

# MINUTES

## Central Australian Commercial Passenger Vehicles Advisory Committee (CACPVAC)

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Time 9am – 11am

Greatorex Building, Alice Springs

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### 1.1 Present/Apologies

Present: Private Hire representative - Paul Alekna  
Motor Vehicle Registry representative – Therese Schutt  
Tangentyere Council representative – Leigh Shacklady  
Alice Springs Town Council representative – Kevin Everett  
Alice Springs Taxis representative – Nathan Fricker  
Department of Transport – Therese Schutt

Apologies: Chairman – Jason O'Brien  
Australian Hoteliers Association representative – Ray Loechel  
Minibus representative – Keith Mansbridge

### 1.2 Confirm Minutes from previous meeting

Previous Minutes were accepted

Kevin Everett ASTC in Chair

## 2 General Business

### Outstanding Actions

**2.1** A request in writing to the Public Arts Committee to have the flood marker signage re-installed was sent in Nov 2012. **Ongoing** Kevin Everett advised that budget had been allocated against this project and Expressions of Interest will be issued around 20<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Kevin also advised that the location of the markers were to be 1 in front of the Library and 1 at the Roundabout, as per previous locations.

**2.2** A new tourism representative to be nominated and invited to join the forum. **Ongoing.** A letter sent to Jaclyn Thorne of Tourism Central Australia on 22 March 2013 seeking nomination of a person from the Tourism Industry to join the Forum, to date no response has been received. **Action** DoT to contact TCA.

**2.3** Consult with Industry and the Railway Station for a combined CPV drop off and pick up at the front of the terminal. **Action** Signage has been sourced and is in place – DoT to visit site and view signage and rank.

**2.4** Forum to provide feedback on updating the information in the 'Getting Around Alice Springs' brochure. **Ongoing** Further advice from DoT is that there is currently no funding for this project to be undertaken. Item to stay on the Agenda and be re-visited in the new financial year.

### 2.5 Ranking Issues

The issue of private vehicles parking in the Ranks out the front of Bojangles & the Rock Bar has arisen again. Crowd Controller's and others are apparently parking vehicles in these areas whilst they are working at either venue. **Action**

Kevin Everett advised that 26 Traffic Infringement Notices were issued in the first two weeks that Rangers targeted this area. They have had a break for a couple of weeks but will return again in the next couple of weeks. Rangers reported it was mostly Security Personnel working at Bo's and Rock Bar who were parking in these areas.

### **3. Other Business**

#### **3.1 Alice Springs Airport**

- DOT advised that the Rob Price from Northern Territory Airports Pty Ltd had agreed to the installation of a new DDA Compliant Taxi Totem at the Rank located at the Alice Springs Airport. He has also provided in-principle agreement to locate a pull up style sign inside the Terminal advising travellers that Drivers of CPV should not approach them to solicit a fare. **Action** DOT to follow up with Rob Price with regards to wording of the sign, and the DOT will probably organise to have the signage manufactured.
- Leigh Shacklady raised the issue of the ability of industry to cope with the possible increase in demand due to the new Airline (Tiger) starting operations on 9 April 2013. It was advised by industry representatives that the timing of the flights would allow CPV's to pick up fares from the Airport take them to their destination, pick up a fare in town to go to the Airport for the next departing flight and then be available for further pick up from the next aircraft arrival.

#### **3.2 Todd Mall Redevelopment – CPV Ranking**

Letter sent to Mayor, Damian Ryan under the signature of the Chair on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Initial response received from Wayne Davidson, Senior Ranger, ASTC dated 26 May 2013 was that Commercial Parking Bays near the Alice Springs Cinema were not included in the design for the Todd Mall Redevelopment and as construction was nearing completion, this would not be modified in the near future. Kevin Everett advised the meeting that a recent decision to close the NT Police Beat Office in the Todd Mall has allowed revisiting of this issue. It has since been decided to allocate the parking bays that were dedicated to NT Police to become Multi Use Commercial Passenger Vehicle drop off & pick up zones. This information was confirmed by letters from Kevin Everett, Manager Ranger Unit dated 19 June 2013 and Craig Catchlove, Director Corporate & Community Services received 19 June 2013.

#### **3.3 Review of Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport**

A meeting was scheduled by Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Transport to discuss this review and submissions received. The Department had been liaising with CPV in Darwin and DAS, Michelle Castagna, in Alice Springs. DoT advised that they were happy to make the conference room available for interested members of the community to participate in the teleconference. This meeting was cancelled 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013 due to Michelle Castagna being in Hospital. The Commonwealth with endeavour to arrange a new meeting with the Alice Springs Community at a later date.

#### **3.4 Upcoming Events**

- Alice Springs Show – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July 2013 – ASTC & DoT to chase up Traffic Management Plan with Alice Springs Show Society.
- Camel Cup – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Old Timers Fete – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013
- Henley on Todd – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2013

#### **3.5 Taxi Rank at Double Tree by Hilton (Old Crowne Plaza)**

Advice was received from Nathan Fricker that an approach had been made by Clinton Farley the GM at Double Tree by Hilton to Alice Springs Taxi's with regards to providing them with sole access to the Hotel if they agreed to a 10%

Commission to the Hotel. Alice Springs Taxis declined the offer. It is believed that 13CABS has now been approached with the same offer. **Action** Further information to be obtained by DoT.

Further update: Advice was sought from CPV and they have provided the following information from the Taxi Regulations

**Regulation 21 Taxi not to be parked in a road**

A taxi driver must not park or stand a taxi that is available for hire in a road or public place except in a taxi rank unless the parking or standing is for the purposes of:

- (a) picking up or setting down passengers; or
  - (b) waiting under the instructions of a passenger; or
  - (c) by direction or with the consent of an inspector;
- but only if the parking or standing of the taxi is otherwise lawful.

**3.6 Closure of Leichhardt Terrace**

Advice has been received from ASTC on 17/06/2013 with regards to the closure of Leichhardt Terrace for the period 19/06/2013 to 03/07/2013. A Traffic Management map has been emailed to all relevant operators and industry groups.

**4. Action List**

Please refer to Attachment A.

**5. Next meeting**

9am -11am Tuesday 20 August 2013

**Attachment A**

Agenda No	Action	Action Officer
2.1	Installation of Flood marker signage – budget has been allocated & expressions of interest will be called around 20/07/13. Locations to be in Library and at Roundabout as per previous locations.	ASTC
2.2	A new Tourism Representative to be nominated and invited to join. Letter sent to Jaclyn Thorn of TCA, no response yet received. DoT to contact TCA.	DoT
2.3	Signage sourced and in place at Alice Springs railway terminal. DoT to visit site to view signage & rank.	DoT
2.4	Forum to provide updating fare charges for inclusion in the 'Getting Around Alice Springs' brochure. DoT to check if funding is available this financial year.	All

2.5	Ranking issues out the front of Bo's and Rock Bar. Rangers issued 26 TIN in first two weeks. They have had a break and will recommence targeting this area in the next couple of weeks. ASTC will send a letter to business's in this area to advise them of these restricted parking zones.	ASTC
3.1	Follow up with Rob Price with regards to wording of the sign, and the DOT will probably organise to have the signage manufactured. Currently with CPV, who are working on wording and arranging manufacture of sign.	DoT
3.5	Taxi's Ranking at Double Tree by Hilton. Advice received from CPV refers to Regulation 21 of the Taxi Regulations (attached).	DoT