

COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP
SUMMARY RECORD
ALICE SPRINGS AIRPORT 19 NOVEMBER 2014
KILGARIFF ROOM



Attendees	Tom Ganley Dave Batic Ilma Thorne Helen Gannon Rowan McKeever Kay Eade Ken Johnson David Moore Helen Kilgariff Tony Parkyn Rex Mooney	NT Airports - Chairman Alice Springs Airport Alice Springs Airport (Minutes) Dept of Infrastructure & Regional Development (DIRD) Dept of Infrastructure & Regional Development Community Member Community Member AirServices Australia Community Member Community Member Community Member
Apologies	Paul AhChee John Maxwell	Community Member Dept of Infrastructure & Regional Development
NEXT MEETING	1400 – 1600 Wednesday 18th March 2015 or Wednesday 15th July (to be advised) 1400 – 1600 Wednesday 18th November 2015.	

Introduction and Welcome

Tom welcomed all to the meeting.

A tour was conducted for the group of the Aircraft Storage facility.

The Alice Springs Airport Master Plan can be found at <http://alicespringsairport.com.au/property/master-plan-2009>

Summary of Last Meeting

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

Member Feedback

- Helen Kilgariff noted that the community seems very excited about the recent announcement of Virgin Airlines coming to Alice Springs.
- Ken asked about getting USB ports available to the public in the Departure lounges.

- Ken also noticed the improvement to the airside landscaping.
- Rex asked if there had been any progress on the rezoning of the land at Kilgariff.
- Tony asked if there was any truth in the rumour that Qantas may pull out and be replaced by Jetstar.
- Kay commented on the Long Term Car Parking and that she thought the signage was not very clear.
- Kay commented that the landscaping on the entrance to the airport was looking really good.

Chairs Forum Update

- A meeting was recently held for the Chairs of all CACGs in Canberra.
- Information was provided on Noise, regulations & government priorities.
- The Alice Springs Airport Master Plan is currently under development. There will be a 60 day public consultation period.

General Business Update

- There has been positive feedback from approx. 40 Passenger Surveys conducted monthly. These are focused on cleanliness, facilities queue times etc.
- A presentation was shown that explained what is involved for airlines when deciding where to fly their planes to and how frequently.
- Virgin Australia has announced flights to Darwin and Adelaide from Alice Springs beginning in March 2015. A customer lounge will be built for their use.
- Alice Springs Airport is an alternate for up to an A380 aircraft with a runway of 2400 metres.
- Terminal Air-conditioning is scheduled to be replaced next year
- Passenger numbers have been better than expected this financial year but down on the prior year.
- Solar Power system (Stage 3) have begun that will cover the entire Long Term Car Park. A separate area to the side is planned to cater for longer vehicles. Once complete there will be one standard price for Long Term Parking.
- The Community Notice Board will be given a refreshed look and will be used for upcoming community events.
- As a result of customer requests there has been considerable cut back of the landscape on the airside area between the café and the apron.
- The 'Welcome' signs in multiple languages along the walkways for arrivals and departures are soon to be replaced.
- A giant LED screen is to be installed above the baggage carousel which will display advertising etc.
- All public toilets in the Terminal are scheduled to be refurbished with door less entries (to assist with people struggling with luggage).

Department of Infrastructure & Transport

- Helen Gannon explained a little of the process and reasons behind Master Plans.
- The Aviation Safety Regulation Review is out with 37 recommendations for improving Australia's aviation safety system.
- CASA have not had a CEO since August but have now announced Mark Skidmore will start soon in this position.
- The Aviation Disability Access Facilitation Plans which are for all Airports and Airlines are being reviewed.
- A review of the CACGs is to be carried out early 2015 by an independent company.

Airservices Australia

- A fact sheet is available on the website about their involvement in the process of the Master Plan in regards to the Aviation Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF).
- The remote tower trial is complete and a review is now being done.