

Parafield Airport Consultative Committee (PACC) Minutes of Meeting



Date: Thursday 20 February 2025

Starting time: 2:00pm

Location: PAL Management Centre, Tigermoth Lane, Parafield Airport

1.0 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 2.00pm, welcomed those present acknowledging the traditional custodians, and then proceeded with the business as set out in the Agenda.

Attendance

| Present | Company |
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| Brenton BURMAN – Chair | Independent Chair |
| Kate BALDOCK | Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited |
| Alicia BICKMORE | Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited |
| Andrew CHOWN | Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited |
| Brenton COX (<i>by Teams</i>) | Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited |
| Brett EATON | Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited |
| Tom GANLEY | Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited |
| Tim GILL (<i>by Teams</i>) | Airservices Australia (ASA) |
| Adam REED | Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited |
| Jessica SPOONER (<i>by Teams</i>) | Airservices Australia (ASA) |
| James SANGSTER (<i>by Teams</i>) | Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited |
| Pine PIENAAR | Flight Training Adelaide (FTA) |
| Stefan SMERDON | Aircraft Noise Ombudsman |

| Apologies | Company |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Michael BROWN | Member for Florey |
| Kym MEYS | Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited |

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 14 November 2024

The Minutes were approved on 17 December 2024 and loaded onto the Airport's website.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 The Commonwealth Department - Sun-Setting Regulations – Sunsetting of Aviation Legislation has been extended to 1 April 2026.

3.2 PAL to consider involvement in the local RSL Remembrance Service – PAL will be involved on Tuesday 11 November service and have scheduled a meeting with the council for later this year. As Anzac day is a Public Holiday PAL will not be involved.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence In:

- Apologies and Reports
- DITRDCA (the Department) Attendance at Community Consultative Committees letter

4.2 Correspondence Out:

- Previous Minutes, Agendas and Reports
- Response to DITRDCA (the Department) Attendance at Community Consultative Committees letter

5.0 AIRPORT UPDATE

5.1 Parafield Airport Limited (PAL) Report

The report was tabled and taken as read and the below was noted: Total Movements for the month are higher than prior year with an increase in circuit activity. Traffic for the December 2024 quarter reached 60,342 movements, an increase from the corresponding quarter in the previous year being 57,944. It was noted that during the year PAL was a port for the Lyell McEwin Hospital while their helicopter pad was under repair. It was also noted that changes to tower hours occurred during the year which caused some disruptions.

5.2 Property Development Report

The report was tabled and taken as read.

5.3 Environment Report

The report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted:

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts (DITRDCA) are well advanced in their PFAS Investigations in-line with their Sampling Analysis and Quality Plans released in 2024. The PFAS Project Control Group was held during the quarter, it was noted that ASA have released their PFAS Detailed Site Investigation which has been reviewed by the Airport and Airport Environment Officer and comments have been provided.

Ongoing compliance monitoring events were completed during the quarter, including stormwater monitoring and completion of an updated Groundwater Monitoring Strategy for Parafield. Additional groundwater wells have been installed at Parafield to fill data gaps identified in the previous strategy. Site assessment was undertaken for the SAATAS Hanger located on the southern apron for lease exit. This work was completed indicating no soil or groundwater pollution caused by the tenant over its 40+ year lease.

A Cultural Heritage Management Plan developed previously for the known registered cultural heritage site on the airport has now been approved by Kaurua Yerta Aboriginal Corporation. PAL will now progress with control and management measures for this site.

Parafield undertook letterbox drops for approximately 45 properties along the western boundary of the airport to advise of night-works being completed as part of the Commonwealth PFAS Investigations program. No responses were received in regards to this.

One inquiry was received in relation to low-lead avgas used in aircraft at Parafield Airport. A response was provided to the resident and Parafield will be conducting further assessment on the use of low-lead avgas.

It was noted that 8 wildlife strikes were reported in the quarter which included 2 Nankeen Kestrels which is an unusual species to record at PAL.

A Committee member asked a question about odour from a stormwater drain. This item will be followed up.

5.4 Technical Working Group (PATWG)

A number of technical issues were discussed including concerns with the control tower due to insufficient staffing which puts pressure on the flying schools. A detailed presentation was provided on the circuit and fly neighbourly analysis. It was noted that a number of submissions received in response to the Parafield Airport Management Plan 2024 consultation identified matters related to the operation of aircraft and several suggested amendments be made to the permitted circuit hours contained in the Fly Neighbourly Program. In response to this community feedback, PAL committed

to presenting these matters to the PATWG for consideration. The recommendations are below:

- PAL prepare communications to all flight schools reminding operators of permitted circuit hours identified in the Fly Neighbourly and within the Parafield ERSA entry (this can include known non-Parafield based operators that data shows operate to/from Parafield).
- Where possible, flight schools provide PAL with advanced notice of periods corresponding to increased night circuit activity.
- PAL increase communications (e.g. social media) approaching periods of increased night circuit activity and at the start of day light savings to advise community that they may notice increased movements.

5.5 Parafield Airport Master Plan (PAMP)

It was noted that Minister King approved the Parafield Airport Master Plan and this has now been published and is available on the website [Parafield-Airport-Master-Plan_Final_Digital-Complete-copy.pdf](#) or hard copies are available on request. This item will be removed from the agenda.

6.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE

6.1 Department of Infrastructure (DITRDCA)

No representative was present at the meeting, a report was provided which covered an update on the Aviation White Paper, Sunsetting and Aviation Industry Ombuds Scheme.

6.2 State Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Report

No representative attended but an update provided at the Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee is below. Consultation closed on 16 December 2024 for the State's Transport Strategy and the feedback is being reviewed.

In December 2024, the [River Torrens to Darlington \(T2D\) Project](#) update was released and a new webpage was launched.

6.3 AirServices Australia (ASA) Report

It was noted that movements were consistent with the usual drop on Christmas Day traffic. 10 individual complainants were received and 8 suburbs recorded a complainant. The main issues were training and general aviation traffic. More information can be found here [Airports - Airservices](#).

6.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Report – No report.

6.5 Flight Training Adelaide (FTA) – It was noted that FTA have stable numbers with 300 students and this was not expected to change over the next 12 months.

7.0 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS

7.1 Planning Co-ordination Forum (PCF) Report

It was noted that the PCF was held earlier in the week. It was noted that all updates have been covered in other sections of the meeting.

7.2 City of Salisbury – No report

7.3 City of Tea Tree Gully – No report.

7.4 City of Port Adelaide Enfield – No report.

8.0 OTHER / NEW BUSINESS – Nil

It was noted that the correspondence provided to the Department regarding representation on the Committee was well written and no response has been received to date. It was noted that this issue is being experienced across other privatised airports. The Commonwealth have also advised they won't be providing commentary on Exposure Draft of Master Plans or Major Development Plans and will reserve their review and comments for once they have been submitted to the Minister for approval.

It was noted that there were no representatives from local councils present at the meeting and that the Chair and Executive General Manager Parafield would continue to encourage attendance.

9.0 FORMAL PRESENTATIONS – Nil

10.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

3.1 The Commonwealth Department - Sun-Setting Regulations

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 22 May 2025 at 2.00pm.

Meeting Closed at 2:30pm