



PAA Commercial Operations Policy

Commitment

The Porepukah Airfield Association (PAA) is committed to managing the Porepukah Airfield for the benefit of all users whilst maintaining a positive relationship with neighbours in the Buckland Valley and the Alpine Shire Council who own the airfield.

Scope

This policy relates to any person or organisation requesting permission to undertake commercial operations of any nature at the Porepukah Airfield.

What are defined as commercial operations?

Commercial operations are those operations conducted by a person or an organisation for the purpose of generating an income. This includes but is not limited to scenic flights and all forms of aviation flying schools.

Why are commercial operations sensitive?

Commercial operations have the potential to cause nuisance to neighbours from noise within the Buckland Valley. Their activity can also result in a significant increase in airfield activity and runway use which may have safety implications.

What is the process for requesting permission to operate commercially?

Commercial operators must obtain written permission to conduct business at the airfield from both the Alpine Shire and the PAA. It is suggested that before formally applying for permission an operator discuss their request with the Alpine Shire Facilities Manager and the PAA Committee.

Formal requests for permission to carry out commercial operations must be made in writing to the Alpine Shire Council and also the PAA. The request must outline the nature of the commercial operations and include a risk assessment that highlights any identified risks with carrying out the operation and mitigating strategies.

Conditions

Commercial operators must abide by the following conditions.

Circuits

To manage noise pollution in the Buckland Valley continuous circuits at the airfield by any type of aircraft are not allowed. Upon departure aircraft must leave the circuit and valley.

Operating hours

Commercial operators must observe the normal operating hours of the airfield as set out in the PAA Fly Neighbourly Policy.

Ground operations (all areas of airfield)

Ground handling by hang gliding and paragliding operators must be conducted in accordance with the HGFA Ground Handling at Airfields procedure. In addition the Duty ARO must be notified by phone or through logging activity on the Porepukah Airfield website prior to commencing to advise other pilots of possible activity on the runway.

Skydiving

Skydiving operations will not be permitted at the Porepunkah Airfield.

Scenic flights

No specific conditions other than those relating to the fly neighbourly policy, circuits and operating hours are placed on operators of scenic flights.

Aircraft maintenance facilities

Aircraft maintenance facilities are not permitted.

Signage

Commercial operators must seek approval from the Alpine Shire and the PAA before erecting signage anywhere at the airfield. Sponsorship, advertising or third party signage is strictly prohibited. Signage on hangars is restricted to the area above the main hangar doors (usually defined as the gable). Signage must also comply with requirements of the PAA Signage Policy.

Hangars

Commercial operators who own a hangar must abide by any PAA Hangar Policies. This includes, but is not limited to, keeping the area around hangars clean and clear of rubbish and the grass mown.

Other Conditions

Other conditions may be placed individually upon commercial operators at the discretion of the Alpine Shire or the PAA.

Responsibilities

- PAA committee members must work to the Privacy Policy.

Policy questions and feedback

If you would like a copy of this policy, or if you have any questions or feedback, please contact us at: info@ypok.org.au

Legislation, Standards and Agreements

The following legislation applies to this policy and supporting documentation: N/A

Related internal documents

Privacy Policy, Fly Neighbourly Policy, Signage policy

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