

Bankstown Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group Meeting
Minutes – 24 July 2024

1. Attendees & Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 10am and gave an Acknowledgement of Country to the traditional owners of the land on which Bankstown Airport is located, the Darug people, and paid tribute to their ongoing connection to land, sea and sky.

Present	Company/Organisation
Brenton Burman	Chair
Tom Smith	AMG
Justin Marr	AMG
Peter Munro	AMG
Anthony Lawler	CASA
Alex Jennings	CASA
Timothy Gill	Airservices Australia
Annette Dittmar	Airservices Australia
Councillor Chris Cahill	City of Canterbury Bankstown
Jenny Noble	City of Canterbury Bankstown
Mauricio Tapia	City of Canterbury Bankstown
Kyou Won Rhee	City of Canterbury Bankstown
Mark Johnston	Beijer Ref
Martina Economos	CareFlight
Thien Tong	Georges River Grammar School
Robert Bentley-Johnston	Heliflite
Demi Stefanova	Quickstep
Kris Lovell	Safran Helicopter Engines
Diane Tremain	Toll Aviation
Gerard Longley	Toll Aviation
Malcolm Good	UNSW
Waly Mehanna	Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce
Andrew Andersen	General Aviation Advisory Network
Marty Peters	Recreational Aviation Australia
Rob Walker	Regional Aviation Association of Australia

Tony Luck	Padstow Rotary
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Apologies

Daniel Jarosch	AMG
Daniel Brandon	AMG
Scott Small	Department of Infrastructure & Transport
Kylie Wilkinson	MP East Hills
Camille Lattouf	City of Canterbury Bankstown
Matthew Kline	AirMed
Mark Wardrop	AirMed
Siobhan Lyndon	AMSL Aero
Rick Wong	AMSL Aero
David Newton	Basair Aviation
John Papantoniou	Entertainment Park
Tim Dugan	NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
Daniel Pick	PolAir
Davin Magee	World Fuel Services
Fazila Farhad	South West Sydney Tourism Taskforce

2. AMG update

AMG provided an overview of matters relating to operations and developments at Aeria Precinct. Presentation will be published in full on the AMG website. Details of the update included:

- Bankstown Airport being named as a finalist for the Australian Aviation Airport of the Year Award. Congratulations to all Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport finalists, including Toll Aviation, Little Wings, Royal Aero Club of NSW, Sydney Flying Academy, World Fuel Services and SFC
- Public release of AMG’s 2023 Sustainability Report, highlighting achievements such as AMG’s new partnership with Little Wings, Aeria’s solar panel installation program and the upgrade of hangars and airfield to LED lighting. Report also details key sustainability goals, including the target of reaching net zero Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by 2030 and Scope 3 by 2050
 - AMG will shortly commence a materiality assessment for its 2024 Sustainability Report and will work with customers and stakeholders on future sustainability priorities
- Rollout of new EV charging stations at Aeria. AMG is offering a month’s free EV charging to customers to celebrate the milestone
- Respect@Work positive legal duty on employers to take proactive and meaningful action to eliminate workplace sexual harassment, workplace sex discrimination, hostile workplace

environments and victimisation. AMG is enhancing its policies, training and support programs to prevent and respond to workplace sexual harassment, in line with its positive duty

- Aircraft movements at Bankstown Airport have returned to 96% of pre-Covid 19 movements
- Successful completion of Stage 1 of the Bankstown Airport airside pavements upgrade has enhanced safety, amenity and conditions for customers and other operators
- Ongoing upgrade of Tower/Link Road thoroughfare will enhance safety, accessibility and amenity. Road pavement works are 95% complete, including about 2 kilometres of new road surface and a 1.5km shared path for pedestrians and cyclists
- Upcoming developments and leasing opportunities at Aeria include a new retail, office and industrial site at Lots 5A and 5B – including a new childcare centre – and a prime aviation hangar space at Site 606 Miles Street
- Approved Merit Assessment for a personal training facility at 4/361 Milperra Road

AMG's update included a detailed presentation on its Aviation Hangar Project Major Development Plan (MDP), to build two aircraft hangar buildings for up to 10 aviation operations within the Bankstown Airport Aviation Zone. Details of the draft plan include:

- Flexible design of the hangar buildings will support diverse aviation operations, such as emergency services and emerging aviation technologies
- Project's sustainability features include on-site solar renewable energy production and energy efficient lighting and heat-pump water
- Proposed augmentations to some taxiways and taxilanes to accommodate the Project
- Minor impacts on wind shear and turbulence. AMG is working with Airservices Australia to mitigate any impacts
- Project is expected to operate within Bankstown Airport's endorsed Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) and not result in any changes to noise exposure contours
- Proposed development will have minimal impacts on the surrounding road network
- Hangar buildings will be consistent with the height and scale of surrounding hangar facilities
- Reports have found there will be no adverse impacts to any heritage items, nor unacceptable contamination or threatened species associated with the Project site

AMG will provide multiple opportunities for engagement and consultation with customers, the community and other stakeholders, including a public exhibition and feedback period, open-house information sessions and community pop-ups.

3. CASA update

Southeast VFR Corridor

CASA and Airservices Australia provided high-level information about the proposed Bankstown Southeast VFR Corridor. The presentation will be published in full on the AMG website. Details included:

- Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) to reclassify a portion of airspace southeast of Bankstown Airport to uncontrolled airspace and to create a southeast corridor for use by all aircraft flying under Visual Flight Rules (VFR), up to 1500ft
- Proposed corridor is intended to:
 - Reduce airspace risks associated with the constrained nature of the Bankstown control zone and sustained growth in air traffic in the region;
 - Provide better access to Sydney flight training areas; and

- Provide equitable and efficient access for airspace users
- Industry and community engagement program to commence in mid-August 2024
- ACP to be assessed by CASA in the first half of 2025. ACP approval required by 1 June 2025

Airspace Review of Shellharbour Airport

Release of Terms of Reference for the airspace review of Shellharbour Airport (15 Nautical Miles radius) and Surface to 7500 Feet Above Mean Sea Level (Below Controlled Airspace):

- Review to evaluate appropriateness of airspace within the vicinity of Shellharbour, including consideration of criteria such as efficient use of the airspace, equitable access, national security issues, environmental issues and appropriateness of the airspace classification
- Feedback can be provided to the Office of Airspace Regulation

Terms of Reference to be shared with Bankstown Airport CACG members.

4. Airservices Australia update

Airservices Australia provided an update on air traffic movements and noise complaints at Bankstown Airport. The presentation will be published in full on the AMG website. Details included:

- March-June 2024: 63 individual complainants
- Number of monthly complaints remains below the three-year average

5. City of Canterbury Bankstown update

- City of Canterbury Bankstown (Council) discussed its new brand “Where Interesting Happens” and showed a promotional video. The link to the video, which includes footage of Aeria Precinct operators, is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmCBD6WXBss>
 - The Council’s new website (www.whereinterestinghappens.com.au) promotes local experiences and cuisines, exciting places to visit and activities and events, including customers at Aeria Precinct, such as the Entertainment Park and Red Baron joy flights
 - Aeria operators are invited to share details of their business, events and stories on the new website, via: <https://whereinterestinghappens.com.au/get-involved/>.
- Council representatives noted that Bankstown has been identified as an accelerated precinct under the NSW Department of Planning’s Transport Oriented Development Program. The Department has reviewed planning controls in the Bankstown City Centre to determine areas that are suitable to support more homes
 - The Bankstown rezoning proposal is on exhibition for public feedback until 16 August 2024. To view the proposal and make a submission, go to: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/plans-for-your-area/priority-growth-areas-and-precincts/bankstown>

Other updates and general business

- Andrew Andersen of the General Aviation Advisory Network congratulated the Council for incorporating Bankstown Airport operators in the promotional video for its new brand
- Wally Mehanna of the Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce noted a Council resolution relating to the War in Gaza and spoke about the importance of Canterbury Bankstown remaining neutral and harmonious

- Thien Tong of Georges River Grammar School advised that the construction of the school's auditorium had been delayed by recent heavy rain. Construction was expected to be completed in about 12 months' time
- Tony Luck of Padstow Rotary discussed the ongoing collaboration of Bankstown Airport operators to improve radio communications for emergency services. A workshop will be held at the PolAir facility in September 2024
- The Chair, on behalf of himself and the CACG, expressed thanks and best wishes to Daniel Jarosch, who will be leaving AMG in August 2024 after four years as CEO and a similar period working for Altis Property Partners (now Barings) on developments at Bankstown Airport/Aeria Precinct. His vision, engagement with key stakeholders and driving role in the delivery of the Bankstown Airport Master Plan 2019 and Major Development Plans for PolAir and the South West Precinct, have helped to transform Bankstown Airport over the past few years.

6. Next Meeting

Next meeting of the Bankstown Airport CACG will be in late 2024. Date to be determined.