The Brisbane Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (BACACG) was established by Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) in 2010 and continues to be an effective forum to raise and discuss airport related issues of interest to the community throughout 2013.

Four meetings were held during the year - March, May, July and November.

Issues discussed and considered by the BACACG in 2013 included:

» Runway capacity constraints and the associated Runway Demand Management System
» Aircraft noise, particularly the southern approach
» The New Parallel Runway
» The Airport Master Plan (2014)
» The proposed Airport Industrial Park
» The proposed runway Intersection Departure Variation
» The Curfew Review study
» Progress with the new Brisbane Airport Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF).

The Chair of Airservices Australia, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC, AFC (retd), attended the July meeting and briefed the group on noise abatement, efficiency and capacity enhancements and the proposed “one sky” air traffic management system for both civil and military aircraft.

In November, I attended a meeting of the Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) Chairs, hosted by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, in Canberra. Issues canvassed at this meeting included:

» Airport Master Planning
» Aircraft Noise and Airport safeguarding
» Aviation Security
» Air services access for people with a disability
» Outcomes from the Departmental survey review of the CACGs.

Once again, I would like to express my appreciation for the commitment and support of all members of the BACACG. The Community Members were fully engaged, and raised and discussed issues in a collegiate and courteous manner. Airport, industry and Commonwealth, State and Local government representatives have been open and responsive to matters raised and this has allowed the BACACG to be both constructive and productive.

Finally, I would like to thank the BAC CEO and MD, Juliane Alroe, the Board and the BAC Senior Management Team for their ongoing support and encouragement to the BACACG over the past twelve months.

Chairman’s Message

Major General P Arnison AC, CVO (Retd)
Chair BACACG
Members of the BACACG

In 2013 the BACACG comprised –

- Six Independent Community Members
- One State Government Member
- One Independent Chair
- Two Commonwealth Government Members
- Two Virgin Australia Members
- Two Qantas Airlines Members
- Two BAC Members
- Two Airservices Australia Members
- One Brisbane City Council Member

BACACG is made up of 17 people working together to achieve positive outcomes.
Purpose

The Brisbane Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (BACACG) is an independently-chaired forum to promote informed and responsive community engagement between Brisbane Airport, the aviation industry, government agencies and surrounding communities on issues relating to aircraft and ancillary operations.

Community

Brisbane Airport is committed to building and sustaining quality relationships with its wider community. The BACACG is a forum to engage and share information and updates on important community issues of interest.

The success of the BACACG can be attributed to the ongoing dedication and support of the Chair, the Community Members and also industry and government representatives.
Achievements

Runway System Demand Management

Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) has been developing strategies to manage increasing demand on the current runway system. To assist Airservices Australia to better manage departure queues, BAC and Airservices Australia proposed a revision to current Noise Abatement Procedures in the form of a trial to allow Code C jet aircraft to depart from the Alpha 3 Taxiway towards the south.

Following a technical briefing, the BACACG supported this trial that commenced in November 2013. Following a submission, the Pinkenba Neighbourhood Committee was also briefed on the trial. BAC will report the results of the trial to BACACG during 2014.

Noise Strategy

Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC, AFC (ret’d), the Chair Airservices Australia, attended the July BACACG meeting and discussed Airservices Australia’s Noise Strategy. Air Chief Marshal Houston considered current actions being implemented to be world’s best practice with an underlying commitment to continuous improvement and engagement with industry, airports and with the community.

Environmental Monitoring Units

BACACG’s Community Members provided input on the potential locations for Environmental Monitoring Units (EMU). These sites are currently being investigated by Airservices Australia.

Remembrance Day

The BACACG also supported a fundraising initiative for the RSL Toombul Sub-Branch on the Skywalk at the Domestic Terminal in the lead up to Remembrance Day.

Future

In 2014 the BACACG will continue to operate as a forum for Community Members to raise and highlight issues and encourage informed decision making. The success of the BACACG can be attributed to the ongoing dedication and support of the Chair, the Community Members and also industry and government representatives.
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