



TAS RAPAC
Meeting: 2009-1
 Date: 29 January 2009
 Time: 1300hrs
 Venue: Level 1 Conference Room
 (Arrivals end of the terminal building)
 Launceston Airport
Meeting Minutes

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1. Opening – 1305hrs		
Chairperson opened the meeting.		
2. Apologies		
Michael White – CASA Graham Fraser – AsA Matthew Anderson – Exec Airlines Matthew Duncan – DoD	Kenneth Date – AsA Carol Durkin – GAPAN Leigh Horrsby – PVT John Morley	Alf Duczek – AsA Sam Merlo – Freycinet Air Ralph Schwertner – TASAIR Ed Jones
3. Acceptance of previous Minutes		
Discussion: RAPAC acceptance of the previous RAPAC minutes		
4. Correspondence		
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5. Business arising from previous minutes		
5.1. WAM Update		
<p>From Previous Minutes: The safety case required by CASA will be submitted shortly. When operational trials are completed and the system commissioned for operational use, consideration will be given to re-locating the transportable radar to facilitate the national radar upgrade project."</p> <p>Graeme Rogers explained that the TAS WAM equipment was moving towards commissioning however the timescale was still 'to be announced'.</p> <p>John Glass and Brett Gavin added that they hoped it would be operational by March 2009.</p> <p>Update at next RAPAC.</p>		
<p>Discussion: Flight testing commenced. Commissioning date unknown but target March 2009.</p>		
Actions: Update at next RAPAC	Responsible:	Due Date:
5.2. Frequency Management around Hobart City		
<p>From Previous Minutes: Graeme Rogers (GR) gave an update on the CTAF/CTAF(R) project. The report was completed in June 2008. Due to other delays the report is still not ready to be released. The CTAF issue is a very controversial issue but the report is likely to be released in 2 weeks. (<i>Secretarial note: the report is now available from the Office of Airspace Regulation website: www.casa.gov.au/oar/index.htm</i>)</p> <p>Graeme explained that the issue is on hold for the moment until the CTAF report has been released, discussed and processed.</p> <p>RAPAC wanted to know what the timeframe was and that the issue needed to be resolved to avoid incidents. Graeme assured the RAPAC that by the next RAPAC there should be a conclusion.</p> <p>Michael White (CASA) wanted the RAPAC to know that the Safety Advisor briefings now included popular topics such as OPS at NON-Towered Aerodromes and the concept of "Vicinity".</p> <p>Update next RAPAC.</p>		

<p>Discussion: GR informed RAPAC members that a final decision has not been made. CASA is assessing Industry input. No new CTAF(A)R in the foreseeable future. Information is available on the CASA website.</p> <p>John Glass expressed that industry would like the Hobart matter resolved. GR undertook to make Hobart resolution a priority.</p>		
<p>Conclusion: OAR to pursue the Hobart issue.</p>		
<p>Actions: Update at next RAPAC</p>	<p>Responsible:</p>	<p>Due Date:</p>
<p>5.3. Parks & Wildlife FNA draft</p>		
<p>From Previous Minutes:</p> <p><i>Graeme Rogers noted that the last RAPAC (2007) was in agreement for Tasmanian Parks & Wildlife to draft the FNA for Freycinet Area, and provide clarification on the Narawptu training area.</i></p> <p>Anni McCuaig, Manager Planning Services, Parks and Wildlife Service have requested that this agenda item remain open as they continue to work on the draft FNA.</p> <p>There was no representative of the Parks and Wildlife Service present and therefore there is no update.</p>		
<p>Discussion: Craig Plaisted (CP), Planning Officer from Parks & Wildlife Services presented a draft consultation for Fly Neighbourly Advice (FNA) for Freycinet National Park (see attached). Craig has liaised with local industry, local park representatives & CASA OAR.</p> <p>RAPAC members agreed to the proposal including the designated flight paths. GR suggested that Craig liaise to get a consensus for the recommended routes and discuss with OAR the preferred presentation format.</p>		
<p>Conclusion: RAPAC agreed on FNA and the implementation of recommended flight paths. Further comments or questions please contact Craig on (03) 6336 5375 or craig.plaisted@parks.tas.gov.au</p>		
<p>Actions: Submit Proposal to OAR</p>	<p>Responsible: Craig Plaisted</p>	<p>Due Date: End March 2009</p>
<p>5.4. RAPAC Attendance</p>		
<p>From Previous Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice of attendance beforehand would be useful to determine whether an onsite meeting is needed in future. - BOM offered their video conferencing facility at Hobart. - RAPAC review is underway as to how best to share information when attendance is limited. Depending on interest levels/ issues of significance it may be prudent to have one yearly combined HB and LT meeting. <p>All ideas welcome on solutions.</p>		
<p>Discussion: Thanks to all who contributed to the date and time format for upcoming TAS RAPAC discussion. The majority seemed to prefer the current daytime format and two meetings per year (HB & LT) so the current arrangements will continue.</p>		
<p>Conclusion: No change to meeting arrangements.</p>		
<p>Action: CLOSED</p>		

6. Notified Agenda Items

6.1. Launceston Issues

For Discussion:

David Swiggs from RFDS will discuss the following:

1. Confusion over the runway 14R and 32L GPS RNAV approach availability in IMC conditions,
2. Once again a significant reduction in Launceston Tower hours and also regular closures without any industry consultation,
3. Launceston VOR replacement why the delay?
4. Contingency plan for traffic management if ATC industrial action goes ahead,
5. TIBA operations, still seems to be confusion between Air Services Australia, CASA and operators in relation to certain aspects of operations within TIBA.

1. *It was noted that the chart updates from Airservices AIS and other aeronautical charts sometimes do not coincide.*

- *GR informed that the Airservices charts are the legal documents and AIS should be advised of any discrepancies.*

2. *GR outlined OAR's responsibilities for short & long term closures. There is an agreement in place to cater for short term operational changes but formal approval required for long term amendments.*

David Swiggs suggested the tower remains operational until at least 2300 local to accommodate PTO's.

John Kempton explained that staffing issues dictated the amended hours. An expected increase in staff in the future will permit a review of tower hours. He apologised for incomplete industry consultation.

John Glass stated that there are no guidelines from CASA for the ATCs to keep the tower open. GR responded that Airservices has a safety responsibility and should provide guidelines as necessary. John believes that the tower should remain open for PTO's and this should be documented.

3. *The reason for the delay was not apparent but the confusion caused by the late notification was acknowledged.*

4. *GR advised that Airservices had a contingency plan in place for ATC unavailability.*

5. *Procedures had been refined over the last few months but Airservices & CASA should be advised of problems.*

Actions:

1. CLOSED
2. CLOSED
3. Advice to be sort
4. CLOSED
5. CLOSED

Responsible:

RAPAC
Secretariat

Due Date: Next RAPAC

7. Late Agenda Items

7.1. Review into the provision of Aerodrome Forecasts (TAF)

Discussion:

The Bureau of Meteorology will commence a review into the provision of aerodrome forecasts within the Australian FIR. The information paper is available on the web at http://www.bom.gov.au/reguser/by_prod/aviation/

Ashwin Naidu from BOM issued an Information Paper on the Review of the Provision of TAF for RAPAC to look at. He explained that:

Stage 1 – consultation with interested parties is to be completed 30 June 09.

Stage 2 – further consultation with interested parties will to be completed by end of Oct 09.

<p>Conclusion: Please review the report and forward your suggestions / comments to Ashwin Naidu via email A.Naidu@bom.gov.au</p>		
<p>Actions: CLOSED</p>		
<p>7.2. TAS Hang Gliding</p>		
<p>Discussion: John Glass informed that the TAS Hang Gliders are operating off Single Hill on the non-active side of Hobart circuit. This is a trial for 4 months and should only affect some VFR ops around Cambridge. Ops will be limited to a 1km radius over land.</p>		
<p>Conclusion: There are no symbols on the charts but advice will be posted on ATIS.</p>		
<p>Actions: CLOSED</p>		
<p>7.3. Australian Air Express</p>		
<p>Discussion: John Glass advised that AAE had requested AWIS be available at Hobart A/H.</p>		
<p>Conclusion: The proposal was supported but responsibility for installation needed to be investigated.</p>		
<p>Actions: RAPAC to pursue</p>	<p>Responsible: RAPAC Secretariat</p>	<p>Due Date: Next RAPAC</p>
<p>7.4. Hang Glider Activity</p>		
<p>Discussion: John Kempton advised of an agreement between LT TWR & Hang glider operators from Valley Field for access to LT airspace.</p>		
<p>Actions: CLOSED</p>		
<p>7.5. Avalon Issues</p>		
<p>Discussion: GR provided background to the Avalon TRA decision. The inability of Airservices to provide Class C services as required by CASA resulted in establishment of a TRA to mandate the use of transponders. The action was controversial but OAR defends the action on safety grounds. Dispensation was arranged for ultra light aircraft to minimize restrictions. The TRA will remain until the Airshow. ATC tower services are expected to continue post Airshow.</p>		
<p>Actions: Update to be provided</p>	<p>Responsible: OAR</p>	<p>Due Date: Next RAPAC</p>

8. Next Meeting:

8.1. Time and Place

Date: 24th September 2009

Time: 1300 hours

Venue: TBA Hobart

9. Attachments

9.1. Attendance List

John Glass	AsA HB
Craig Plaisted	Parks & Wildlife Services
David Swiggs	RFDS
John Kempton	AsA ATC LT
Tony Jacobs	Tasmania Aero Club
Ashwin Naidu	BOM
Douglas James	Southern Sky
Brett Gavin	AsA LT Tower
Eugene Reid	RAAUS
Graham Taberner	CASA
Graeme Rogers	CASA OAR (Chair)
Bernadette Carter	CASA OAR (RAPAC Secretariat)