

Swan Hill Aerodrome Stakeholder Meeting - Thursday 9 July 2020 4pm.

Swan Hill Rural City Council organised a virtual consultation meeting with all current users and other relevant authorities' representatives on Thursday 9 July 2020. At this meeting suggestions and questions were raised regarding aerodrome future expansion opportunities, allowing for additional runways, bringing more aviation business to Swan Hill and future proofing by creating provision for additional uses e.g. Drone etc. Questions were also raised about the length of gravel runway for Air Ambulance landing which may require 1200m length of runway and advocating relocation of some of the services from Moorabbin Airport.

After a good discussion Council summary responses are enclosed below:

Council Responses

Councils focus is towards remediation of existing infrastructures to maintain these for emergency and existing aerodrome users. No expansion for a future flight school is allowed in this proposed work phase.

Runway 04/22 (gravel runway) of 980m length is a secondary runway to the main sealed runway 08/26 of 1495m length; which is configured with lighting facilities allowing night operations for all users including aeromedical services. Kerang Aerodrome at 1067m is an alternate fixed wing landing site for Air Ambulance for service at Swan Hill. The secondary runway is adequate for most users.

All operations at the aerodrome are subject to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) regulations including drone operations. The concept plan allows for change, if such need arises for any of the above infrastructure items mentioned by an attendee, Council will undertake community consultation to make such decisions.

Council has further consulted with Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) representative by providing a site plan that shows distances to the BOM site from the proposed Jet A1 Fuel works, including highlighting the sheds and trees being removed. BOM representative believes there will be no issue however he will send it to their technical area to confirm. BOM technical lead has confirmed that the distance to the Jet A1 Fuel Facility is adequate.