

# Minutes

## Hobart Airport Community Aviation Consultative Group (CACG) Meeting

<b>Date / Time</b>	Thursday 5 March 2026 – 9.30 am – 11.00 am
<b>Location</b>	HBA Wilkins Board Room, 6 Hinkler Road, Cambridge

Item #	Description	Responsible Officer
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <p><u>Online</u>            Hayden Grigg – Dept of Infrastructure,            Christopher Gleeson – Dept of Infrastructure            Alex Dallwitz - Aircraft Noise Ombudsman            Timothy Gill – Airservices            Amanda Rakkaussonni – Airservices            Robyn Lewis – Neighbour            John Kokavec – Local resident            Shannon Wells – Cambridge aerodrome            Marcus Whitfield – Cambridge aerodrome</p> <p><u>In room</u>            Janet Gatehouse – Mayor Sorell Council            Tanya Dalton – Tasman Council            Rebecca Wilson – Sorell Council            Cathy Minnucci – Primrose Sands            Sharon Fotheringham – Forcett community member            Jen Newman - CHAIR            Tanya Dalton – Tasman Council            Sarah Parkes – Hobart Airport            David Hughes - SECLA            Susi Mueller - SECLA            Jock Campbell – Local resident            Elsie Strydom – Hobart Airport            Gail Wilson – Hobart Airport            Erin McGoldrick – Hobart Airport            Ben Morton – Hobart Airport            Erin Catchpole - Hobart Airport</p>	Chair
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b>            Leon Spencer – Community and airport volunteer            Luke Cazaly - City of Hobart            Matt Cocker – Hobart Airport            John Glass - Local resident            Sheena Hannan – Clarence City Council            Alex Heroys – Destination Southern Tasmania            Brendan Blomeley – Mayor of Clarence</p>	Chair



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3	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> <b>Note:</b> Questions on notice document, presentations, minutes and other pertinent documents shared to CACG on 13 November 2025.</p> <p>Points raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Air Services absence and apology from the meeting amended</li><li>• Difficulty accessing Hobart Airport’s document links within the minutes <b>ACTION:</b> HBA to review with ICT. Note: In the interim, links can be copied from the minutes and pasted directly into a web browser to bypass the issue.</li><li>• Hobart Airport’s Terms of Reference document was circulated in November which detailed ‘last reviewed February 2025’. Member asked whether this would be updated to reflect the CACG guidelines released at the end of 2025. <b>ACTION:</b> Hobart Airport and Chair to review and reissue to the group.</li></ul>	Chair
4	<p><b>Declaration of Conflicts of Interest</b> NIL</p>	Chair
5	<p><b>CACG Expressions of Interest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A formal Expression of Interest (EOI) process for membership with the Hobart Airport CACG, will open from Monday 16 March.</li><li>• The EOI will be open to representatives of community groups and stakeholders who would like to be part of CACG.</li><li>• Hard copy applications can be posted or collected from Hobart Airport Administration.</li><li>• All existing members are invited to complete the EOI to remain on the CACG.</li><li>• The Chair and Hobart Airport would be responsible for reviewing the applications.</li><li>• The group discussed the process for approval and noted that as the CACG is not a formal committee, there is no formal appeal process for refusals.</li><li>• Similar to many other CACGs around the country who have established membership processes, there will likely be an ongoing reapplication cycle created to support good governance of the CACG.</li><li>• There is no limit on membership however it is important that the CACG membership to remain at a manageable number for good governance and practicality.</li></ul>	Chair



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EOI can be lodged at <a href="https://hobartairport.com.au/community/cacg/">https://hobartairport.com.au/community/cacg/</a></li></ul>	
6	<p><b>Hobart Airport Update</b></p> <p>Aviation Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The airport continues to see strong passenger numbers with Year on Year (YoY) growth primarily through higher occupancy in existing flights. A record number of passengers was noted through the terminal in January.</li><li>Load factors have started to correct to historical averages, now at ~83%.</li></ul> <p>Seasonal Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Newcastle to Hobart and Auckland to Hobart services have seen strong support and both direct routes will be available again next summer.</li></ul> <p>A220 aircraft operations - update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Operates regularly between Melbourne – Hobart and Sydney – Hobart.</li><li>The first QantasLink A220 landed in Hobart 1 July 2024 introducing a next generation aircraft that is significantly more fuel efficient, offers a more comfortable travel experience and delivers a reduction in noise footprint of up to 50 per cent.</li><li>In 2025, 3259 A220 flights operated at Hobart Airport, +382.1% increase in the use of this aircraft type YoY.</li></ul> <p>Antarctic operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The C17 conducted three return trips to Wilkins Aerodrome in Antarctica.</li><li>The Snowbird (A319) conducted five return crew transfer flights to Wilkins Aerodrome in Antarctica. The last scheduled flight was 4th March.</li><li>The season will return in October.</li></ul> <p>Community Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hobart Airport’s latest Community Grant program attracted strong interest and applications.</li><li>Familiarisation tours continue to run to support people with a disability and the airport is exploring ways to amplify the tours’ engagement.</li></ul> <p>Infrastructure Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A summary of key milestones in the terminal development was shared with members.</li></ul>	Erin Catchpole / Ben Morton



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In 2026 renovations continue inside the terminal and the project is scheduled to be finished by the end of 2027</li></ul>	
7	<b>Airservices Australia Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>ACTION:</b> Airservices to update slide data for October 2025 – January 2026 period. Complete and supplied with Minutes.</li><li>Complaint data is collected from all sources including phone call and web form submissions.</li><li>Airservices acknowledged member feedback about complaint fatigue potentially affecting the true reflection of the data.</li><li>Update on the PIR: Recommendation 6 is not progressing due to overwhelming feedback from the community. Recommendation 4 has received a lot of good feedback and the team are working through the responses. Aiming to get a decision out by Quarter 2.</li></ul>	Tim Gill
8	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication, Sport, and the Arts Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Department is seeking feedback on a Gender Equity Charter in Australian Aviation. Submissions are open for feedback until 31 March 2026</li><li>LINK: <a href="https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/gender-equity-charter-australian-aviation">Gender Equity Charter for Australian Aviation   Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts</a> <a href="https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/gender-equity-charter-australian-aviation">https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/gender-equity-charter-australian-aviation</a></li></ul>	Hayden Grigg / Chris Gleeson
9	<b>Aircraft Noise Ombudsman</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Members received an update on the new Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Scheme. The ANO is hopeful the new legislation will pass this year.</li><li>The ANO shared an update on the ongoing Noise Abatement Procedure. There is a report on the website from January which includes an example from Hobart.</li><li>Link: <a href="https://ano.gov.au/report/noise-abatement-procedure-review/">Noise Abatement Procedure Review – Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (ANO)</a> <a href="https://ano.gov.au/report/noise-abatement-procedure-review/">https://ano.gov.au/report/noise-abatement-procedure-review/</a></li></ul>	Alex Dallwitz



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10	<p><b>Member Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shannon Wells introduced Marcus Whitfield as the new General Manager for the Cambridge Aerodrome.</li><li>John Kokavec raised an ongoing concern about body scanner technology. The Chair advised that this matter has been previously raised and that the links to relevant information would be shared again:</li></ul> <p>Further information can be found at <a href="https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about-us/what-we-do/travelsecure/security-screening-at-airports">https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about-us/what-we-do/travelsecure/security-screening-at-airports</a> including information about safety, and that body scanners do not emit ionising radiation. Information regarding the equipment used at Hobart Airport, Leidos Pro: Vision 3 can be found here detailing safe technology: <a href="https://leidos.widen.net/s/8kqdmgrmhf/23-791456v2-provision-3-fact-sheet-update">https://leidos.widen.net/s/8kqdmgrmhf/23-791456v2-provision-3-fact-sheet-update</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>South East Coast Lifestyle Association (SECLA) – asked Airservices about how other recommendations from the PIR would be managed post Recommendation 4’s outcome. Airservices responded that the other recommendations had been put forward for industry feedback.</li><li>SECLA asked about Airservices management process for a 50/50 noise sharing policy. Airservices clarified that is does not have a current process as this is still a consideration as part of the ongoing trial and the review of Recommendation 4.</li><li>Tasman Council noted since the last CACG they had a great session with the Hobart Airport Volunteers and appreciated the introduction</li><li>Carlton River, Primrose Sands, &amp; Forcett Flight Path Opponents (CRPSFFPO) presented a community update (see attached).</li><li>CRPSFFPO asked Airservices about CASA conducting navigational flights in the area and who communicates about these flights to the community. Airservices confirmed that CASA is responsible for its own community engagement.</li><li>Jock Campbell shared feedback about ongoing baggage delays. Hobart Airport confirmed it was aware of the issues and was working with airlines to seek improvement. Customer feedback sent directly to the airline about baggage delays is encouraged to help support improvements.</li></ul>	All



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jock also highlighted that the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first helicopter flight in Tasmania was coming up.</li><li>• <b>ACTION</b> from discussion: Hobart Airport to publish Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference on the website (complete).</li><li>• Hobart Airport encouraged all members to continue submitting agenda items to the CACG.</li></ul>	
11	<b>Other Business</b>  <b>Next Meeting Dates:</b> Thursday, 9 July 2026 - 9.30am Thursday, 5 November 2026 - 9.30am	
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