

Bankstown Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group Meeting
Minutes – 24 August 2023

Date: 24 August 2023

Starting Time: 10.00am

Location: Bankstown Airport Terminal

1. Attendees & Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 10am with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed those present.

Present	Company/Organisation
Brenton Burman – Chairperson	AECOM
Daniel Jarosch	Aeria Management Group (AMG)
Daniel Brandon	AMG
Tom Smith	AMG
David Binskin	AMG
Peter Munro	AMG
Paul Argent	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional, Development, Communications & the Arts (DITRDCA)
Skylar Chan	DITRDCA
Julie Coughlan	DITRDCA
Timothy Gill	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Darren Swain	ASA
Andrew Baker	ASA
Teraya Miller	CASA
Jenny Noble	City of Canterbury Bankstown
Camille Lattouf	City of Canterbury Bankstown
Andrew Andersen	General Aviation Advisory Network (GAAN)
Matthew Kline	AirMed
Mark Wardrop	AirMed
David Orszaczky	AMSL Aero
Diane Tremain	Toll Group/ACE Training Centre
Warren Boon	Newborn and paediatric Emergency Transport Service
Robert Bently-Johnston	Heliflite
Ben Haeusler	Georges River Grammar School
Thien Tong	Georges River Grammar School
David McGregor	Georges River Grammar School
Demi Stefanova	Quickstep
Wally Mehanna	CB Chamber of Commerce
Kevin James	Community member
William Miller	Bankstown Helicopters

Dianne Knott	Urbis
Apologies	Company/Organisation
Paul Campbell	Beijer Ref
Paul Sharp	World Fuel Services
Lauren Gram	City of Canterbury Bankstown

2. Review of Minutes from previous meeting

The CACG resolved that the minutes from the previous meeting held on 22 March 2023 be adopted.

3. Purpose of meetings and Terms of Reference

- The Chair detailed the scope and purpose of CACG meetings, which are designed to facilitate engagement and consultation between AMG, Aeria precinct operators, all levels of government, regulatory authorities and local community and business groups.
- The Chair referred to the new iteration of the CACG Terms of Reference, which were sent to CACG members ahead of the meeting. He asked members to raise any questions or concerns about the Terms ahead of the next CACG meeting in November. Members will be asked to approve the Terms at the November meeting.

4. AMG update

AMG representatives provided an overview of matters detailed in a presentation document, to be published on the AMG website, including AMG’s commitment and involvement in the following:

- Increased consultation and engagement with Aeria precinct customers, such as multiple consultation briefings regarding development/upgrade works, regular updates and news published on the AMG website and the appointment of a Senior Communications & Stakeholder Engagement Manager
- Participation in community events, such as the Mayor’s Lights Out Sleepout, hosted at Bankstown Airport, and RUOK? Day in September
- Commitment to sustainability initiatives, such as the publication of AMG’s Sustainability Report in late 2023, the installation of solar panels on buildings in the Altitude industrial estate and the installation of EV charging stations across the Aeria precinct
- Aircraft movements update
- Investments in aviation infrastructure and facilities, such as the commencement in August of a major upgrade of aviation pavements to enhance safety, amenity and conditions
- Commitment to future aviation enhancements and investments, such as the proposed “supersite” development of new hangars to support the next generation of General Aviation operators. The Draft Major Development Plan for the “supersite” is expected to be released in early 2024
- Investments in Aeria precinct infrastructure and facilities for customers and the community, such as the upgrade of the Tower Road/Link Road thoroughfare (commenced in July) and major intersection upgrades
- Investments in upgrades to electrical infrastructure and substations
- Investments in enhanced precinct facilities, services and operations, such as the successful delivery of industrial warehouses and units in the South-West Precinct and on Marion Street
- Commitment to future investments to support the local economy and community amenity, including a proposed mixed-use development across Birdwood Road/Tower Road. The Draft Major Development Plan for the Birdwood Road/Tower Road development is expected to be released in 2024. The discussion at the meeting included a suggestion from Council of a possible roadway connection between Birdwood Rd and Tower/Link Rd as part of the proposed MDP.
- Facilitation of upcoming consultation sessions between DITRDCA and General Aviation operators, regarding the economic and operational impacts of Western Sydney International Airport. General Aviation operators were encouraged to attend these sessions and to make submissions in response to the airport’s Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), to be released in September/October

5. DITRDCA update

DITRDCA representative provided updates in relation to the following:

- Western Sydney International Airport EIS is expected to be released for public consultation in late September/early October (triggers 60-day consultation period). A briefing on proposed airspace for WSI for operators from Bankstown Airport is scheduled for 31 August
- Jet Zero Council, considering future aviation fuel/biofuel, has been established and comprises industry bodies, chaired by the CEO for Brisbane Airport
- Aviation Green Paper scheduled to be released in late September/early October. Responses to Green Paper will feed into the contents of the Aviation White Paper (scheduled for first half of 2024)

- Kye Everest has replaced Jason Dymowski as DITRDCA official responsible for the preparation of the Aviation White Paper
- Ongoing process of sunseting of Airport Regulations – process of regularly reviewing Airport Regulations to ensure that they are fit-for-purpose. CACG members able to provide feedback through DITRDCA website. The following link is provided to the DITRDCA Sunsetting of Aviation Regulations page – <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/aviation/aviation-legislation-regulation-policy/sunsetting-aviation-legislation>. DITRDCA to share consultation timetable with the CACG.
- Review of the cost recovery framework is separate to the sunseting process
- PFAS Pilot Program concluded on 30 June. Detailed investigations are ongoing. Daniel Jarosch of AMG noted that Bankstown and Camden Airports are considered low risk in terms of PFAS. Andrew Andersen of GAAN asserted that DITRDCA should not seek to recover costs of remediation from airport operators. DITRDCA responded that no decisions had been made in this regard
- National Airports Safeguarding Group (NASAG) last met on 19 April. Current work program is focussed on Guideline B (Windshear and Turbulence), Guideline C (Wildlife Management) and Guidelines D (Wind Turbines). Next meeting is scheduled for September/October. AMG to note NASAG principles as relevant to proposed Birdwood Road MDP.

6. Airservices Australia update

ASA representative provided an overview of recent air traffic movements and aircraft noise complaints and the development of a new national community engagement standard (to be published in August). ASA presentation to be published on AMG website

7. City of Canterbury Bankstown update

Council representative provided the following update:

- The Canterbury-Bankstown Local Environment Plan 2023 and Development Control Plan 2023 came into operation on 23 June 2023. The Plans increase potential development height within parts of the Council and include a referral process for over-height development to Bankstown Airport
- Bankstown Master Plan was adopted by Council in September 2021 and is with the NSW Government for approval
- Recent planning changes have included the Western Sydney Milperra Housing Strategy and the Bankstown Central Shopping Centre Planning Proposal (currently on public exhibition to 8 September 2023)
- Partnership with AMG to deliver 2023 CB Evolve event to promote business development and opportunities in the LGA. Event to be held at Bankstown Airport, in recognition of the strength and diversity of Aeria precinct operations and investments. Daniel Jarosch of AMG thanked the Council for the opportunity to work together to promote the City of Canterbury Bankstown
- City of Canterbury Bankstown to launch a new city brand and tourism destination portal

8. Other updates

- CB Chamber of Commerce urged CACG members to support local businesses when seeking suppliers, contractors or other service providers
- Georges River Grammar School noted its proposal to build a school hall/auditorium on its site (subject to relevant consents)

9. General business

- AMSL Aero discussed its development of a prototype long-range electrical Vertical Take Off and Landing Aircraft, powered by a combination of battery power and hydrogen
- CB Chamber of Commerce encouraged CACG members to donate gifts to a Christmas tree at the Entertainment Centre, to support children in need

10. Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 11.45am.

11. Next Meeting

Wednesday 22 November 2023.

ACTION ITEMS

Item	Meeting arising	Action	Responsibility	Status
Sunsetting of airport regulations	Aug 23	DITRDCA to share consultation timetable with the CACG	DITRDCA	
Western Sydney Airport – Flight Training Schools submission	Mar 23	AMG to work with Training Schools to submit impact assessment to Department	AMG	Ongoing
Tower Rd / Marion St connection	Sep 22	AMG / City of Canterbury Bankstown (CCB) to discuss the potential connection of Tower Road to Marion Street	AMG / CCB	Ongoing
Former RAAF Building	Sep 22	AMG to consult with RAAF regarding the future of the building	AMG	Ongoing
Precinct Security	Sep 22	AMG to investigate potential benefit of AMG centralising whole of site program (to be recovered under Lease) with Tenants incurring own cost	AMG	Ongoing
WSI Impact	Sep 22	Ongoing discussions and reporting, including consideration of implications on flying schools and RAAF Base Richmond airspace	INF	Ongoing
CACG Meeting format	Sep 22	AMG to contemplate splitting into Aviation / Non-Aviation to encourage landside tenants to attend.	INF	Completed – not proceeding with changes due to improved and streamlined format of meeting