

Minutes

Glenorchy Airstrip Consultive Governance Committee (GACGC) Meeting

Date & Time	Thursday 19 th February 2026 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Location	Online, Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Blanket Bay	Tom Butler (TB)
Councillor Representative	-
Glenorchy Community Association	Andrew Green (AG)
Operators	-
QAC	Robin Bailey (RB)
QLDC	Roger Davidson (RD), Jeannie Galavazi (JG), Christina Hitchcock (CH)
Wyuna Preserve Residents Association	Josh Greer (JGR)

Apologies	Stephen Brent (SB), James Stokes (JS) – Glenorchy Air, Nick Nicholson (NN) – Action Helicopters, Juliet Breen (JB)
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Meeting Commenced at 1.00pm		
1	Welcome and summary for newcomers of the purpose of these meetings	
2	RMP Update Jeannie provided an update on the recently approved RMP. QLDC are now working through the various next steps that have come out of the RMP such as: Flight Allocation Methodology and Fees & Charges	JG
3	QLDC Update Roger provided a QLDC update – now that the RMP has been approved, QLDC have been approached by two operators to construct hangars onsite. (RMP allows for two hangars at Glenorchy Airstrip) QLDC will continue to discuss this option with the two operators and will provide an update to the GACGC once it is available.	RD
4	Airstrip Ops Update Robin provided a QAC update - advised the monthly and quarterly inspections have been on time and there have been no issues recently. The airport has been uneventful and there are no outstanding maintenance items.	RB
5	Landings Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GACGC discussed the proposed 2026 landings, and the following operators were approved: The Alpine Group Limited, Helicopters Queenstown 2020 Limited (Glacier Southern Lakes), Tourism Milford Limited and Te Anau Helicopter Services Limited. Christina to prepare the concession agreements. - There are four operators that require further discussion with QLDC before approval. QLDC will arrange a meeting with each of the four operators, to discuss their proposed landings and advise them of the movement limits at this airstrip. - Jeannie updated the group on the movement limits under GY airstrip designation; the total movements limit is 5,300. In 2025 the airstrip went over 4000 movements, which has triggered the need for Noise Contour Monitoring based on the AIMMs data which QLDC are looking into. 	JG/CH

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jeannie stated we are clearly back at pre-covid tourism numbers as this is reflected in the number of flights that are being sought. - Josh asked if there is anywhere where the GY residents can look at how many landings GY are doing. - Note from last meeting, emergency landings are considered separate to a concession holders landing numbers and will not be charged. 	
6	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For future meetings, QLDC to include regular landing data from AIMMs in the Agenda documents 	CH
Meeting Close at 2.05pm		

New Actions

1	RMP	QLDC to work through next steps under the RMP e.g. Flight allocation methodology and Fees & Charges. Provide an update at next meeting.	JG
2	Hangars	QLDC to provide an update on any progress in the Hangar discussions at next GACGC meeting	RD
3	Landings	QLDC to prepare concession agreements for the approved operators 2026 landings. (Excludes 4 operators)	CH
4	Landings	QLDC to have a meeting with the four operators that have not yet been approved. There needs to be an understanding of why they are increasing, does this benefit the GY community?	CH/JG
5	Landings	QAC to confirm what they do when their operators go over the movement limits or are near the limits	RB
6	Landings	QLDC to meet with the aviation community to educate about the limited at the GY Aerodrome	CH/JG
7	New GACGC Cllr	Jeannie and Christina to brief Councillor Brent	CH/JG