

Parafield Airport Consultative Committee (PACC) Minutes of Meeting



Date: Thursday 21 August 2025

Starting time: 2:00pm

Location: PAL Management Centre, Tigermoth Lane, Parafield Airport

1.0 Welcome

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

Attendance

Present	Company
Brenton BURMAN – Chair	Independent Chair
Kate BALDOCK (<i>by Teams</i>)	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Kym MEYS (<i>by Teams</i>)	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 (<i>by Teams</i>)	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Stefan SMERDON	Aircraft Noise Ombudsman
Steve BUTLER (<i>by Teams</i>)	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Paul LEE	University of South Australia

Apologies	Company
Michael PEREIRA	City of Tea Tree Gully
Pine PIENAAR	Flight Training Adelaide (FTA)
Alicia BICKMORE	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
John DEVINE	City of Salisbury
David COWELL	Airport Environment Officer
Adam GLADMAN	The Department
James SANGSTER	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 22 May 2025

The Minutes were approved on 23 June 2025 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.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence In:

- Apologies and Reports
- Response from the Commonwealth – letter sent from the Chair regarding attendance

4.2 Correspondence Out:

- Previous Minutes, Agendas and Reports

5.0 AIRPORT UPDATE

5.1 Parafield Airport Limited (PAL) Report

The report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: Parafield Airport uses data provided by AVData to record aircraft movements at Parafield Airport. There was a delay in published numbers as the data is manually recorded.

Total Movements for the month are lower than prior year with decrease in both landing and circuit activity, averaging 20,000 movements a month.

A field exercise was undertaken to simulate an airport emergency in July 2025 in accordance with the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations. The scenario involved two simulated crash sites, designed to test the management of multiple incident locations, as well as the command structure and communication flow between the Forward Command Post(s) and the Incident Control Centre in accordance with the Airport Emergency Plan and established Standard Operating Procedures. There was great participation from all emergency response agencies and the University of South Australia Mawson Lakes (which was the scene of the second crash site).

Parafield Airport provided \$500 donation to community radio station PBA FM 89.7 for their inaugural radiothon – Sound Future for Adelaide’s Northern Voice. The donation will help the station undertake various projects in 2025/26 including relocation of the transmission tower.

Aviation students from University of South Australia Mawson Lakes, visited Parafield Airport in May. Special thanks to Aerotech and FTA for hosting the group.

Parafield Airport’s work to reduce its carbon footprint has been recognised with the achievement of Level 4 Certification of the international Airport Carbon Accreditation program. The Airport Carbon Accreditation program is the only institutionally endorsed programme that independently assesses airports’ efforts to manage and reduce their CO2 emission. There are five levels of accreditation with level 4 being Transformation – recognising airports that are transforming their operations and those of its business partners to achieve absolute emissions reductions.

5.2 Property Development Report

The report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: Parafield Airport has received formal notification that Parafield Airport has not been selected as the preferred location for a new 20ha, 80,000sqm consolidated facility.

Construction has commenced on the OTR on Main North Road and will be a 12-month build.

5.3 Environment Report

The report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: Air quality monitoring was undertaken at Parafield between February and May 2025, no issues of concern were noted with air monitoring undertaken at Parafield, and the monitor will be redeployed following the Adelaide monitoring currently being conducted.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCA) are well advance in their PFAS Investigations at Parafield Airport, having now completed airside works and now working through landside investigations. Ongoing compliance monitoring events were completed during the quarter, including stormwater monitoring with no reported elevated concentrations above adopted criteria.

PAL undertook additional tree planting in June in conjunction with Trees for Life. Approximately 1,000 native species of shrubs and canopy trees (seedlings) along the southern landside boundary. This will be watered and maintained by Trees for Life for 2 years until established.

No community complaints were received directly to the airport for the quarter in relation to ground based community impacts.

There were 3 confirmed strikes reported during the quarter and no significant damage recorded.

5.4 Technical Working Group (PATWG)

The Group met prior to this meeting and discussed Public Safety Areas, tower illness which affected tower hours but it was noted that new staff are coming onboard, movement numbers and data delay in AVData.

6.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE

6.1 Department of Infrastructure (DITRDCA)

The Department provided a written report.

6.2 State Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Report

Nothing to report.

6.3 AirServices Australia (ASA) Report

It was noted that 14 individual complainants were received and the main issues related to general aviation and training. More information can be found here [Airports - Airservices](#).

6.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Report –

It was noted that the ANO office have released a report on [Gold Coast compliance with Noise Abatement Procedures](#).

It was noted that Parafield Airport prepared communication to the flight training schools in the [community brochure](#) regarding permitted circuit training hours identified in Fly Neighbourly Program, the brochure has a reading list of 100 and is available on the Parafield Airport website.

6.5 Flight Training Adelaide (FTA) and University of South Australia Report – It was noted that University of South Australia will have a small increase in student numbers as there will be 2 student intakes into the fly program.

7.0 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS

7.1 Planning Co-ordination Forum (PCF) Report

Nothing further to report which hasn't been covered in previous reports.

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

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 13 November 2025 at 2.00pm.

Meeting Closed at 2:27pm