

Oils not well under flight path

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FORGET the serenity, residents in Adelaide's north say low-flying planes are causing them headaches – as well as dropping oil on their clean washing.

The Salisbury residents want Parafield Airport to redirect its flight paths, claiming the planes are flying too low, creating noise pollution and dropping oil in their backyards.

Nick Markou, who lives di-

rectly under the airport's flight path on Harvey Ave, said: "(The planes) drop oil in my pool and on the washing when my wife hangs it out."

Hard-to-bear noise is also a big issue, he says.

Mr Markou said the planes were so loud he could not enjoy a quiet afternoon in his backyard.

"The noise is like a V8 or a tractor – you can't sit in the backyard because you get headaches," he said.

Mr Markou is urging the

airport to redirect its flight paths away from built-up, residential areas.

"I think it could also be a safety issue if the plane (experiences a fault)," he said.

Peter Kristoff also lives on Harvey Ave and agrees the airport needs to be more "considerate".

Mr Kristoff says planes can fly overhead as frequently as every 30 seconds.

"So I want the airport to have a look at what they can do," he said.

Neighbour Peter Jansen is concerned about increased air activity and bigger planes using the airport.

"As it is now, it's a nightmare but we've learned to live with it," he said.

Local business people agree the noise from planes is an issue.

Gentlemen's Domain Tony's Hairdressing is on Jago St in Salisbury.

Owner Tony, who declined to give his last name, said "a lot" of clients had complained

about the noise from the planes while visiting his salon and agreed the flight paths needed to change.

"Sometimes the planes come down very close (to the houses) and clients come in and say that it's too close, very loud and something has to be done about it," he said.

Parafield Airport denies there is a problem, saying aircraft are required to fly no lower than about 305 meters above ground level.

Parafield Airport manager

Chris Griffiths said there'd been had no formal complaints.

"We have not been made aware of any claims of aircraft flying below the minimum operating height of 1000 feet over built up areas – other than for takeoff and landing – or of any fuel dumping," he said.

Salisbury Mayor Gillian Aldridge said she had received one complaint and would raise the matter at the Parafield Airport Consultative Committee meeting this month.

Steering the right course

RISING evidence of a new livestock boom rolling through rural Australia is helping lift confidence in Adelaide agribusiness Elders Limited, while substantially boosting its results for the past half year.

Elders yesterday reported a net profit after tax of \$15.9 million for the six months to March 31, a sharp improvement on the \$10.2 million loss at the same time last year.

Elders also announced its debt had dropped by 63 per cent to \$86.8 million at March 31 as it rebuilds the business.

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Fan admits to bashing

AN Essendon fan has admitted savagely beating two spectators, in front of his own wife and children, after becoming angry as his team was eliminated from last year's finals.

Bruno Commisso, 47, bashed one man for blocking his view as his team lost to North Melbourne in the elimination final at the MCG on September 6. He assaulted a second shortly after. Commisso told police: "I was angry."

He pleaded guilty in Melbourne Magistrates' Court yesterday to two of four charges, telling the magistrate there was no excusing his actions.



Authors turn a new leaf

LIZ WALSH
PARENTING WRITER

AS a parent the only thing that can beat reading to your child is watching their faces light up as the author does the reading.

On Sunday, some of SA's most acclaimed children's authors will read their much-loved books to littlies at the Little Tent of Stories on the Festival Centre's River Deck.

The event is being held in conjunction with The Advertiser's Big Little Book Club and organisation Raising Literacy, as part of the Come Out Festival's Big Family Weekend.

One of those authors will be Katrina Germein, known for her bestsellers *Big Rain Coming* and *My Dad Thinks He's Funny*.

"This will be a great opportunity for families to bring their children, enjoy stories, and just have fun," she said.

For more information on the Big Family Weekend see www.adelaidefestival-centre.com.au

READY TO READ: Best-selling author Katrina Germein with Florence, Eloise and Edward.

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