

# Royal Australian Air Force

## Safety Bulletin

### Taxiway confusion between A3 and A4 at Newcastle Airport

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Many pilots are experiencing similar issues when identifying and delineating between Taxiway (TWY) A3 and A4 before making intersecting departures from Runway 12. This has resulted in over 50 occurrences where aircrew were confused about which holding point they were positioned in.

This Safety Bulletin has been developed to improve pilot knowledge and situational awareness when operating on and taxiing through A3 and A4, ultimately reducing the likelihood of pilot confusion and increasing safe air traffic control.

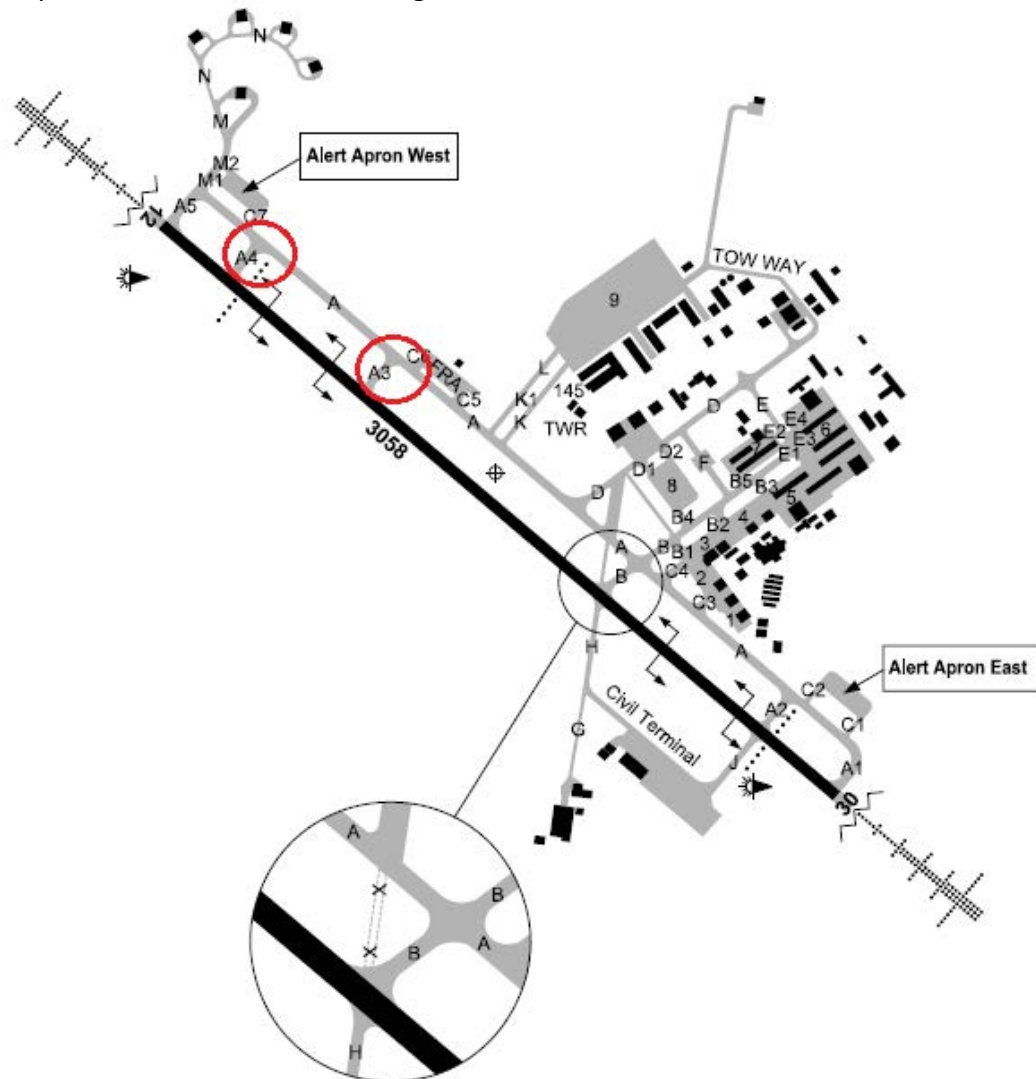


Figure 1 -  
Williamstown Aerodrome Layout



Following an Operational Hazard Report, the risks mentioned above were mitigated with 'Information Markings' painted along TWY A. Whilst these mitigations aid aircrews' situational awareness, poor weather conditions can limit the effectiveness of these markings, meaning all crew must be well informed and aware of the runway and their positioning at all times.

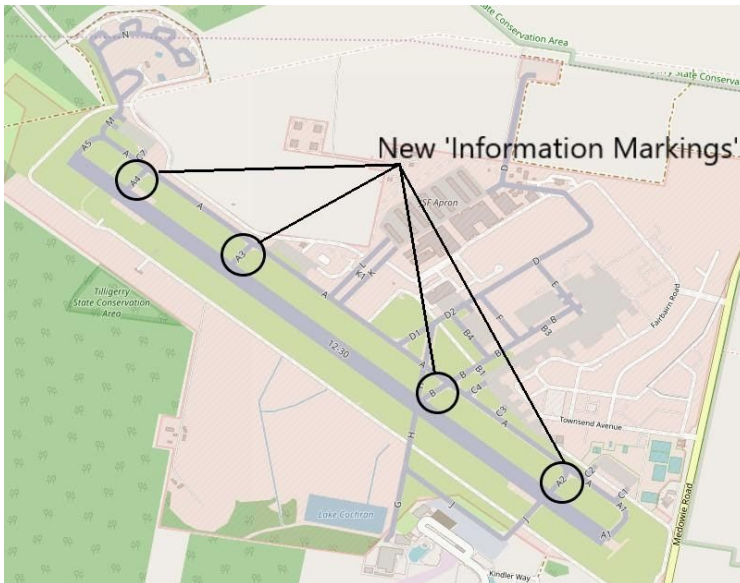


Figure 2 – Highlighting the positioning of new



Figure 3 – New 'Information Markings'

It is crucial for all aircrew to be aware of these changes and have a deep understanding of the layout in order to prevent confusion and further occurrences. For further information or to provide feedback or suggestions on alternative methods to improve safety within Newcastle Airport, please contact:

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