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Geographe Bay

Airport Advisory Committee Agenda

18 January 2018

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CITY OF BUSSELTON

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA – 18 JANUARY 2018

TO: THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

NOTICE is given that a meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee will be held in the Committee Room, Administration Building, Southern Drive, Busselton on Thursday, 18 January 2018, commencing at 11.00am.

The attendance of Committee Members is respectfully requested.

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15 January 2018

CITY OF BUSSELTON

AGENDA FOR THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2018

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5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Minutes of the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting held 25 December 2017**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting held 25 December 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Busselton-Margaret River Airport - Airport Update

SUBJECT INDEX:	Busselton-Margaret River Airport
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	Assets are well maintained and responsibly managed.
BUSINESS UNIT:	Commercial Services
ACTIVITY UNIT:	Commercial Services
REPORTING OFFICER:	Airport Operations Coordinator - David Russell Manager, Commercial Services - Jennifer May
AUTHORISING OFFICER:	Director, Community and Commercial Services - Naomi Searle
VOTING REQUIREMENT:	Simple Majority
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

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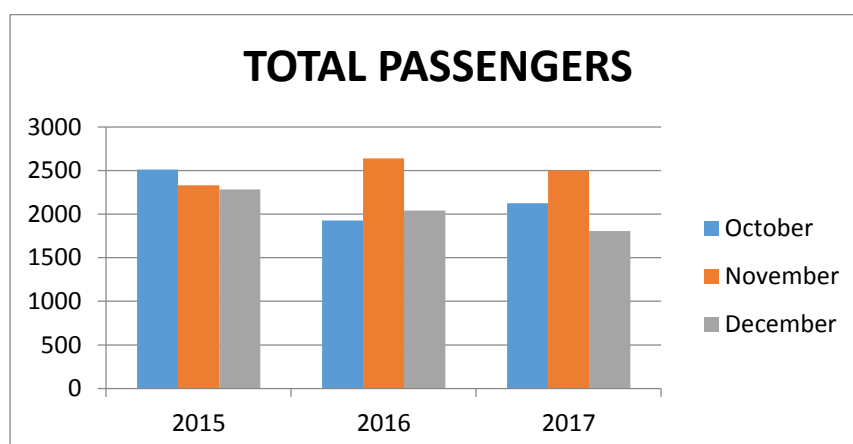
This report provides an overview on the Busselton-Margaret River Airport (BMRA) operations and activities for the reporting period 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017.

BACKGROUND

The BMRA has seen a decrease in the overall FIFO / charter passenger numbers compared to the same period for 2015/16, which can be attributed to the withdrawal of the Maroomba / Ad Astral services to the Karrara mine site in December 2015 and a reduction in private charter passengers from 2016 to 2017.

Below is a table indicating the number of total passengers travelling through BMRA for the reporting period of 1 October to 31 December for 2015, 2016 and 2017:

	Total Arriving & Departing Passengers		
	2015	2016	2017
October	2512	1925	2125
November	2331	2640	2501
December	2284	2039	1804
TOTAL	7127	6604	6430



The total number of departing FIFO services from BMRA is currently 10 flights per week.

A total of 1091 aircraft landings were recorded for the period October-December 2017, a decrease from the numbers reported for the same period in 2016 (1303) and 2015 (1431). This reduction in aircraft landing is attributed to fewer skydiving operations, the removal of a weekday courier service in April 2017 and the Maroomba / Ad-Astral service as noted above. Busselton Aero Club training flight and emergency services operations have also decreased for the same period, however flight movements have increased for adventure flight operations in 2017.

Car Park

Car park usage has remained steady with regards to car parking numbers and a very slight increase in revenue.

Over the weekend of 6 January 2018, the car park was broken into with damage to 3 vehicles including one (1) vehicle having all wheels removed and sustaining panel damage with others having spot lights removed.

City Officers have reported this to Police and officers are investigating the use of CCTV to monitor all vehicles entering and exiting the car park and terminal roads with preliminary investigations estimating the cost to be in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 range.

Runway Closure

The City approved the airside construction contractors Ertech to close the runway for a four (4) day period (11/01/2018 – 16/01/2018) to conduct 24 hour operations for the preparation to relocate to temporary runway south, enabling works to be completed on the northern section of the runway before final commissioning of the permanent runway on 1 March 2018. The closure did not affect scheduled services and has been the only closure associated with the Airport Development Project.

Comprehensive consultation with all airport users, stakeholders and emergency services has been conducted prior to this operation taking place.

Temporary runway south will see the existing apron and taxiway closed with a temporary code B taxiway extension constructed to allow BMRA hanger owners/tenants to use the runway while the current apron and taxiway are closed.

CASA Surveillance

CASA conducted a Level 1 aerodrome surveillance from 6 - 9 November 2017 during which time six (6) safety observations and 10 safety findings were reported. City officers have responded to CASA on rectifications and will report all findings to the Airport Safety Management Committee when completed.

The below table indicates the areas identified as having safety findings or observations. The surveillance scope is the extent and boundaries of the surveillance activity.

Scope item	Findings Issued
Data and Documents	1
Personnel Rostering	Nil
Personnel Standards	Nil
Maintenance Assurance	4
Maintenance System	1
Works Control	7
Safety Assurance	2
Safety Policy and Objectives	Nil
Safety Promotion	Nil
Safety Risk Management	Nil
Access Control System	Nil
Aerodrome Emergency Response	Nil
Equipment, Personnel and Aircraft Movement Control	1

AV8 Charity Event

The City has received a request from AV8 Charity Flight, the event organiser for the AV8 Charity Flight to raise funds for Variety WA, to waive the landing fees and passenger facilitation fees for an event to be held on 10 March 2018. The event comprises of two (2) F100 aircraft, with expected passenger numbers of 200 to fly down to Busselton and spend the day in the region. The fundraising proceeds go to the Variety Club of WA.

The estimated total waived fees, including landing fees, passenger fees and staff costs, is expected to be \$5,900 (excl GST) and as such requires Council endorsement. The City supported this event last year through the waiving of landing and passenger facilitation charges. Other sponsors for this event include Virgin Australia Regional Airlines (VARA) and Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association (MRBTA)

NMP NON-COMPLIANCE REPORTING

Under the Noise Management Plan (NMP) the City is required to submit its annual compliance report to the Office of Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) prior to 22 September 2018 for the reporting period of 23 June 2017 to 22 June 2018. For the period of 23 June 2017 to the current date there has been three non-conforming operations (all by the same operator) reported to the OEPA and one (1) out of an available twelve (12) CEO approved non-conforming activities (section 3.3.3 Approval for Non-Conforming Activity of the NMP) used for this reporting period.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The BMRA operates in accordance with the following: Aviation Transport Security Act 2004, Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005, CASA MOS 139, Council's Transport Security Plan and City policies and procedures.

RELEVANT PLANS AND POLICIES

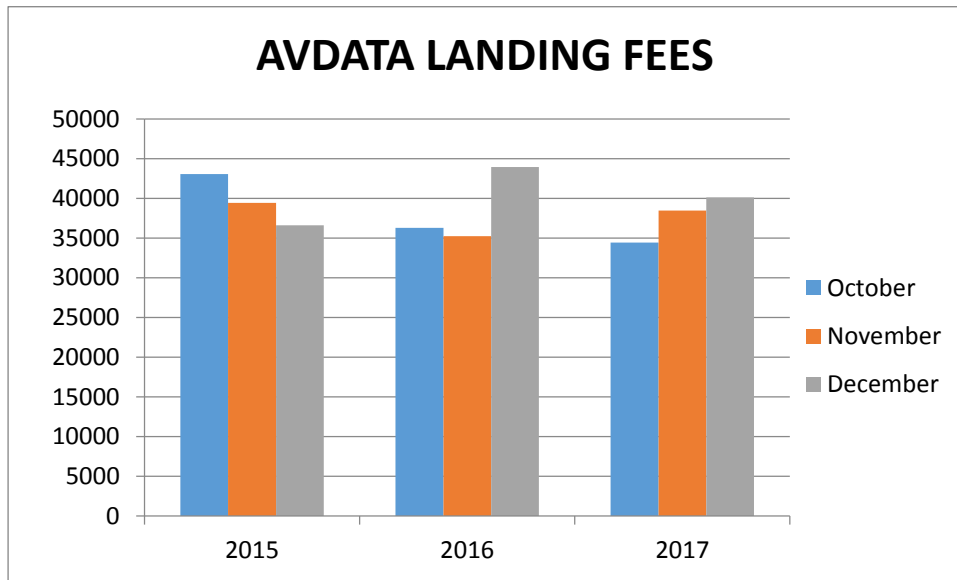
There are no policy implications with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Airport revenue for the 2017/2018 financial year to 31 December is \$441,719 compared to a projected year to date (YTD) budget of \$491,100.

The main reasons for revenue being less than expected is due to the City having not received payment of VARA’s December 2017 passenger fees estimated at \$20,000 and outstanding Avdata landing fee collection estimated at \$40,000. Car parking revenue is slightly higher than expected with an income of \$119,938 compared to the projected YTD budget of \$112,500.

The graph below shows the landing fees collected by Avdata for the reporting period October - December 2017 in comparison to the same period for 2015 and 2016, noting that AVDATA have invoiced operators for December 2017 landings but the City has not received these fees as noted above.



Airport expenditure for 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017 is \$373,457 compared to a projected YTD Budget amount of \$345,400. Expenditure at this time is higher than expected due to planned works for the site clearance and water tank relocation for the jet fuel facility having been performed earlier than expected. There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

Long-term Financial Plan Implications

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES

The BMRA is consistent with following the City of Busselton’s strategic Objectives:

Well Planned, Vibrant and Active Places:

- Infrastructure Assets that are well maintained and responsibly managed to provide for future generations;
- Connected City of Busselton Transport options that provide greater links within our district and increase capacity for community participation.

RISK ASSESSMENT

An assessment of the potential implications of implementing the officer recommendation has been undertaken using the City’s risk assessment framework. The assessment sought to identify ‘downside’ risks only rather than ‘upside’ risks and where the risk, following implementation of controls, has been identified as medium or greater. No such risks were identified.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with Department of Transport, South West Development Commission, Aviation Projects, Government agencies, Airport stakeholders, Office of Transport Security (OTS), Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), Virgin Australia Regional Airline, the Busselton Aero Club, Service Agencies, Albany, Esperance, Geraldton Airports and Australian Airports Association has been occurring on a regular basis concerning many topics and issues relating to the Airport.

OFFICER COMMENT

FIFO passenger numbers through the BMRA have remained steady with a reduction in Ad-hoc charter passengers compared to the same period last year. Officers expect FIFO passenger numbers to remain in line or above budgeted forecasts for the remainder of the financial year.

The October - December period has seen operational improvements, maintenance, scheduled inspections and staff training taking place including:

- Relocation of the water tanks for filling water bombing aircraft to make way for the Jet A1 fuel facility which will be operational in February 2018;
- Installation and replacement of boundary security signage;
- Arum Lilly eradication program;
- Rectification of CASA surveillance findings; and
- AAA Training webinars on NOTAM awareness and Aerodrome pavement design.

CONCLUSION

With airside and landside works well underway, the importance of maintaining a compliant aerodrome has been the utmost priority of the last quarter. The Airport Team continues to work with the Project Team for the upcoming completion of airside works and the challenges ahead this year.

As always officers will continue to provide a high level of customer service ensuring the airport is operating safely during this year and during the Airport Development Project.

OPTIONS

The Airport Advisory Committee chooses not to accept the Officers report.

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council;

1. Receives and notes the Airport operations update report.
2. Endorses the waiving of landing fees, passenger facilitation fees and staff costs for the AV8 Charity Flight to be held on 10 March 2018 to raise funds for Variety Club of WA for 2 x F100 aircraft and estimated 200 passengers to the value of \$5,900 (excl GST).

7. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

The reports listed below are of a confidential nature, in accordance with section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995. These reports have been provided to Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer and Directors only.

RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting is closed to members of the public to discuss the following items which are confidential for the reasons as shown.

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