Camden Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group Meeting Minutes – Monday 17 November 2025 (recirculated draft)

1. Attendees

The Chair opened the meeting at 10am and gave an Acknowledgement of Country to the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Camden Airport CACG was meeting. The Chair paid respect to Elders past and present and extended that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the meeting.

Present	**Company/Organisation**
Deborah Palmer (DP)	Chair
Malia Corry	Minutes
Amanda Majarres	Aeria Management Group (AMG)
Peter Munro	AMG
Sarah Wills	AMG
Bradley Colling	Camden Council
Rose Koch	Camden Council
Charmaine Cooper	Camden Council
Timothy Gill	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Annette Dittmar	ASA
John Graham	ASA
William Reynolds	ASA
Cathy Hobson	Australian Air Force Cadets
Craig Marshall	Curtis Aviation
Jim Norrie	United Aero
Lachlan Hyde	Royal Aero Club of NSW
Dave Boulter	Southern Cross Gliding Club (representing all Camden Airport gliding clubs)
Mark Perich	Leppington Pastoral
Dean Pegg	Camden Resident
Carla Hill	Camden Resident
Richard Leemen	Camden Resident
Jill Leemen	Camden Resident
Rachael Atkinson	Camden Resident

2. Opening

- All attendees introduced themselves.
- The Chair ran through the Minutes of the previous meeting, noting the following actions arising:
    - Discussions with Council in relation to flight training at Camden Airport: AMG advised these discussions had taken place. Action Closed.
    - Ongoing engagement continues with Rachael Atkinson regarding opportunities to celebrate Camden Airport's history. AMG noted that recent discussions with Rachael have been very positive, including a proposed follow-up meeting after the CACG to progress the idea of installing a memorial plaque at the airport in recognition of its founding.
      In parallel, AMG has spoken with the office of Camden MP Sally Quinnell about a possible official "blue plaque" at the airport in celebration of its history. AMG was advised that the plaque program is currently not running but may resume at an unspecified date in the future.

3. Community member recruitment

- The Chair tabled a flyer to encourage community participation in the CACG, noting the importance of having a diverse group of community representatives. Members were asked to spread the word and encourage interested community members to consider joining the CACG. Anyone interested in becoming a CACG Member should contact the Chair at deborah@deborahpalmerconsulting.com.au.
- AMG emphasised the importance of community representation to better understand concerns and priorities and ensure a broad range of voices in meetings. The Chair acknowledged the valuable contribution of the current community representatives.

4. AMG presentations and updates

- AMG introduced its new General Manager Aviation Sarah Wills. Sarah is an experienced aviation and safety professional, with more than a decade of senior aviation leadership roles across the emergency and aeromedical services and airport logistics sectors – including at the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Wymap Group.
- Congratulations were extended to Australian Aviation Awards winners based at Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport.
- Collaboration between AMG and University of Sydney, with 42 students from across a range of disciplines working with AMG on proposals to transition airports to net zero
- AMG has launched "Aeria Safe", a new initiative to highlight the importance of safety systems and awareness at its airports.
- AMG reported on their Foreign Object Debris (FOD) walks that are designed to identify and remove debris on taxiways and runways. FOD can cause serious damage to aircraft and customers need to understand the importance of appropriately managing potential FOD.
- AMG reported ongoing concerns from residents about speeding on Aerodrome Road. Reminders have been issued to operators, and speed-attenuation measures may be introduced if the issue persists. A CACG member noted that the current 25 km/h limit may be contributing to non-compliance, as drivers tend to use their own discretion at such low speeds. The member suggested that a higher limit—such as 40 km/h, like school zones—may result in better compliance.
- Members noted that further measures may be required to address speeding, as reminders are unlikely to reach visitors. While not always popular, installing appropriate speed humps—similar to those used at school crossings—could help slow traffic. Increased police presence, particularly after hours, was also suggested as a potential deterrent. Another CACG member highlighted that speeding has been a recurring issue for decades and has resulted in road fatalities and collisions involving local wildlife, including deer, wombats, wallabies, kangaroos and possums.

- AMG thanked Members for their input and undertook to consider options and provide an update at the next meeting.
- AMG recently celebrated Airport Safety Week. Highlights included two presentations at the Bankstown Airport terminal: one by NSW Police Sergeant Ryan Edwards on counterterrorism and airport security; and one by Captain Richard de Crespigny AM, the lifesaving pilot of QF32, on leadership, teamwork and crisis management.
- AMG is proud to release its first Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) which includes commitments to increase engagement with Local Aboriginal Land Councils and Elders in the area and encourage First Nations' representation at CACG meetings.
- AMG provided an update on airport fuel provision. IOR Aviation has been appointed as the new on-airport operator and will shortly commence operations. AMG advised that there will be no disruption to fuel supply during the transition. Separately, work is nearing completion on the relocation of the airport fuel site. The relocation will potentially enable the development of a new hangar at the airport (subject to ongoing due diligence).
- At the April CACG meeting, AMG also noted that some airport infrastructure is approaching end of life. Upgrade works to improve the serviceability and reliability of the power supply commenced two weeks ago and are scheduled for completion on 5 December. No service disruptions are expected, with only minor impacts anticipated in common areas.
- AMG was pleased to participate in the Camden Community Cabinet, where representatives met with the NSW Minister for Roads and Regional Transport, Jenny Aitchison MP, and Sally Quinnell MP, Member for Camden. AMG took the opportunity to emphasise the important role Camden Airport plays in the region and to highlight the benefits of investing in flood mitigation works on Macquarie Grove Road. AMG noted they were pleased to raise this issue with the Minister, while also acknowledging the NSW Government's broader funding priorities for flood mitigation and recovery works across the state.
- AMG noted the impacts of Western Sydney International Airport (WSI) on operations at Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport. Facilitated changes to airspace and flight paths will be implemented from June 2026 and will have significant safety, operational and economic impacts on general aviation operators, particularly flight training schools at Bankstown Airport. AMG will continue to advocate for both airports, including a new flight corridor south of Bankstown Airport and a separate proposal for a new flight training aera, being prepared by AMG and UNSW Aviation.
- One member commended AMG for its efforts in working with the Australian Government to achieve the best possible airspace and flight path outcomes for operators.
- AMG noted CASA will host a hazard identification workshop on the proposed corridor on 24 November for all Bankstown and Camden airport operators – who are encouraged to attend and provide feedback.

5. Airservices Australia presentation and update

- Camden Airport aircraft movements between March and October 2025 remained stable.
- ASA reported that nine individuals made 10 complaints over the reporting period.
- Complainants were mostly from Cobbity, Grassmere and Harrington Park.
- Fixed wing circuit training was the subject of most complaints. ASA commented that Camden Airport's training circuit is set in line with international standards and operators are required to conform.
- Online noise reports were recently revamped and CACG Members are encouraged to review and provide feedback https://aircraftnoise.airservicesaustralia.com/.
- ASA provided a summary of its engagement in relation to the detailed design of WSI flight paths and airspace, which took place from July to September 2025. A report outlining the engagement undertaken and feedback received has been submitted to CASA.

- Engagement focused on in-person events, with more than 4000 people participating. Advertising took place over traditional and digital media.
- Aircraft noise was cited by community members as the top reason for attending engagement events.
- ASA said it had received a good response on noise monitoring, with many community members volunteering to have noise monitoring equipment installed on their properties.
- ASA will focus on assisting parliamentary offices and local councils to raise awareness about WSI and guide communities to where they can find more information and provide feedback.
- ASA reported that their engagement revealed that a lot of people did not understand Reciprocal Runways Operations (RRO). There will be a focus on improving community understanding of RRO ahead of implementation of the new flight paths next year. RRO is the nighttime runway mode that, weather permitting, allows aircraft to take off and land from the southwest and over less populated areas (e.g. Silverdale and Greendale), rather than more populated areas in the northeast. It was noted the RRO provide benefits to residents in Mulgoa and Wallacia.
- A CACG member commented that while Silverdale and Greendale may be less populated, more should be done to minimise nighttime aircraft noise. For example, aircraft could have a steeper departure trajectory at certain times. ASA responded that all efforts would be made to minimise noise and a post-implementation review, informed by noise monitoring data and community feedback, would be undertaken.
- A member asked if double glazing is being considered for impacted homes. ASA responded that noise insulation is an Australian Government responsibility and the policy is currently under development by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCSA). Residents eligible for the program would likely be contacted directly by DITRDCSA. AMG commented that it understood the program would not include the Macarthur region but that they have advocated for this inclusion. More information about the program can be found https://www.wsiflightpaths.gov.au/noise-insulation/.
- ASA is working with WSI on pre-implementation engagement, to raise community awareness about timing, flight schedules and airlines operating from the airport. The anticipated commencement date of airspace changes is 11 June 2026 but it is not yet known when the first passenger plane will operate from WSI. Please visit https://engage.airservicesaustralia.com/ for more information or visit the Aircraft Overflight Noise Tool.
- A member asked about the frequency of flights from WSI. AMG responded that three passenger airlines have reportedly signed on so far to operate at WSI and there would also be freight aircraft movements. A member noted that the lack of a curfew at WSI was an issue.
- ASA noted that it held an information session with operators at Bankstown Airport about WSI-related airspace and flight path changes. An industry engagement report was developed in August 2025, setting out ASA's response to the feedback provided. As a result of feedback, a slight change over Bankstown Airport airspace was made in October 2025. Industry engagement will continue through to mid-2026. Operators can also subscribe via the ASA website for project updates.
- ASA commented that the engagement with Camden Airport and Bankstown Airport operators had been positive and thanked AMG for its support in facilitating such engagement.

6. Craig Marshall – Curtis Aviation - operator presentation

- Curtis Aviation is a family-owned and operated business, established in Camden in 1993. The company offers a broad range of flight training, including recreational, private and commercial pilot licences, as well as specialised aerobatics training.
- Students come from the local community, across Australia and internationally, with graduates securing employment in a wide variety of aviation sectors and locations. Curtis Aviation trains approximately 50–60 students each year.
- The business employs 18 staff, including 12 flying instructors, all of whom are highly experienced and passionate about teaching people to fly.

- There is no minimum age to commence flying lesson, but you cannot fly solo until you are at least 15 years' old. Training costs vary depending on the licence type, with course fees ranging from $7000 to $100,000.
- A Recreational Pilot Licence can be obtained in 3-4 weeks, if training is full time.

7. Updates from local council and state and federal MPs

- Camden Council representatives advised that the Bringelly Village Precinct Plan is on public exhibition until 12 December 2025, with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure acting as the consent authority.
- Council confirmed that the Narellan Vision and Action Plan has been endorsed following an extensive consultation process. Council is commencing preliminary investigations, noting that future changes to zoning will be required to support the plan's implementation.
- Council is in the early stages of updating its Rural Lands Strategy, with further information to be shared as the work progresses.
- A member noted that new signage indicates the Macquarie Grove Bridge is scheduled for closure on 24 November 2025. Council committed to reporting back to the CACG as soon as possible with further information on the proposed closure. AMG subsequently provided information about the closure to Aerodrome Road residents.

8. Other attendee updates and general business

- Several members emphasised the importance of recognising and celebrating Camden Airport's history, including its connections to the township and original private owners. AMG advised that it is supportive of community-led initiatives, noting that long-term sustainability of any such measures will depend on the community taking ownership of opportunities. AMG remains open to considering any such proposals from community members. Camden Council noted that the next round of heritage grants may provide a suitable funding avenue.
- Hendon in London was referenced as an excellent example of an aviation museum, demonstrating how aviation heritage can be showcased in an engaging and educational way.
- A Member also discussed the potential to physically connect Camden Airport with the township, via the extension of the current walking path along the river. Such a link could help strengthen engagement between the community and the airport. The provision of a dedicated viewing area was also discussed.
- AMG reported that the airport's pilot-activated lighting system has been repaired and a technician is conducting further checks to ensure the system is functioning reliably.
- The Royal Aero Club of NSW will host a free BBQ lunch on 23 November 2025 at 11am, attended by the CEO and Chair of CASA. The event at the airport will celebrate the club being awarded Aero Club of the Year.

9. Next meeting

- Next meeting of the Camden Airport CACG to be held on Monday 16 March 2026.

10. Meeting close and morning tea.

- The Chair closed the meeting by thanking members for their contributions throughout the year. In response, one member remarked that they had never attended a meeting where they felt so warmly welcomed.

ACTION ITEMS

Item	Meeting arising	Action	Responsibility	Status
Heritage	April 2025	AMG open to ongoing conversations with resident Rachael Atkinson about celebrating the history of Camden Airport	AMG and Rachael Atkinson	An update was provided at the November 2025 meeting. Item remains open while discussions are ongoing.
Speed limits on Aerodrome Road	November 2025	AMG will consider the various speed mitigation measures discussed during the meeting and report progress at the next meeting.	AMG	Open
Macquarie Grove Bridge closure	November 2025	Council will report back to CACG with details on the upcoming temporary bridge closure.	Camden Council	Open
Noise Insulation Program	November 2025	AMG to provide CACG with an update on their efforts to advocate for the inclusion of Macarthur residents in the Noise Insultation Program for WSI.	AMG	Open