

**MINUTES**

of

**GOLD COAST**

**AIRPORT NOISE ABATEMENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (ANACC)  
MEETING HELD AT JOHN FLYNN HOSPITAL ON 10 June 2004**

**Members:**

John Alcorn	ACCA
Bruce Moon	Tugun Central Neighbourhood Watch
Ray Tate	Banora Point Residents Association West
Trevor Stephenson	SECCA
Roger Savage	Bilinga Neighbourhood Watch
John Sweeney	Bilambil Hts Progress Association
Arthur Elliott	Cyclades Cres. Currumbin Neighbourhood Watch
Jim Boyle	Tweed District
Guy Pardey	AirServices Australia
Don Buckley	Tweed Shire Council
Peter James	Tugun Progress Association
Wilf Ardill	Friends of Currumbin
Adrian But	Airservices Australia
Colleen Fish (Interim Chairman)	Gold Coast Airport Limited
Kerrie Perkins (Secretary)	Gold Coast Airport Limited

**Proxy:**

Daniel Wood	for Margaret May MP
Angela Clark	for Andrew Sellick, Qantas Airways Ltd
Jennifer Brinsmead	for Larry Anthony MP

**Apologies:**

Andrew Sellick	Qantas Airways Ltd
Leigh Kenna	Airservices Australia
Barrie Briggs	Gold Coast Airport Ltd
Cassandra Dalziel	Gold Coast Airport Ltd

**Others:**

Rodger Smith	Airservices Australia
Mark Alexander	Airservices Australia

## 1. OPENING

Colleen Fish welcomed all and opened the meeting at 0910 am.

Colleen advised that Barrie Briggs was ill and therefore an apology for this meeting. In view of this, Colleen advised that she would be Chairing the meeting in his absence.

## 2. APOLOGIES / PROXIES

As listed above.

## 3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANACC MEETING

There were no changes to the minutes.

Acceptance of the Minutes:

**Moved:** Arthur Elliott

**Seconded:** Roger Savage

All in favour

**CARRIED**

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

### IN

- Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Assoc. Inc. – 13/02/04
- RM & BC Steel – 05/04/04 – Altered flight Path from Gold Coast Airport to the South
- WS & GR Oliver – 12/04/04 – Altered flight Path from Gold Coast Airport to the South

### OUT

- Pelair – 10/03/04 – Fly Neighbourly Policy (FNP) - email
- Pelair – 14/05/04 – Fly Neighbourly Policy (FNP) – email
- Mr and Mrs Oliver – 18/05/04 – Altered Flight Paths
- Mr and Mrs Steel – 18/05/04 – Altered Flight Paths

## 5. SUB COMMITTEE UPDATES

### **Application of AS2021 and Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) Sub Committee**

The sub committee Chairman, John Alcorn, tabled a 'draft' Record of Meeting of the Sub Committee for ANEF & AS2021 Paper (draft attached) and reported on the progress of the sub committee.

Following John Alcorn's report, Bruce Moon advised that he was not present at the last sub committee and therefore had not had input into the report. Continuing, he expressed concern regarding the reports contents which he believed was verging on slanderous. Bruce Moon stated that he had entered the sub committee on what he believed to be the hypothesis of Tweed Shire Council (TSC) having allowed residential development to occur under a flight path contrary to AS2021. He emphasised that it was only a hypothesis at this stage and to date there is no proof that TSC have allowed this.

Bruce Moon requested that three paragraphs (the last paragraph on page 1, and the first two paragraphs on page 2), of the report be withdrawn as he believed they were defamatory.

The Chairman noted Bruce Moon's request and suggested that as Bruce was not present at the last sub committee meeting and that as the report was only in draft form the subcommittee address Bruce's concerns at their next meeting.

The Chairman confirmed to the committee that the report was a progress report and that the action items were not for the ANACC and that they would go back to the sub committee.

Don Buckley, making reference to past correspondence from the sub committee to TSC, emphasised that perhaps the sub committee need to look at how they request information and address the tone of their letters.

Following on from the discussions, John Alcorn stated that unfortunately Bruce was not at the meeting and the document is only a summary of what transpired in the meeting. Furthermore, the draft report only highlighted questions that had been raised – and he did not believe they were slanderous statements.

The following motion was formed: 'the sub committee's report be received and be submitted to the new committee':

**Moved:** - Arthur Elliott

**Seconded:** - Wilf Ardill

In favour - 10

Against – nil

Abstained – Don Buckley

**CARRIED**

## **6. General Aviation**

John Sweeney spoke of night freight movements that had transpired in March where 4 or 5 aircraft had operated in one night. John requested clarification asking: is it permissible to have that number of flights; and is it going to continue.

Rodger Smith responded advising that it is outside of tower hours, however it was his understanding that the aircraft are not breaking curfew and are operating within the conditions that have been set.

Following general conversation, the Secretary advised that Barrie Briggs had been liaising with Pelair in relation to their operation, however she could not report on the progress. In view of the absence of Barrie, the Secretary advised that she would ask Barrie Briggs to contact John Sweeney to discuss the matter.

John Sweeney spoke of a complaint received in May where a night freighter aircraft had overflown Razor Back at a very low altitude and had been one movement of three consecutive movements operating over the area in a time frame of approximately 15 minutes.

The Secretary advised that she had spoken to the complainant and following investigation had advised that the aircraft appeared to be doing what it should be doing. Additionally, the Chairman could not fault the company in question. However, the Secretary confirmed that she had asked the complainant to contact Aircservices or GCAL should she have concerns in the future.

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## 7. NOISE SUMMARY

### Memorial Service - February

Bruce Moon made reference to Airservices Summary of Noise Complaints for February regarding the Memorial Service for two local pilots who disappeared off Byron Bay. Bruce advised that complaints had been received from the communities of Elanora and Palm Beach where fixed wing and rotary aircraft had been held over residential areas for more than half an hour.

Bruce advised that the issue of the complaint was that people did not have to suffer with the aircraft being held over their homes when the aircraft could have been held over the ocean. He summarised by suggesting that GCAL or ASA need to have a policy in place where aircraft in these sort of circumstances can circle awaiting some future event.

Responding, Guy Pardey advised that controller's do not always have the option to move formation flying around and/or in this case over water.

Following general conversation with regard to Airservices Australia standard practice for such events, the Chairman acknowledged Bruce Moon's concerns, however she stated that it appears that Airservices followed the correct procedure.

### Satinash Terrace Community Member Complaint (registered 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2004)

Ray Tate spoke of the above mentioned complaint registered in the Airservices Australia Summary of Noise Complaints for May 2004. Ray advised that he personally met with the complainant who had concerns regarding jet aircraft being off track and not over Club Banca Golf Course where the designated path should be. Airservices Australia had responded to her concerns advising that all aircraft in question were directly over Club Banora Golf Course.

Ray advised that the complainant had expressed concern with the response that she had received from Airservices Australia. In closing, Ray Tate stated that he found the complainant to be an intelligent and learned person who he believed deserved more credence.

### Military Movements

Trevor Stephenson advised that it had been noticed in the last month or so that RAAF aircraft, particularly fast jets, appeared to be overflying the airport at a much greater altitude than previously done. He stated that the community he represents is very happy with this and he wanted to know if the RAAF had made any changes to their instruction to pilots with regard to these diversions.

Responding, Rodger Smith advised that he was not aware of any changes to RAAF procedures, however, he advised that Singaporean F-5's had been operating in GCA's area since the beginning of the week and that the F-5's were only coming down to 1000 ft when undertaking a training diversion.

The Chairman confirmed that Gold Coast Airport had recently been notified that the Singaporean Air Force would be undertaking training manoeuvres in GCA's area. Furthermore, she stated that the conditions they are currently working under are a short term situation and do not form part of the normal RAAF operations.

Noting this, Trevor Stephenson stated that he wanted his appreciation of the RAAF operations recorded and hoped that they continue to operate the same way.

### Jet Operation in Inclement Weather

John Alcorn spoke of a RPT missed approach during inclement weather and what he believed was highly unusual manoeuvring of aircraft over the Razor Back region. Summarising, he stated that what he had witnessed was unusual and the angle of the aircraft over a residential area in such

weather conditions concerned him.

Guy Pardey made reference to the Summary of Noise Complaints Received for April 2004 and advised that it could have been a movement that occurred on the 17 April as listed on that register. The aircraft, during inclement weather, was preparing for an arrival on RWY14, however due to inclement weather with restricted visibility conducted a missed approach and then proceeded to do an arrival on RWY32.

Guy Pardey acknowledged that a change of runway in these conditions was unusual, however the aircraft was operating in accordance with the regulations.

#### Night Works - Rubber Removal from Runway

Wilf Ardill referred to a noise complaint registered in April regarding night runway works.

The Chairman confirmed that GCAL had undertaken rubber removal from the runway outside operational hours. The work was complete and it would be unlikely if it occurred again in the next 10 years.

The Chairman noted John Sweeney's request that tenants of Adina Ave been notified the next time night works are undertaken.

### **8. NOMINATION MEMBERSHIP FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004-2006**

The Secretary reported on the forthcoming draft schedule with regard to the membership process.

- Local newspaper advertising calling for nominations on the 17<sup>th</sup> June;
- Final date of receipt of nominations by 16<sup>th</sup> July;
- Selection process and appointment by 6 August;
- Newspaper advertising of newly appointed community members on 13 August; and
- Next ANACC scheduled meeting 9 September.

The Chairman confirmed that in line with the Terms of Reference, GCAL will determine and appoint suitable representatives.

Several members expressed concern regarding GCAL's selection process and Jim Boyle suggested GCAL appoint an outside body for the decision making process; one that was neutral.

The Chairman noted Jim's concerns, however again she reiterated that GCAL will have the final say with regard to the appointments. Further to this, the Chairman noted several members concerns regarding the border lines between representative's areas, however, she also noted Bruce Moon's reference to the TOR where there is no spatial difference between north and south.

### **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### Motion – South East Communities Combined Association

At the outset of this motion the Chairman noted that it was a contentious issue and stated that it was unfortunate that Barrie Briggs was unable to attend this meeting as she was not familiar with details of the previous communication that was referenced. However, she requested that Trevor Stephenson raise his motion and then the committee decide on whether they need to review the motion. In closing, she noted to the committee that this topic had been raised at the last three meetings and that the members should be familiar with it.

Trevor Stephenson read the following motion (copy attached dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 2004):

The 'Visual Approach path for Runway 32' be aligned straight in as outlined in Minister Anderson's letter dated 18 July 2000 for all RPT jet aircraft that are permitted to conduct such a Visual Approach in accordance with AIP page ENR 1.1 -21 (7<sup>th</sup> August 2003) para 11.5.2.

Such Visual Approaches will only be authorised in suitable metrological conditions as determined by the Gold Coast Tower Air Traffic Controller's.

Trevor Stephenson advised that he had consulted with Rodger Smith with regard to the technical aspects in the formation of this motion.

The abovementioned motion was:

**Moved:** Trevor Stephenson

**Seconded:** Peter James

Trevor Stephenson spoke on the motion advising that he had had lengthy discussion with Barrie Briggs and Rodger Smith regarding its background. In summary, he advised that he is reaffirming support for the Minister's directive as outlined in the Ministers letter of 18 July, 2000 (copy attached).

John Alcorn challenged the motion, stating it had only been brought to the committee today and had not been circulated with the agenda papers. In summary, he believed that members on the committee had not been adequately briefed and therefore were unable to research this matter in readiness for debate.

John Alcorn moved the following motion: 'that the matter be deferred to the next ANACC meeting so that the members can be adequately briefed and researched in regard to this matter so that it can be debated'.

**Moved:** John Alcorn

**Seconded:** Jim Boyle

The Chairman requested a vote on the motion for deferring the motion:

**In favour** – 8

**Against** – 2

**CARRIED**

Don Buckley moved the following motion: 'notices of motion in the hands of Gold Coast Airport Ltd to be forwarded at the time of business papers'.

**Moved** – Don Buckley

**Seconded** - Ray Tate

Speaking on the motion, Don Buckley confirmed that he was talking about new business.

Bruce Moon spoke against the motion, advising that it was important to recognise that some important matters are only raised at the last minute. In summary, Bruce stated that the committee have the capacity to address and defer selected issues and the carrying of such a motion would restrict the possibility of an emergency situation.

In depth discussion transpired, with particular emphasis on whether or not such a motion would limit or delay the actioning of business, particularly as the ANACC meetings are quarterly.

The Chairman requested a vote on the motion:

**In favour** – 6

**Against** – 3

**CARRIED**

Trevor Stephenson stated that it is GCAL's prerogative to call extraordinary meetings. Accordingly, he requested that an extraordinary meeting be considered so that his motion can be put.

The Chairman noted his request and advised that she would liaise with Barrie Briggs regarding this matter. In the event of an extraordinary meeting, members would be notified accordingly.

#### Other Business

Guy Pardey advised that Brisbane Airport Corporation recently issued a '2003 Noise Management Strategies' as a public education tool. Guy suggested that could be useful to the sub committee and that he would forward copies to the Chairman for distribution.

#### Close of Meeting

As this meeting was the last for present community representative incumbents, Bruce Moon thanked the support staff of GCAL and the Government officials who give their time and efforts to contribute to the general development of the committee.

Additionally, John Alcorn acknowledged all at the table and stated thanks. All committee members concurred.

In closing, the Chairman acknowledged the community representatives and extended her genuine thanks. She acknowledged that their roles could be onerous and stated that she personally found it a rewarding experience to be involved with a committee with their passion and commitment.

The Secretary passed on Barrie Briggs apology for not being able to attend.

#### **10. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 9 September, 2004.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Barrie Briggs to liaise with John Sweeney regarding feedback on Pelair's operation.

### **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED**

1. 'Draft' Record of Meeting of the Sub Committee for ANEF & AS2021 Paper
2. Motion – South East Communities Combined Association (dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 2004)