numbers and behaviour patterns, working with National Park and Council authorities, and alerting pilots.
- Ms Skyes raised safety concerns around the flight path going over the quarry and wetlands.
- Mr Mondello advised SCA was responsible for wildlife management aspects on airport and had an obligation to monitor and record wildlife activity within a 13km radius of the Airport. The Airport can also liaise with council and land users in the areas further from the airport and can publish warning information via a NOTAM.
- **ACTION: Mr Brodie – will try to organise a runway tour for CAF members prior to the next forum; Mr Ulman to confirm.**

8. Councillor Robinson's update

Cllr Robinson advised he was hopeful an announcement could be made confirming there was no need for an ocean release of contaminated water prior to Christmas, but was mindful of the possibility of future rainfall.

9. Councillor Glasgow's update

Cllr Glasgow confirmed that Noosa Council would be an interested stakeholder after the runway opened.

He also welcomed the review of the Fly Neighbourly Policy but noted the option of considering a curfew at some stage in the future.

10. Questions and feedback from community representatives

- Ms Skyes looked for clarity around who manages safety of aircraft in the air. Mr Irwin confirmed ASA designed the flight paths and CASA does the flight testing for sign off, which was expected to be early in the new year (Feb/ Mar).
- Mrs McLean asked about the fox issue, as the area received notices (letterbox drop). Is there an issue? Mr Ulman responded saying there was one fox identified within the airport and this had been taken care of.
- Ms Brown enquired as to the process for noise issues after the flights are in operations. Ms Adsett advised that complaints and queries can be raised either online or by telephone. This will lead to review and investigation by Airservices.
- Mr Peelgrane asked if ASA will have two permanent noise monitoring systems in place? Ms Adsett could not confirm this answer at the meeting. Mr Brent put this question on notice for the next CAF.
- **ACTION: ASA to provide an update on intentions for noise monitoring**
- Mr Peelgrane advised Mudjimba residents are experiencing dust due to the construction project. Mr Ulman confirmed that the Contractor had undertaken a number of mitigating activities and he expected dust to reduce by 20 December. The prevailing environmental conditions in relation to dust have been very challenging across the whole of the Sunshine Coast in recent times as evidenced by the DES Air Quality monitor at Mountain Creek which showed dust exceedances that were completely independent of the construction activity at the airport.
- Mr Jones enquired as to why the OSCAR submission regarding the Airport Master Plan could not be tabled. Ms White confirmed that it is not appropriate to discuss a third party

submission but is happy to discuss issues raised by members (whether originating from that report or elsewhere) and that to assist informed discussion such issues should be advised in advance of meetings.

Questions on Notice from Coolum Residents Association

Mr Jones requested the questions submitted by Coolum Residents Association and responded to by SCA in advance of the meeting be attached to the minutes for this meeting. They follow below:

1. Why were the Aviation Forum Terms Of Reference adopted without consultation with those attending?

Sunshine Coast Airport Community and Aviation Forum has been run for a number of years. While the Airport is not on Federally owned land, Sunshine Coast Airport has established the forum consistent with the Federal Government guidelines. The one point of distinction to note is that, for practical reasons of ensuring the community groups get adequate opportunity to raise issues and have items of interest to them included in the agenda, the Airport has separated out the consultation with tenants into a separate forum. This recent mechanical change was reflected in some minor amendments to the longstanding TOR. If there is feedback on the TOR from attendees, we would be happy to consider that.

2. Why have existing airport runway business users not to be invited to the forums?

As noted above, consultation with airport tenants is done in a tailored way and has been separated from the community forums. This has two benefits – to allow community groups sufficient opportunity to raise matters relevant to them and to allow the Airport's 30 odd tenants meet with Airport Management one-on-one to discuss matters in a more targeted way. This approach to tenants followed a survey to assess how we best meet their diverse needs.

3. Please clarify why OSCAR as SCRC's premier ratepayer community group is not an invited attendee to SCA Forums, and why the OSCAR submission is not being included as an agenda item for discussion at this meeting?

Membership to the CAF is by invitation, and has targeted resident groups directly impacted by Airport operations. We recently broadened out the membership of the group to reflect the changing impact that the new runway will have on community groups. Given the broader geographical and policy focus of OSCAR, they were not identified as representing the interests of residents impacted by airport operations as closely as the existing membership.

While we are happy to consider the discussion of themes covered in another group's submission, we do not believe it is appropriate to table that submission as an agenda item without their express permission or representation.

Attached is a log of Becker's Helicopter noise since the last CAF compiled by Mr Jones to support his complaint on them flying outside Fly Neighbourly hours.

Item No	Action items	Responsible	Deadline
1.	Fly Neighbourly Policy – presentation at next meeting	Frank Mondello, Sunshine Coast Airport	12/04/20
2.	Presentation on Aircraft Noise Complaints Procedure	Sally Adsett, AirServices Australia	12/04/20

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3.	Airservices to provide update on future intentions for noise monitors around the Airport	AirServices Australia	12/04/20
4.	Presentation from independent expert on health issues and safety standards for handling PFAS contamination	Ayllie White, Sunshine Coast Airport	12/04/20
5.	New runway tour for CAF members	Ross Ulmann Sunshine Coast Regional Council	12/04/20

Next meeting

Date:	28 th April 2020
Location:	Sunshine Coast Airport – Management Office – Marcoola Meeting Room

Meeting closed at approximately 7.10pm.