

Minutes

Glenorchy Airstrip Consultive Governance Committee (GACGC) Meeting

Date & Time	Thursday 1 st October 2026 1:00pm – 1:30pm
Location	Online, Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Blanket Bay	Tom Butler (TB) (Chair)
Councillor Representative	
Glenorchy Community Association	Andrew Green (AG)
Operators	Tess Kelly (TK) – Action Helicopters
QAC	Juliet Breen (JB)
QLDC	Roger Davidson (RD), Christina Hitchcock (CH), Madison Hansby (MH)
Wyuna Preserve Residents Association	

Apologies	Stephen Brent (SB), Robin Bailey (RB), Josh Greer (JGR), Jeannie Galavazi (JG), James Stokes (JS) – Glenorchy Air, Nick Nicholson (NN)
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Meeting Commenced at 1.00pm		
1	Welcome and summary for newcomers of the purpose of these meetings	TB
2	RMP Update No update - implementing it now, a few points that council need to do. Updated terms of reference and working on methodology. Jeannie to provide update on the reallocation of landings.	JG/CH
3	QLDC Update - FENZ has been in contact regarding a weather station in Airport area for fire management. Need to confirm the location with QAC. Check if the information FENZ receives can be shared with us. - Deer fencing around the airstrip. There is a proposal in the LTP to put deer fencing up at the Airstrip - council is working through the approval process at the moment.	RD
4	Airstrip Ops Update - QAC: Run through the report for July to September. Key highlights are all the monthly aerodrome inspections are completed. Maintenance issues cleared such as rabbit borrows that were filled in, and some fencing things. - Noted that paradise ducks are present and they are monitoring their presence at the moment. May need to talk at some point about removing them and how that works on reserve/DOC land. - Signs are ready to be put up regarding the no flying of drones. Locations have been decided and the signs are ready, but best for council to put up because it's on their land.	JB
5	Landings Overview - Landings are still within the designation limits. There are three months left in the calendar year. QLDC can provide monthly updates if needed. - QLDC will send the Concession holder's a quarterly update this month on their current landings and to start thinking about landing numbers for next year.	CH

	Noise contour assessment update: Marshall Day have been on site. They have reached out to Christina with a few questions to answer. Report will be sent for next meeting.	
6	Hangar Update - Plans have been sent through; Tess is happy to answer any questions. - Progressed resource consent quickly as there are more constraints around operation and capacity at Queenstown airport. Submitted resource consent on 4th August for a hangar at the airstrip. - Notes the hangar can be used as a community resource e.g. if anything happens it can be used as evacuation centre, emergency support, or space to host events and meetings. - Will minimise noise in the airstrip if they have a base there, reduce activity of flying in. - Hangar designed to equip larger helicopters (9 seaters). - Moved to the centre of the airstrip for better noise balance. - Going back to Council around questions on location (QAC to comment), landscaping, earthworks, hangar size. - Toilets will be accessible from the outside, available for public use. - Keeping office in Mull Street. This hangar in Glenorchy will deliver aviation operations only and provide offices for pilots. - Andrew will share the document with the community association. Andrew will schedule for meeting in November for Action to discuss at the next meeting.	TK
7	AOB Are there any topics for the next meeting? - Tom had a visit on site with the Trails Trust, they are trying to push ahead a bike trail past airport to Queenstown. Asked if anyone was opposed to the trail running along the outside of the fenceline at Glenorchy Airport. - QAC advised that this should be fine and can be managed with signage, only risk is someone hopping over the fence, but the deer fence should provide security from this.	TB
Meeting Close at 1:30pm		

Actions from Meeting

1	Meeting attendees	Take Nick off meetings – Tess will attend for Action Helicopters now.	MH
2	RMP	Regarding the methodologies in the RMP, the reallocation of landings needs to be established.	JG
3	Drone signs	Council to pick up signs from QAC and instruct City Care to install in 4 locations	CH
4	Noise contour assessment	Christina to provide noise contour assessment for the next meeting.	CH
5	Community Association Meeting	Andrew to share plans for the hangar at the meeting (01/10), and Tess to attend next meeting to share plans for the hangar.	AG