

SUMMARY RECORD

Meeting 01/2024, 4 March 2024

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Opening Remarks and welcome from Chair

The Chair, Ms Sally Sitou MP, opened the meeting and welcomed Alan Dukes as the new Community Representative for the East.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Previous Meeting Action Items

Mr David McMahon, representing the SACF Secretariat, noted all action items have been closed with the action items log attached.

Mr John Clarke, Community Representative for the North, suggested SACF should have made a whole-of-forum submission to the Aviation Green Paper and in lieu of this requested that his submission to the Green Paper be endorsed by SACF.

Ms Sitou noted that community representatives could make submissions to aviation consultation processes, however that was not a role for the forum to undertake.

Mr Clarke responded that SACF traditionally had made submissions to a range of consultation processes. He stated that in the past this was achieved through consultant's assistance or the previous Chair's electoral office.

Mr Scott Small, representing the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the department) noted the current SACF Terms of Reference do not provide for the department or Chair's office to provide this support, however individual members or SACF sub-committees are welcome to prepare submissions.

Mr Kevin Hill, Community Representative for the South, echoed Mr Clarke's view that SACF previously made whole-of-forum submissions with the assistance of the aviation community advocate.

Ms Maria Patrinos, Community Representative for the West, noted that in the past much of the work to prepare a submission was undertaken by the community representatives with some support provided by the Secretariat.

Mr Ted Plummer, representing Sydney Airport, stated that he did not consider it appropriate to retrospectively endorse Mr Clarke's submission to the Aviation Green Paper as Sydney Airport was not consulted on it.

Ms Sitou proposed that the topic of SACF roles and responsibilities be placed on the agenda for the next SACF meeting. Mr Clarke offered to provide the Chair with some information to assist with this future discussion.

1/2024-1: SACF roles and responsibilities to be discussed at next SACF meeting (including submissions on behalf of SACF).

1/2024-2: Mr John Clarke to provide information to the Chair to assist in discussions about the roles and responsibilities of SACF.



AGENDA ITEM 3 - Departmental Update

Mr Small provided an update on:

- Sydney Airport Curfew exceptional circumstances freight dispensation revocation;
- reforms to the Sydney Airport Demand Management (SADM) Framework;
- Western Sydney International Airport flight paths; and
- The Aviation White Paper.

Mr Clarke noted the Minister's media release about the SADM reforms was not circulated to members. The SACF Secretariat noted this was available on the Minister's website and undertook to circulate relevant media releases from the Minister. Mr Clarke noted that there were only few occasions each year for Sydney Airport to operate 80 movements per hour and expressed concern that the recovery period reform is trying to solve a problem that does not exist.

1/2024-3: Secretariat to circulate Minister King's media release from 21 February announcing SADM reforms, and the Secretariat will forward on future media releases from the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government relating to Sydney Airport and aviation matters.

Ms Patrinos asked if each submission to the Western Sydney International draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will receive a direct response or if submissions will be addressed in the final EIS.

Mr Small stated the Secretariat will confirm how submissions will be addressed.

Ms Patrinos noted the Western Sydney community is concerned that the effect of the proposed WSI flight path design is to concentrate flight paths. She believes this would collapse multiple flight paths into singular flight paths, creating corridors of noise over specific areas.

1/2024-4: Secretariat to confirm how the department will respond to submissions to the Western Sydney International draft Environmental Impact Statement.

1/2024-5: Secretariat to provide Ms Patrinos' feedback to the WSI team regarding her beliefs that the WSI flight path design may concentrate aircraft noise.

Ms Sitou read a question from the meeting online chat asking how the recovery period in the SADM reforms would be distinguished from a Curfew dispensation.

Mr Small responded that the recovery period will not operate during the Curfew period, and further detail will be worked through during the consultation process.

Mr Alan Dukes, Community Representative for the East supported Mr Clarke's comments in regard to the recovery period reform and asked who would be responsible for the initiation of the recovery period, how the public would be alerted to the initiation of a recovery period, who would monitor the movements during it and does the recovery period reform require a change in legislation.

Mr Small replied there would be legislation change and this will be drafted following a consultation period. Recovery period operations have yet to be worked through and will be decided following the consultation period.



Mr Clarke referred to action item 5 and 6 of the previous meeting stating he had not yet received a response from the Western Sydney Airport team and asked if the Secretariat could approach the Western Sydney team for response.

1/2024-6: Secretariat to seek a response from the Western Sydney Airport team to Mr John Clarke's request from the previous meeting asking for information regarding Penetration Gate Plots and proposed changes to Sydney flight paths.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - Sydney Airport Update

Mr Ted Plummer, representing Sydney Airport, provided an update about Sydney Airport operations (a copy of the slides presented by Sydney Airport is attached).

Mr Plummer's presentation covered:

- Sydney Airport traffic performance update;
- South-East sector project;
- Curfew runway works update;
- Sydney Gateway and Deborah Lawrie Flyover;
- other matters relating to Cooks Cove and rezoning a former sand mine.

Mr Hill queried that since Curfew freight flights have returned to only the BAe-146 aircraft, is it possible for aircraft to depart from the Northern end of the main runway to overfly any workers undergoing runway works, given the BAe-146 is a safer aircraft.

Mr Plummer responded that they do not want any aircraft overflying workers for safety reasons. Mr Plummer added that the main runway will always be used during Curfew unless maintenance works are happening on the runway or adjacent to it.

Mr Hill asked whether the safety report (known as a safety case) was available for distribution.

Mr Plummer stated that he would check if it can be distributed.

1/2024-7: Sydney Airport to confirm if they can distribute the safety case regarding maintenance works during the curfew.

Mr Dukes noted that the cross runway is available for severe weather events and noted it should also be made available for noise sharing under the legislative requirements of LTOP. Mr Dukes noted that multiple individuals have contacted representatives regarding prolonged noise exposure. In relation to the use of 13L/34R overnight. Mr Dukes proposed timing the runway works differently given traffic demands. Mr Plummer stated that he would follow up on the timing of runway works separately with Mr Dukes.



AGENDA ITEM 5 - Airservices Australia - Presentation and Questions

Mr Timothy Gill, representing Airservices, provided an update about operations relating to Sydney Airport (a copy of the slides presented by Airservices is attached).

Mr Gill's presentation covered:

- air traffic movements in Sydney;
- noise monitors;
- NCIS update;
- IMC update;
- useful links; and
- matters raised on behalf of Hunters Hill.

Ms Patrinos articulated that she believes the *Aircraft in your neighbourhood* webpage on the Airservices website is difficult to reach unless someone has a direct link. Ms Patrinos speculated that excess complaints could be caused from aircraft turning at a lower level than they had previously.

Mr Gill demonstrated how to use the *Aircraft in your neighbourhood* webpage. He then conveyed that the number of contacts being made to Airservices remains similar to 2019, however the number of complaints regarding the standard flight paths has increased.

Mr Tony Williams, representing the Federal Member for North Sydney, asked at the meeting that a document he prepared describing an increase in Air traffic over Hunters Hill for the last 6 months of 2023 be circulated. The Secretariat noted this could not be done prior to the meeting as it was received after meeting documents had been provided to members. Mr Williams correspondence will be included with other correspondence received prior to the next meeting. Mr Williams provided a readout of monthly numbers of flights operating over the Hunters Hill area between June and December 2024.

Mr Gill replied that seasonal variations drive the changes in Air Traffic and that the Implementation and Monitoring Committee is the best place to look at these concerns.

Mr Dukes stated noise sharing modes are limited to simultaneous opposite direction parallel runway operations (SODPROPS) and that there does not seem to be any use of the crossing runway modes (07/25) in the last couple of years. Mr Dukes asked if it is possible for a noise monitoring station to be installed in the La Perouse area to dispel or prove that residents are being exposed to an excessive amount of noise. Mr Dukes added he would like to see a post-implementation review of the Kevin Seven standard instrument departure route (SID) to see whether the flight path made a measurable difference. Mr Dukes asked for Airservices to supply raw data which would assist in dispelling distrust some SACF members have with Airservices data.

Mr Gill explained that the performance of LTOP targets can be seen on the *Aircraft in your Neighbourhood* webpage. Mr Gill noted that there had been an improvement in that Aircraft are further away from La Perouse and as such a noise monitor being placed in the area would not be appropriate. Mr Gill noted that generally, post-implementation reviews occur within 12-18 months. Mr Gill stated that raw data cannot be distributed by members of the community without the technical knowledge.



Mr Dukes conveyed his concern over the lack of use of noise sharing modes 5, 7 and 14A and some anomalies on the noise sharing configuration statistics on the "Aircraft in your Neighbourhood" webpage.

1/2024-8: Mr Alan Dukes to write letter to the Chair requesting data from Airservices.

Mr Alexi Cassis, representing the Federal Member for Kingsford-Smith, clarified if helicopter noise is complained about using the same method as for other aircraft through Airservices.

Mr Gill confirmed that helicopter noise complaints do occur through the same method as for other aircraft through Airservices.

Ms Sitou read text from the meeting online chat which asked, "If there is no legislated maximum noise exposure standard, what is the role of the noise monitors? Has the reduced use of the cross-runway affected the ability to adhere to LTOP?"

Mr Gill stated there is noise monitoring information on the Airservices website. Noise monitoring is used to validate flightpath changes and there is legislation to do noise monitoring around the leased airports, including Sydney.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - Community Representatives - Report by theme on issues raised

Mr Clarke expressed that it would be appropriate for SACF to make a whole-of-forum submission to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee Inquiry on the impact and mitigation of aircraft noise and asked that some consultative assistance be provided and a subcommittee be put together for a submission.

Mr Small noted that whilst this might have occurred under previously constituted SACF, the current Terms of Reference for do not provide for the department prepare submissions on behalf of the forum, nor fund a consultant.

Mr Clarke asked the Chair write to the Minister to ensure Mr Hill is not left responsible for any outstanding legal costs regarding his Curfew freight dispensation Federal Court case and that the Government covers any outstanding costs not covered by the Court.

1/2024-9: Chair to write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government noting Mr Clarke's request for the Government to cover Kevin Hill's outstanding legal fees not covered by the Federal Court.

Mr Clarke raised an email sent by Mr Hill on 21 February 2023 in which an adoption of the agenda and confirmation of the draft summary record were asked to be included in the agenda as well as the distribution of correspondence by the Secretariat.

Mr Small, on behalf of the Secretariat, responded that the vast majority of correspondence has been circulated and that the draft summary record was circulated to all members following the last meeting and prior to being placed on the website.

Mr Clarke noted that it would be normal business practice to have an acceptance of the minutes as often members do not know what changes have been made to the minutes. A running action items log would allow for tracking of actions as not all actions are completed from one meeting to another.



Ms Patrinos asked that on the previous meeting summary record she be noted as an apology and also listed as a Community Representative. Ms Patrinos asked that her concerns on behalf of a resident of Dulwich Hill be referred to the IMC and Mr Gill agreed to add it to the IMC agenda.

1/2024-10: Secretariat to correct the November meeting summary record to note Ms Patrinos as an apology and to have her listed as a Community Representative.

Ms Sitou asked the Secretariat to respond to Mr Clarke's administrative suggestions as to what changes can or cannot be adopted.

1/2024-11: Secretariat to prepare updated meeting procedures for consideration by the Chair.

1/2024-12: Secretariat to communicate a cut-off date for receiving correspondence for distribution to members before SACF meetings.

Ms Patrinos questioned what is the cut-off for receiving correspondence from members for distribution by the Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Other Business

Mr Williams read a statement on behalf of the Member for North Sydney and asked that the supporting material be circulated. The statement sought that the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government consult with the Ministers for Health and Environment. The objective is for each Minister to appoint an appropriate person to consider research and report to the Government recommendations regarding the health impacts of aircraft noise.

1/2024-13: Secretariat to circulate Mr Williams' proposed document on behalf of the Member of North Sydney to allow the Chair to decide if the request is actioned.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - Close and Notification of Next Meeting

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting ended at 17:20.

The next meeting will occur in June with the date and time to be advised.



Action Items

Items	·	Timeframe	Responsible	Status
1	SACF roles and responsibilities to be discussed at next SACF meeting (including submissions on behalf of SACF).	June SACF meeting	Secretariat	Open
2	Mr John Clarke to provide information to the Chair to assist in discussions about the roles and responsibilities of SACF.	Before June SACF meeting	Mr John Clarke	Open
3	Secretariat to circulate Minister King's media release from 21 February announcing SADM reforms, and the Secretariat will forward on future Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister media releases relating to Sydney Airport and aviation matters.	14 March 2024	Secretariat	Closed
4	Secretariat to confirm how the department will respond to submissions to the Western Sydney International draft Environmental Impact Statement.	14 March 2024	Secretariat	Closed
5	Secretariat to provide Ms Patrinos' feedback to the WSI team regarding her beliefs that the WSI flight path design may concentrate aircraft noise.	12 April 2024	Secretariat	Closed
6	Secretariat to seek a response from the Western Sydney Airport team to Mr John Clarke's request from the previous meeting asking for information regarding Penetration Gate Plots and proposed changes to Sydney flight paths.	25 March 2024	The department	Closed
7	Sydney Airport to confirm if they can distribute the safety case regarding maintenance works during the curfew.	5 April 2024	Sydney Airport	Open
8	Mr Alan Dukes to write letter to the Chair requesting data from Airservices.		Mr Alan Dukes	Open
9	Chair to write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government noting Mr Clarke's request for the Government to cover Kevin Hill's outstanding legal fees not covered by the Federal Court.	Prior to the June SACF meeting	Chair	Closed
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SACF Meeting 01/2024 – 4 March 2024

Members

Name	Representing	
Sally Sitou MP	Chair, Federal Member for Reid	
John Clarke	Representing Community Representative for the North	
Alan Dukes	Community Representative for the East	
Kevin Hill	Community Representative for the South	
Maria Patrinos	Community Representative for the West	
Tony Williams	Nominee representing the Federal Member for North Sydney	
Alexi Cassis	Nominee representing the Federal Member for Kingsford Smith	
Tim Murray	Nominee representing the Federal Member for Grayndler	
Toni O-Laughlin	Nominee representing the Federal Member for Sydney	
Jon Stewart	Nominee representing the Federal Member for Bradfield	
Kendall Banfield	Nominee for Mayor Darcy Byrne (Inner West Council)	
Kerry Kyriacou	Representative for Randwick Council (Local)	
Ted Plummer Ken Allcott Joe Dennis	Nominees representing Sydney Airport	

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Megan Thomas	Acting Assistant Secretary, Airports Branch	
Scott Small	Director, South, West ACT and NSW Airports and Noise Section	
David McMahon Kate Gray Rafae Jafri	Secretariat	

Observers and Guest Presenters

Name	Representing	Capacity
Timothy Gill	Airservices Australia	Presenter
Russell McArthur	Airservices Australia	Observer
Belinda Fenner	Australian Noise Ombudsman	Observer
Duncan Mccomb	The Holt Estate 1861	Observer
Tony Adamski	Blue Mountains Community	Observer

Apologies

Name	Representing	
Stephen Pearse	Board of Airline Representatives of Australia	
Bob Hayes	Community Representative for the North	

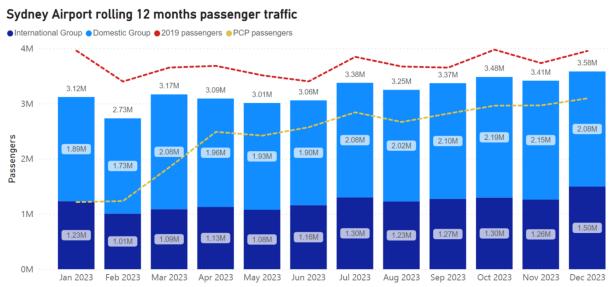
Sydney Airport Community Forum

Sydney Airport Update



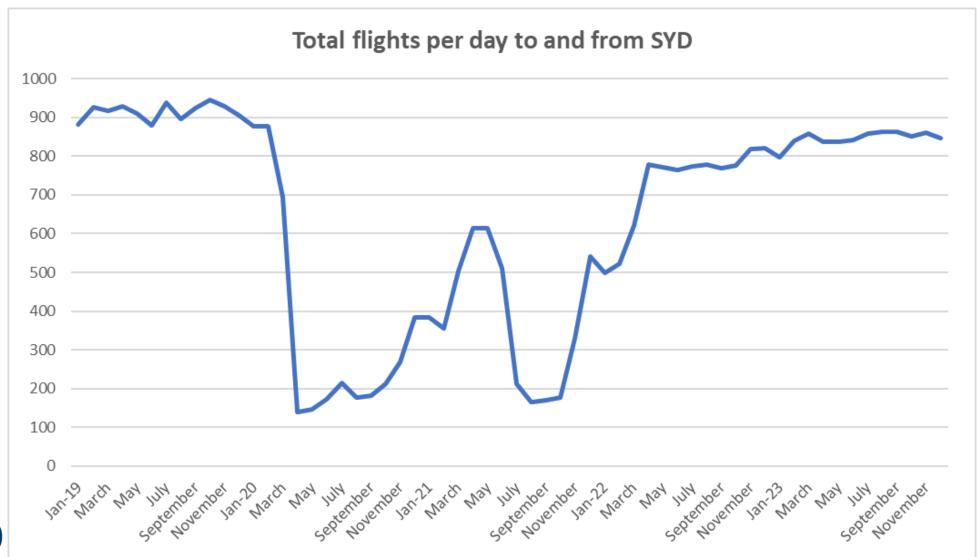
SYD traffic performance update

- Sydney Airport closed out 2023 with its strongest monthly passenger traffic since 2019, with 3.58 million passengers passing through
 the terminals in December 2023. This represents a 15.8% increase on passenger traffic in December 2022 and a 90.9% recovery
 compared to December 2019.
- T1 saw 1.5 million passengers pass through in December 2023, a 29.4% increase on December 2023 and a 93.3% recovery rate on December 2019. Total passenger numbers for 2023 were 38 million, just 13% below the 44.4 million passengers in pre-COVID 2019.
- Operationally, the airport performed strongly over the December school holiday peak period with 100% of domestic passengers and 99.3% of international passengers passing through security in < 10-minutes.
- China recovery continued to be one of the strongest of any international airport globally with nine airlines flying 89 return services a
 week to mainland China.





Change in number of flights

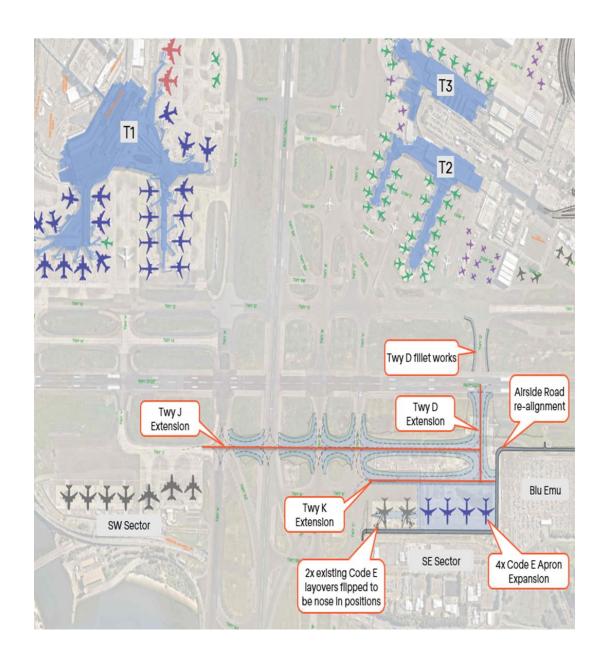




South-east sector project update

- The \$169 million Project which is included in Sydney Airport's Master Plan 2039 – involves:
 - ➤ Construction of six new code E/F aircraft parking bays in the South-east sector near the Air Traffic Control Tower and Blu Emu Carpark. These will be used by larger aircraft like the A380, A350 and B777.
 - ➤ Construction of two new taxiways Taxiway Juliet and Taxilane Kilo and the extension of the existing Taxiway Delta to connect with the new bays.
 - > Airside road realignment.
- Approved in 2019, construction started in 2020 but was put on hold due to COVID.
- 14-week period during which east-west runway was unavailable change in the number of flights using flight paths to or from the two parallel north-south runways.













Presentation Name 6

Curfew dispensation update

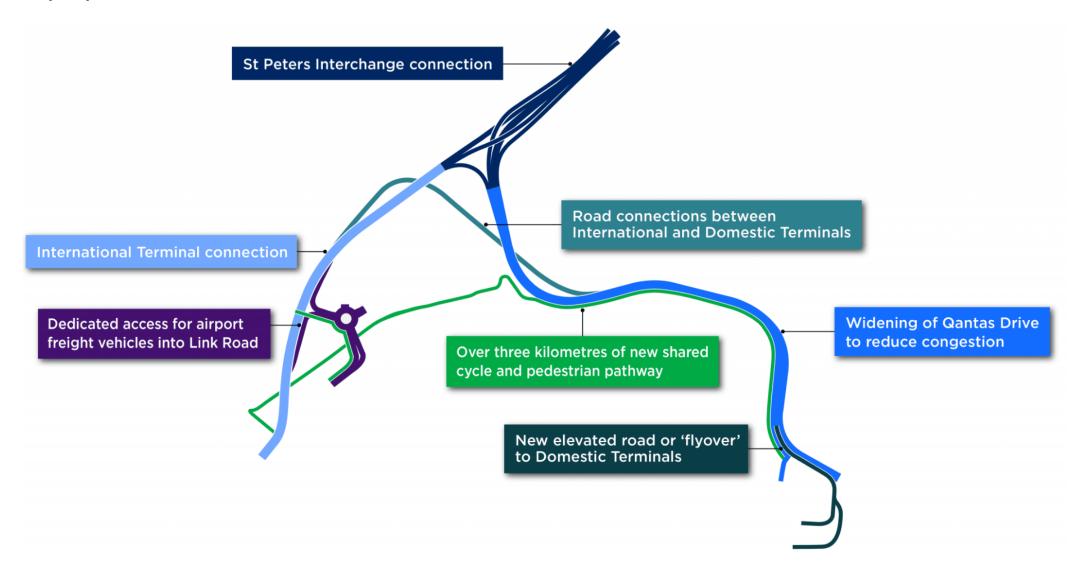
 Due to the proximity of the project worksite to the main north-south runway, the use of that runway is at times unavoidably affected between 11pm and 6am. This is to ensure the safety of workers on the site and aircraft.

- The limited number of overnight freight flights allowed to operate during the curfew and Air Ambulance aircraft instead need to land on and take-off from the parallel north-south runway. They will take off to and land from the south over Botany Bay.
- This was approved by the Australian Government in a curfew dispensation issued under the Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995 on 22 December 2023.
- We expect the runway will be used for up to 38 nights from 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024.
- Essential maintenance work on the main north-south runway is also being undertaken on these nights. This includes airfield ground lighting upgrade projects, rubber removal and asphalt surface maintenance and repair (including line marking). This work can only be undertaken during the curfew.
- We expect that, from 1 April 2024, the number of nights when the parallel north-south runway will need to be used between 11pm and 6am will drop to around 12 every three month period for the foreseeable future.



Presentation Name 7

Sydney Gateway update



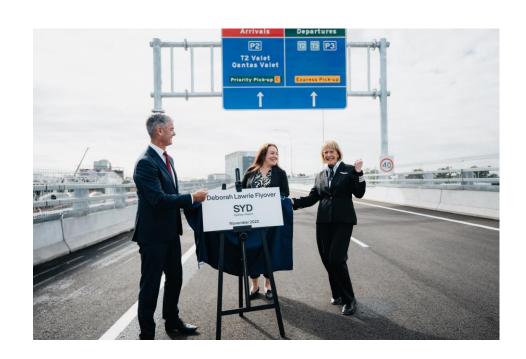


Deborah Lawrie Flyover

- The new elevated flyover into Sydney Airport's T2/T3 domestic terminal precinct has been named after Australia's first female commercial airline pilot – Deborah Lawrie.
- Deborah Lawrie AM had to fight for her wings, winning Australia's first High Court sex discrimination case in 1979 against Ansett Airlines. She still flies for Virgin Australia.
- This was an important catalyst for change across the country to give women equal rights and opportunities in the workplace.
- The road sits above Sir Reginald Ansett Drive.





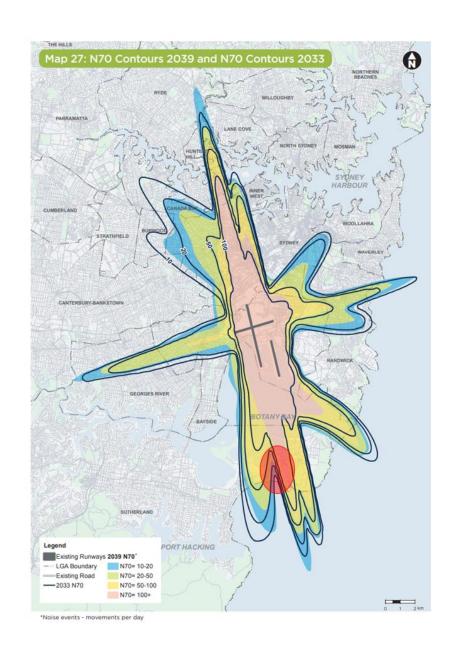




Other matters

- · Cooks Cove update
- A planning proposal has been lodged with the Sutherland Shire Council to rezone a 210.5 ha. former sand mine on the Kurnell Peninsula to allow a new suburb to be developed with the following permissible land uses:
 - ➤ 4,333 residential dwellings and a further 750 dwellings for seniors in buildings ranging from 2 to 12 storeys
 - ➤ Hotels with up to 587 rooms
- The site has been subject to numerous such proposals over the last 20-years, all of which have been either rejected or withdrawn. In part, this has been because of concerns that future residents would be living in a 24/7 high aircraft noise corridor.
- If approved, 4,333 new residential dwellings would be constructed and 750 aged care dwellings provided over the next 20-years. Based on the number of people per dwelling elsewhere in the Sutherland Shire local government area and at nearby Kurnell, up to 13,000 people will be living in the new suburb with potentially another 1,500 people living in the aged care facility.





Thank you.





Airservices Update Sydney Airport Community Forum SACF

Talking Points

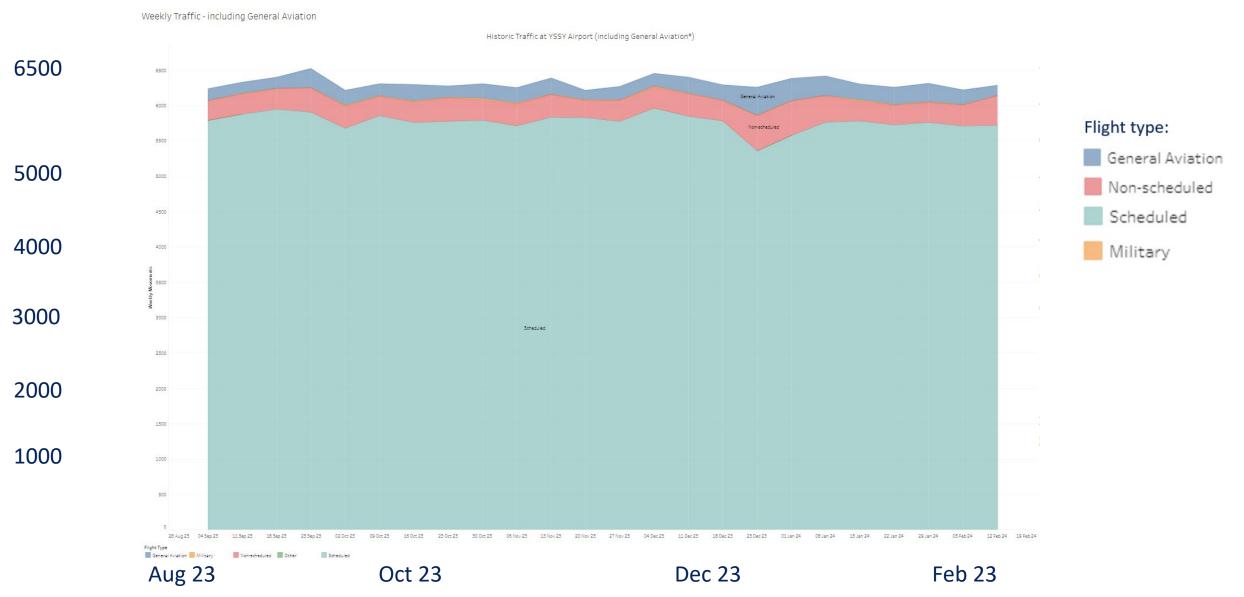
airservices

- Air traffic movements Sydney Airport
- Noise monitors and WebTrak
- Noise Complaints and Information Service (NCIS) summary
- Questions



AIR TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS (Monthly)

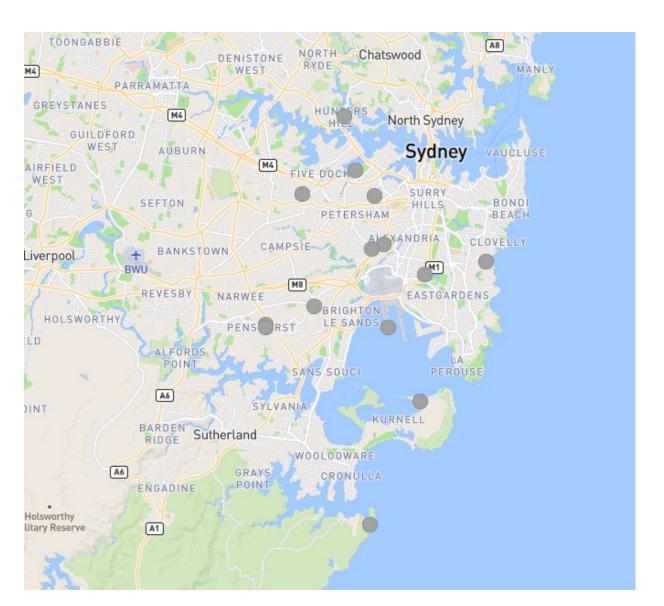






NOISE MONITORS

- All NMTs missed 1hr on 1st October due to daylight savings
- Sydney #50 missed 1hr 1st October due to being offline
- Hunters Hill missed 4hr on 6th October due to full CF card. CF Card purged and operation restored on 6th Oct
- Coogee missed 4hr on 5th November due to a power outage
- Sydney #36 missed 47hr on 22nd and 25th November due to process being frozen
- Sydney #50 missed 1hr on 1st January due to setup changes





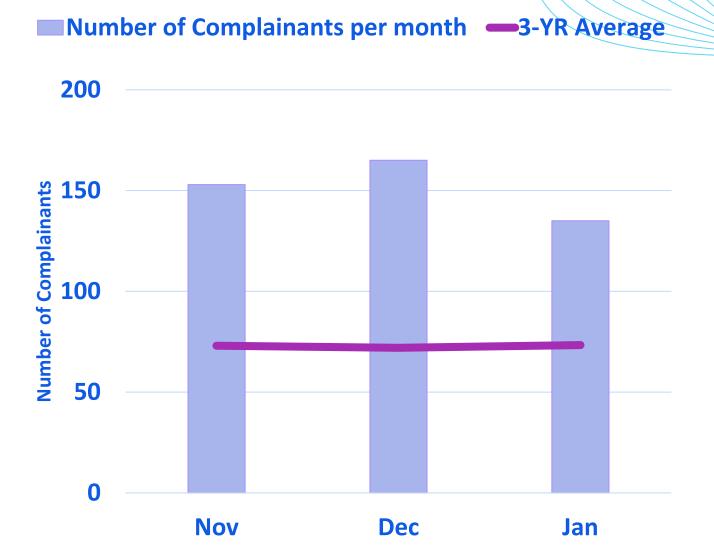
NCIS UPDATE November 2023 – January 2024

Complainants

- 386 individual complainants
 - 1305 contacts
 - 236 new complainants

Suburb

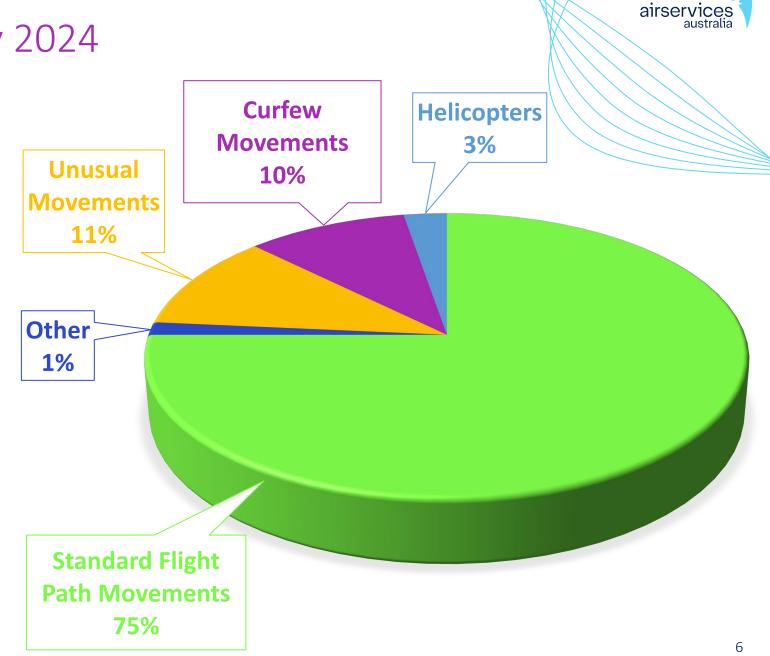
- 134 Suburbs recorded a complainant
 - Kurnell 46
 - Bella Vista, Newtown, Petersham
 20 each
- 70 suburbs recorded a single complainant



NCIS UPDATE November 2023 – January 2024

Issues

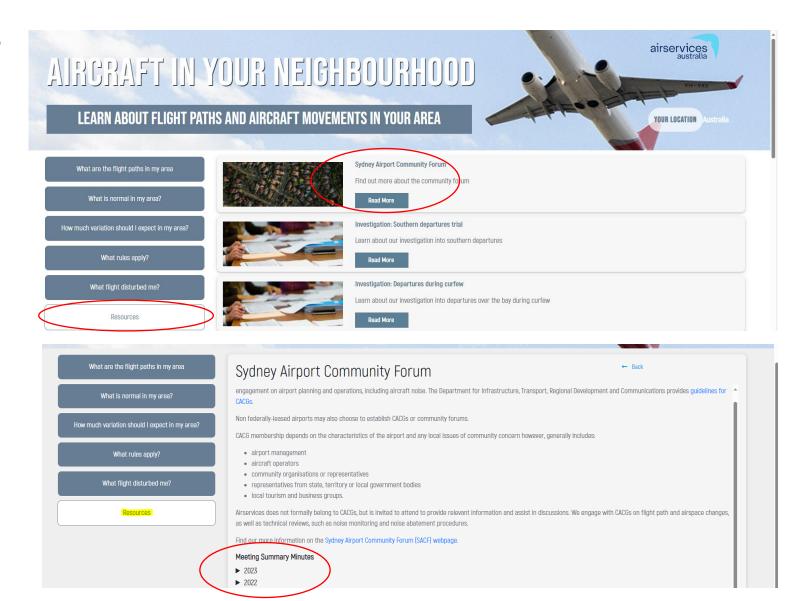
- Standard flight path movements
 - Runway 34L departures 109
 - Runway 16L arrivals 59
 - Runway 16R arrivals 54
 - multiple runway directions 29
 - Runway 34R departures 22
 - Runway 16R departures 11
- Unusual movements
 - weather diversions 41
 - radar departures 3
 - traffic management 1
- Curfew movements
 - runway closure 18
 - dispensation 12
 - permitted movements 6
 - emergency services –4





Implementation Monitoring Committee Update

 Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC) Minutes in the future will be hosted on Aircraft in Your Neighbourhood





Useful links

Organisation	Document	Link
Airservices	Aircraft in Your Neighbourhood	AsA National Insightfull (airservicesaustralia.com)
Sydney Airport Community Forum	SACF Minutes	Meeting summaries Sydney Airport Community Forum (infrastructure.gov.au) https://aircraftnoise.airservicesaustralia.com/2020/04/30/webtrak-my-neighbourhood/
Airservices	WebTrak	WebTrak My Neighbourhood – Sydney WebTrak (emsbk.com) Access information about how to use WebTrak My Neighbourhood, including a downloadable guide
Sydney Airport Community Forum	SACF Minutes	Meeting summaries Sydney Airport Community Forum (infrastructure.gov.au) https://aircraftnoise.airservicesaustralia.com/2020/04/30/webtrak-my-neighbourhood/
Airservices	Implementation and Monitoring Committee Minutes	https://aircraftnoise.airservicesaustralia.com/2020/05/22/sydney-airport-community-forum/
Airservices	What rules apply to Sydney Airport	https://aircraftnoise.airservicesaustralia.com/?category_name_from_single=what-is- normal-in-my-area
Airservices	Typical FAQs	Typical FAQs – AsA National Insightfull (airservicesaustralia.com)



Matters raised on behalf of Hunter Hill

Aircraft numbers have increased since the end of COVID and are now similar to pre-COVID levels. The flight paths that are in the vicinity of Hunters Hill have been in use for many years, with no amendments

Historically there is often greater use of R16 R/L in the warmer months due to weather conditions. (can provide link to Sydney Operational Statistics Report; https://aircraftnoise.airservicesaustralia.com/2020/04/30/sydney-airport-operational-statistics/#)

The east/west runway has been closed by the airport for works, due to be returned to service 24 February 2024

The east/west runway closure has seen increased use of the parallel runways as the east/west runway cannot be used for noise sharing. Generally, when in service, the east/west runway is used in non-peak times 6.00am – 7.00am, 11.00am – 3.00pm, 8.00pm – curfew but dependent on traffic numbers on the day

When back in service controllers and utilise modes that share noise, consistent with LTOP and when the weather and traffic levels are suitable

Frequency of flights - flights are scheduled by the airport and the airlines in response to consumer demand and are permitted to do so within the operating hours of the airport; will increase around holiday periods



THANK YOU