



**Community Aviation Consultation Group  
Minutes of Meeting  
Thursday 19 November 2020  
Cataract Gorge Room, Launceston Airport**

**1. New members Introduction and Apologies:**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>James McKee</b>	<b>Chair</b>
	<b>Arun Kendall</b>	<b>Department of State Growth</b>
	<b>Angie Hart</b>	<b>LCC</b>
	<b>Claire Campbell</b>	<b>Tourism and Events</b>
	<b>Darren Walker</b>	<b>Dept of Infrastructure</b>
	<b>Dave Groer</b>	<b>Airservices</b>
	<b>Tim Gill</b>	<b>Airservices</b>
	<b>Kim Wickramariyaratne</b>	<b>Dept Infrastructure</b>
	<b>Steve Farquer</b>	<b>Tourism TAS and State Growth</b>
	<b>Jackie Snell</b>	<b>Qantas</b>
	<b>Shane O'Hare</b>	<b>CEO Launceston Airport</b>
	<b>Marcus Lancaster</b>	<b>LST Airport</b>
	<b>Michael McLeod</b>	<b>LST Airport</b>
	<b>Ilya Brucksch</b>	<b>LST Airport</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Jonathan Harmey</b>	<b>MVC-Tas</b>
	<b>Tim McLean</b>	<b>Airservices</b>
	<b>Peter Neilson</b>	<b>Community Representative</b>

**James McKee (chairman) welcomed all in attendance.**

**Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 03 June 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Actions Arising:**

**Nil**

**Airport Update – Shane O'Hare**

**2.1. Border opening**

Border to Tasmania reopening on 15 December. Airport planning for a significant uplift in passengers. COVID safety management is a key priority for the opening. Airport staff working closely with Biosecurity Tasmania on border processing to ensure a smooth passenger experience.

## 2.2. Government engagement

APAL LT working closely with the State government on the reopening as well as on new route development recently introduced. State government support for the route development has been very good and greatly assisted in the new routes to Perth and Gold Coast.

## 2.3. Airport strategy/vision

Management working closely with the APAL Board to review and implement a new strategy for the airport with a focus on business recovery and growth. Positive strategy session held with the APAL board, which has provided management with appropriate guidance to finalise the LST strategy.

# 3. Property and Retail - Michael McLeod

## 3.1 Tasmanian Fire Service

Management is working closely with the Tasmania Fire Service to develop a fit for purpose facility on the airport site. Concept designs have been developed for review with TFS management.

## 3.2 Retail Update

Management are working closely with retail partners to have all stores open for the border reopening process. Staff recruitment is underway, however there have been impacts with finding new staff to meet retail operational demand.

## 3.3. Cargo facility

Management is working with Virgin Australia on the development of a new cargo facility at Launceston Airport. The proposed facility will replace the existing hangar 10 and building 1 location. The proposed development is supported by state government funding.

## 3.4. Tristar Aviation

Tristar aviation have taken a lease over a building in the southern compound precinct. Tristar aviation are based out of Moorabbin Airport in MEL and run both flight training and scenic flight operations.

They will be basing two (2) aircraft in LST to support their operations.

# 4. Airport Operations and Security - Marcus Lancaster (ML)

## 4.1 Wildlife management

Management is continuing to work with our specialist wildlife consultant. We are close to finalizing our Wildlife Hazard Management Plan which is a five year plan to manage wildlife on the site.

We have had success with our short grass policy again this year, minimizing wildlife strikes during recent times.

## 4.2 Airport Operations

Management are working on making sure that the border reopening and increase in traffic following the border opening. The flight schedule is significantly increased during December. The team are working to ensure that we have adequate staffing across the precinct for security, COVID safety and retail.

Ground handlers have completed additional recruitment in preparation for busier flight traffic.

#### 4.3 Regulatory compliance

Worksafe Tasmania have conducted multiple audits of the airport site reviewing our COVID safety plan and operations.

The airport has implemented a number of safety measures to ensure the chance of COVID transmission onsite is significantly reduced. These measures include:

- Hygiene stations across the terminal
- Decals and signage outlining social distancing messaging
- Terminal PA announcements relating to COVID safety
- Implementation of medical grade air conditioning filters and increases to fresh air flow rates.
- Increased cleaning of high touch point areas throughout the terminal.
- COVID safety training for all airport based users
- Mask use in accordance with public health directives.

### **5. Commercial – Michael McLeod**

#### 5.1. Aviation business development

Launceston Airport has recently launched new Adelaide, Perth and Gold Coast flights. These flights are the first new routes to Launceston Airport in over 15 years. The new services provide direct links to the new destinations up to 3 times per week and will make Launceston one of the most connected regional towns in Australia.

Qantas Group and Virgin have also recently announced additional flying on Brisbane, providing the most connectivity between SE Queensland and the north of Tasmania ever.

#### 5.2. Rent relief provided by APAL

Launceston airport continues to provide rent relief to a number of affected tenants on the precinct. This includes our retailers and rental car operators.

### **6. Projects – Ilya Brucksch**

#### 6.1. Airfield Fence Project

The airport is continuing works in preparation for an extension of the airside security fence. The project has been delayed due to additional investigations being required as much of the construction area has confirmed first nations artifacts.

An investigation assessment is currently underway to determine the location and management of items if found during construction. The aboriginal land council is also

being engaged to ensure appropriate consultation and management techniques are deployed by APAL during the project.

#### 6.2. Security Screening Upgrade project

Detailed designs for the security screening project are continuing, which incorporate a new check in hall and security screening point where the existing check in hall is located.

The project team are working towards finalizing the detailed design in the new year and releasing a tender for the works in FEB/MAR 2022

#### 6.3. Building 105

Works on building 105 have been completed with the Tasmanian Aeroclub due to move into the building to allow the development of the Tasmania Fire Service facility.

#### 6.4. Cargo facility

Concept designs are being completed on the proposed cargo facility. The location for the proposed facility is over the current location of Hangar 10 and building 1.

#### 6.5. Arrivals extension

Following the provision of state grant funding, management are completing early design works for an arrivals area extension. The extension is proposed to the east of the existing arrivals area and has the potential to relocate the rental car desks and open the view of the mountains from the arrivals area.

### **7. Environment Report (IB)**

The airport is continuing to work with Airservices Australia (AsA) regarding the management of PFAS on the airport site.

Continued round table discussions continue with a number of government agencies to ensure PFAS management actions are identified and implemented.

Management are working with the Federal Government regarding the use of a proposed \$130M fund towards PFAS management across Australia.

### **8. General Business**

Tim Gill from Airservices Australia provided an overview of noise impacts and complaints regarding Launceston Airport aviation operations. Generally overall complaints continued to be low for the last period.

Representatives from Airservices Australia provided an overview of AsA's PFAS management engagement strategy, including their intent to complete additional sampling works and reporting on adjacent landholders' properties. No questions were raised by meeting attendees following the presentation.

Meeting closed: 3:00pm