LAUNCESTON

AIRPORT

CACG Meeting Minutes

16 December 2024

Attendees:	James McKee Ilya Brucksch Lesley Aitken Marcus Lancaster Steve Farquer Tim Gill Nick Pudney Hayden Grigg	Chair LST Airport LST Airport LST Airport Tourism Tasmania Airservices Australia Dept of Infrastructure Dept of Infrastructure
Apologies:		
	Shane O'Hare	LST Airport
	Geoff Duggan Steve Pickering	LST Airport LST Airport
	Angie Hart	2017.110010
	Gigi Yuen	MEL Airport
	NCIS Investigators Arun Kendall	State Growth
	Tim Scott Jacinta Sinclair	Community representative Community representative
Minute Taker:	Marni Billing	

MEETING MINUTES		
Agenda Item	Notes	
Airport Update	 Launceston Airport strategy is currently under review Focus is on all aspects of growth (property development, airline network, diversity business etc) together with 	
	 Customer experience and capital development Record passenger numbers for first part of the year as a result of strong load factors 	
	 The seasonal Adelaide-Launceston direct route is performing well with strong numbers 	
	 The Perth-Launceston direct route has been more stable this season compared to the previous season 	
Property & Development	• There are a number of projects that are progressing for the 2025 year and beyond	
	 2025 capital program will include the CUDL refresh, Arrivals hall expansion, forecourt redevelopment and airfield projects 	
	CUDL refresh will take place in 2025 which will include all	

	retail being refreshed and expanded
	 Development of the TFS facility will be proceeding and will take approximately 8-12 months
	• Existing Airfield facilities require upgrading to provide for larger aircrafts, which will include a new taxiway build
	Continuing to investigate future development potential on the eastern side of the Airport
Airport Operations & Safety	 CASA surveillance resulted in 4 safety findings being identified. Evidence was provided to CASA and all elements were acquitted
	• Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre (CISC) scorecard for the systems testing period is tracking well with an expected pass. This outcome is due to the ongoing training, development and continuous improvement of the ISS Security screening team.
	 Increased presence from CISC has been observed since the last meeting resulting in more inspections and audits being completed on the airport site. No non-compliances have been identified during these additional inspections.
	 Last week a transport security program audit was undertaken. Currently awaiting results from the audit.
	 Aerodrome and security operations have continued to be busy with Antarctic division operations, GA and military operations supplementing regular public transport services.
	• There has been an increase in criminal activity on airport related to organised crime and theft. Airport operations continue to work closely with TASPOL to ensure the safety of all passengers and security of the airport.
	 A live test will be held at the Airport in May 2025. This will entail a full-scale emergency simulation and include APAL staff and emergency services staff.
	 Currently preparing for the peak holiday period where it is expected around 5 500 people will pass through terminal per day. Required resources have been assessed and additional staff have been rostered on to ensure adequate coverage during this period.

Commercial, Customer & Government	 Lobbied for grant funding opportunities for assistance with capital investment and growth opportunity 	
	 A prospectus for the upcoming Federal Government election has been developed and will be circulated accordingly 	
	 Aviation strategy focus is on network diversification and improving load factors across the network 	
	 Forecasting for FY25 is similar to FY24, with growth predicted in FY26 	
Environmental Report	 PFAS – Air Services will be undertaking remediation of their former training ground and will be processing the soil and removing it from site. 	
	 Waste management strategy in place which will create a diversion of waste from landfill. 	
	 Continuing to develop the ESG strategy ensuring that the Airport continues to be sustainable moving forward 	
	GIWO facility is being developed for 2025	
	• There were two environmental incidents in the last 12 months	
Airservices Update	 Air traffic movements have been consistent throughout the months between July – November 	
	 1 complaint from 1 complainant regarding the same issue of the new flight path with planes travelling from the west. The report is being finalised regarding pre and post change to flight path 	
Dept of Infrastructure Update	 Aviation White paper has almost closed and final report to be released to the paper in the near future 	
	 Senate enquiry into aircraft noise is progressing to public hearings. The report will be available in October with information available on the APH website 	
Other delegates update	Access and Aviation	
	 Demand is strong, with car hire being off sale for the holiday period. High load factors are being experienced. The pricing point coming into Tasmania is high but cheap to depart the state 	

	 The focus is shifting to the northern summer April to October
	It was noted that the seasonal capacity is performing well
General Business	 Noted that the Launceston Airport brand is receiving positive comments within the community
Next Meeting	• TBC