



## Parafield Airport Consultative Committee

Location: PAL Management Centre

Date: 19 February 2026

Time: 2pm

### 1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 2.02pm and welcomed those present acknowledging the traditional custodians and then proceeded with the business set out in the Agenda.

Present	Company/Organisation
Brenton BURMAN – Chair	Independent Chair
Charles GIACCO	Adelaide University
Brett EATON	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Tom GANLEY	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Brenton COX ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Tim GILL ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Airservices Australia (ASA)
James SANGSTER ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Pine PIENAAR	Flight Training Adelaide (FTA)
Paul LEE	Adelaide University
Stefan SMERDON	Aircraft Noise Ombudsman
Adam REED	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Alicia BICKMORE	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Apologies	Company/Organisation
John DEVINE	City of Salisbury
Michael PEREIRA	City of Tea Tree Gully
Adam GLADMAN	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts
Andrew CHOWN	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Shiralee REARDON	City of Salisbury

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes were sent to members and approved on 19 December 2025.

### 3. Summary of Action items

3.1 Sun-setting of Aviation Legislation has been extended to 1 April 2026.

This action item will be closed as the sun-setting aviation legislation will be released prior to the next meeting.

### 4. Correspondence

4.1 In

- Reports

4.2 Out

- Previous Minutes, Agenda and Reports
- Department of Infrastructure Draft Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) Guidelines request for submissions



## 5. Parafield Airport Limited Reports

### 5.1 Parafield Airport Limited Report

The Report was tabled, and the following was noted: Total movements for the calendar year 2025 were 237,624 with 43,523 landings and 75,289 circuits. This was an increase from the prior year where 233,834 total movements were recorded.

A Cessna 172 flown by a trainee pilot crashed at Parafield Airport on 5 January 2026, with the aircraft and surrounding grassland subsequently catching fire. The pilot was not injured. Parafield Airport assisted emergency services including SA Police and the Metropolitan Fire Service. The Air Transport Safety Bureau is investigating. Significant media interest and coverage resulted from the incident.

### 5.2 Property Development Report

The Report was tabled and taken as read.

### 5.3 Environment Report

The Report was tabled, and the following was noted: The Adelaide and Parafield Airport PFAS Project Control Group was held during February, with the Commonwealth having previously released their Detailed Site Investigation to Parafield Airport in late January for review.

No community complaints were received directly to the airport for the quarter in relation to ground based community impacts. Parafield had previously received several complaints in relation to aircraft noise over Mawson Lakes directly to the Parafield Airport office, which may be due to new people having moved into the area. These complainants were directed to Airservices for responding to future complaints.

A waste audit has been undertaken in order to form a basis of the Waste Management Plan and will imminently commence undertaken by KESAB. This also included the Flight Training Adelaide facilities which were found to have reasonably mature waste management systems in place already. A further physical audit of waste streams will be conducted in April during cooler weather.

There were 5 confirmed wildlife strikes reported during the quarter.

### 5.4 Parafield Airport Technical Working Group (verbal update)

The following was noted: The Group discussed air traffic movements, control tower manning hours, line marking, runway closures and ASA provided an update.

## 6. Airport Agency Update Reports

### 6.1 Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

The Committee continues to seek a representative from the Department to attend the meetings. It was noted that the Chair would be writing to the Department on behalf of the Adelaide Airport Committee and would join Parafield Airport to this correspondence.

### 6.2 State Department of Infrastructure and Transport

Nothing to report.

### 6.3 Airservices Update

A spike in complainants was received in January with a total of 20 individual complainants. The main issues related to general aviation and training.

More information can be found here [Airports - Airservices](#).

### 6.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman

Nothing to report.



## 6.5 Flight Training Adelaide and Adelaide University Report

It was noted that FTA total student numbers will decrease to 260 students (up to 280 for overstay) with a number of students and aircraft to be relocated to Wellcamp Airport. FTA raised concerns with Airservices Australia air traffic control tower staffing and noted this was having significant impacts on their operations. FTA noted that they are seeing around a 30-40% rejection in applications for selected IndiGo (Indian low-cost carrier) students destined to train with FTA. Student visa applications are over \$2000 per application and non-refundable. Students have been denied up to 3 times. This results in significant lost revenue to FTA and the SA economy. The barrier to entry for these students has been raised with the State Government, noting that visa applications are processed by the Federal Government.

The tragic passing of University of Adelaide aviation student Lucas Di Biase was noted and the Committee expressed its heartfelt condolences to Lucas' family, friends and aviation colleagues.

## 7. Planning and Local Government Reports

### 7.1 Planning Coordination Forum Report (PCF) (verbal update)

The following was noted: The PCF was held last week and it was noted that the reports provided to the Forum are consistent with this Committee, including a report on air traffic movements, property developments, building heights in the CBD and a report from the State Department on the North-South Corridor project. Enterprise Precinct work has commenced to update precinct feasibility and identify first stage development.

### 7.2 City of Salisbury Report

Nothing to report.

### 7.3 City of Tea Tree Gully Report

Nothing to report.

### 7.4 City of Port Adelaide Enfield Report

Nothing to report.

## 8. Other/ New Business

### 8.1 Updates from Community Representatives

#### 8.1.1 International students

A lengthy discussion was held around international student numbers and the impact of recent immigration requirement changes.

### 8.2 Updated Terms of Reference

In line with the Commonwealth Government's new Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) Guidelines, the Terms of Reference have been updated to incorporate the new guideline recommendations. The guidelines can be accessed via the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Sports and Communications, Sport and the Arts website. A marked up version and clean version of the Terms of Reference were circulated to all members and feedback has been requested.

### 8.3 Department attendance at meeting

The Chair will write to the Minister again on behalf of both the Parafield and Adelaide Airport Consultative Committees to request attendance at these meetings. The Australian Government has released the Flying Considerately Discussion Paper, Initiative 34, under the Aviation White Paper. This consultation focuses on how general aviation pilots and operators can reduce their impact on community through voluntary, practical noise mitigation practices. Submissions are open until 3 March 2026.



## 9. Formal Presentations

Nil

## 10. Summary of Action Items

10.1 Department attendance at meeting – Chair to write a letter of request

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

11.1 2pm Thursday 21 May 2026

## 12. Meeting close – 2:44pm