Minutes

Hobart Airport Community Aviation Consultative Group (CACG) Meeting

Date / Time	Thursday 9 July 2026 – 9:30am
Location	HBA Board Room, 6 Hinkler Road, Cambridge / Microsoft Teams

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1	**Welcome & Introductions**	Chair
2	**Apologies** Sheena Hannah, City of Clarence Hayden Grigg, DITRCSA Robyn Lewis, HBA neighbour Cathy Minnucci – CRPSFFPO Nicole Henty - RFDS	Chair
3	**Minutes of Previous Meeting** No comments.	Chair
4	**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest** Greg – noted Jock is paid advisor of Hobart International Airport Business Park (HIABP).	Chair
5	**CACG Membership** Welcomed all continuing and new members. Noting the update is to keep in line with new CACG Guidelines developed as part of the Aviation White Paper process. Thank you to each member for their efforts to engage with the EOI process.	Chair
6	**Welcome CACG Deputy Chair** Jock Campbell has accepted the role of Deputy Chair.	Chair
7	**Hobart Airport Update** • **Aviation Update** One million seat summer during 2025/26 season. HBA collaborating with Tas Govt to build capacity using the Aviation Attraction Fund. Terminal upgrade has seen new facilities open, including new toilets, pet relief area, new retail and food & beverage. Temporary gates 8 & 9 opened, which will also serve as the international gate. Old departures lounge now closed and a construction site. Temporary gates open to the north, with three gates serving flights. Qantas Club is closed, with a 'Grab and Go' established as a temporary facility. New arrivals carousel opened today, which is larger and longer. New exits to upgraded forecourt area, which enables better passenger flow. SECLA: Asked about the extra seats being added between HBA	Hobart Airport

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	and BNE and whether they mostly facilitated by larger aircraft/load factors. HBA: A220 added for the extra flights, which is a quieter aircraft, with an additional flight 3 days a week (bringing it to a daily service for the period). • **Community Update** As per slides - Association for Children with Disability - famil program running to help families to plan future travel for those living with disability. Rotary North Hobart partnership, supporting phones for people experiencing Domestic Violence. Wildlife Awareness Campaign complete, with artworks auctioned raising $17k for Bonorong. HBA Community Grants program will open in the coming months.	
8	**Airservices Australia Update** • Increased complaints compared to previous period. Fewer complaints compared to 3-year period. Some complaints due to flight path changes caused by weather. • Issues are traffic management, including aircrafts moved from typical flight paths. Complaints relating to community engagement, the NAP, and a flight over Primrose Sands, and a military flight. Questions: Carlton River, Primrose Sands and Forcett Flight Path Opponents (CRPSFFPO) – will community submissions be taken into consideration. ASA: yes. CRPSFFPO: Has HBA provided input into the flight path procedures consultation? HBA: No.	Tim Gill
9	**Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication, Sport, and the Arts Update** No update.	Hayden Grigg
10	**Aircraft Noise Ombudsman** There is a proposal passing through Parliament, to make the ANO independent of Airservices Australia. The bill is progressing through Parliament, three readings in House, and two in Senate. If the bill passes, there would likely be changes to the ANO Charter. If it passes the CACG will receive an update at the next Hobart Airport CACG. SECLA: What is the ANO new charter and roll out time look like once passed? ANO: Not sure at this stage. The ANO will be moved into DITRDCSA, and has a maximum of thirteen weeks to enact the changes. CRPSFFPO: We have put in submissions, calling for independence and reporting to parliament. Do you consider that reporting to DITRCSA a conflict of interest? ANO: It hard to say without the final charter and arrangements in place, however it is a step in the right direction. CRPSFFPO: Is the going to be equal representation of communities affected by noise? ANO: there are separate teams for ANO and ACP, as dedicated functions.	Belinda Fenner

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11	**Member Agenda Items** - City of Hobart Peter and Michel introduced who will be representatives at CACG meetings in future. Famil with Flight Centre staff was conducted to learn the purpose of Flight Centre at HBA and the support they can provide. City of Hobart Welcome Volunteer program across four locations, as a friendly meet and greet at key entry points. Assists with wayfinding, recommendations, navigating the airport, lost baggage, general advice. The location of the toilet is the most asked question, to which the volunteers are highly attuned. The aim is to make the visitor experience more enjoyable and comfortable. The sense of teamwork with all terminal partner, such as security, ground handlers, airport staff, and Chaplains is really working well to find solutions to passenger issues quickly. 21 volunteers for the airport, and 40 across all locations. A passenger was greeted by a friend in an inflatable shark outfit last Friday (apparent tradition between these friends). **The Chair thanked the volunteers for sharing insights from those on the ground in the terminal.**	Members
12	**Member Updates** (Round table) • **Coal River Valley Tasmania Tourism Association (CRVTTA):** Association formed in 2020 with assistance from DST for businesses affected by COVID pandemic. Business owner/operators to advocate, support and promote the area. 50-60 businesses, running quarterly networking events, enter tourism awards, and collaborate with Tourism Tasmania, Crave Harvest Festival and a new event planned for May 2027 (a corporate golf day). • **City of Hobart Volunteers:** Good to get appreciation and understanding of role of volunteers. Offer to come and present on the program to communities to share the role and find new volunteers. • **Greg C:** Has the golf course increased bird life? HBA: Not at this stage. Outlined that management of bird life forms part of the risk assessment for planning applications. • **Deputy Chair:** inbound flights over the city a topic raised by stakeholders, and they wished to see it happen again as it is a good promotion of the city. HBA: Safety is first priority and the terrain of Hobart is challenging. Airservices ATC: Float planes land and take off in the city and is unlikely seen as frequently.	All

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	• **SECLA:** heartened by the PIR decision and taking into account of cumulative impacts by Airservices Australia. Is Donna still working for Airservices? Airservices: Tim is leading the team for the moment, while Donna focussed on the Brisbane area. Hannah included to ensure continuity. • **Sorell Council:** Good to attend so that issues can be brought to community of Sorell. Federal Govt has announced funding for Sorell East 'low cost' and first home buyers housing development (1700-2000), which the Council has been considering as part of a master plan since 2016. A master plan of the area will get underway soon, this will include increased connectivity between the new development and the current town centre. Duplication of the causeway has been pushed out to the 2028/29 federal budget. A Southern Beaches master plan will be developed, and invited Hobart Airport to have input on the second round, due to proximity to the development. Community of Sorell very grateful for interaction with Star Flights. • **HBA Environment:** in the future, if there is environmental matter, provide in advance and we are happy to provide an update. • **Carlton River, Primrose Sands and Forcett Flight Path Opponents (CRPSFFPO):** Noted the area includes about 7000 residents. All areas are impacted by flight paths. Raised the numbers of representatives per group on CACG and felt that membership guidelines are restrictive regarding community representation and participation and aim to limit representation. Cited Hobart Airport Master Plan regarding noise impacts on nearby communities. Requests that the CACG Chair reverse the decision on single person representing community groups. • **CACG Chair response to CRPSFFPO:** noted the concerns, and appreciate the time and energy to share opinions, which is the benefit of a broad membership. Happy to have CRPSFFPO as part of CACG and need to ensure the size of the CACG remains manageable. Always welcoming questions, inputs and opinions from community groups. Representation as a group is a way to manage the operation of the CACG. **ACTION:** Circulate HBA CACG TOR and Commonwealth Guidelines to the group with the minutes.	

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	• **Cambridge Airport:** General aviation quiet this time of year, with Par Avion closing for the winter. Helicopter operations are strong, with Star Flight and training, who are happy in their new location. Investment around the precinct planned for the coming five plus years. • **Airservices, Aircraft Control Tower:** nothing to update.	
13	**Other Business** **Next Meeting:** Thursday, 5 November 2026 - 9.30am	All
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