Another change or two at Jandakot

Inbound

One of the useful changes at Jandakot, covered in Flyabout in February last year, was the new inbound reporting point from the south called Oakford, which is the south end of Nicholson Road, where it meets Thomas Road.

The inbound point at Armadale was not such a smart idea, because it was only a mile south of the outbound point. Airservices have since come to their senses and amended the inbound points near Armadale, which is obviously relevant if you're flying to Jandakot from Northam.

The new inbound point at Armadale is called Russell. Whether you go via Mount Dale or through CTA via Victor 66, you go via Wungong Dam (the one south of Canning Dam with a north-facing wall). From Wungong Dam you aim straight at Forrestdale Lake (which most of the time is Forrestdale Dry Brown Patch so don't go looking for an actual lake) and report inbound at Russell as you cross Southwestern Highway. See the extract from the VTC below.

One other relatively recent change is that when you're inbound from Forrestdale Lake and they're using RWY 06/24, they want you to overfly between the Tower and the upwind end of the runway. The procedure used to be to fly right over the Tower, but the new procedure gives you a bit more time on downwind. Plus it's consistent with a midfield crosswind join at a non-towered aerodrome (join between the middle and the upwind end of the runway), and the Tower will be able to see you when you're overhead.

Outbound via Armadale

Consistent with the need to be inconsistent, the outbound reporting point at Armadale is still the intersection of Albany Highway and Southwestern Highway, but it's now called Armadale Shops. The departure procedures are the same as they've been for a long time:

- RWY 06R depart off upwind;
- RWY 24L depart off the end of crosswind;
- RWY 30 depart off downwind;
- RWY 12 depart upwind.

Because they want you to climb as soon as possible after departure, you want to be on the ball regarding your position and when you can climb. Once you're abeam Forrestdale Lake you're safely clear of JT CTR and you can climb to 2000 ft, and once you're over Tonkin Highway (the Champion Lake rowing course is a very good reference) you can climb to 3500 ft.

Also, Tower doesn't care about your destination when you leave. All they want to know is your tracking point for departure. So a typical taxi call will be "Jandakot Ground, C172 PGL, at the southern apron, received Bravo, via Armadale Shops, Runway 24L, request taxi." And when calling at the holding point, "Jandakot Tower, PGL, ready, Runway 24L, via Armadale Shops."

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