



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
No 23 (City of Brisbane) Squadron

**Minutes of
Meeting**

23SQN/L8424272

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**MINUTES OF THE AMBERLEY CONSULTATIVE WORKING GROUP (ACWG)
MEETING HELD AT RAAF BASE AMBERLEY, 23 SQUADRON, 17 MAY 16**

Attendees:

WGCDR P Wheeler	RAAF AMB ABXO	Chairperson
SQNLDR M Clarke	RAAF OIC Visits Cell	
Mr J Craig	RAAF AMB BSM	
Cr C Bromage	Ipswich City Council – Councillor Division 6	
Mr G Hatchman	Willowbank Area Group – President	
Mr G McLay	West Moreton Anglican College	
Mrs G Ashton	Local Resident	
Mr B Behm	Local Resident	
Mr P Conroy	Local Resident	
Mr M Goddard	Local Resident	
Mr D Hooper	Local Resident	
Mrs L Hooper	Local Resident	
Mr P Brasher	Local Resident	
CPL P Jenkins	23SQN	Meeting Secretary

Apologies:

Cr C Pisasale	Ipswich City Council – Councillor Division 8
Ms J Howard, MP	Member for Ipswich
Mr I Dainer	Local Resident

ITEM 1: OPENING

1. The ACWG meeting opened at 1700 h. WGCDR Peter Wheeler welcomed all present and introduced himself as the ABXO whilst WGCDR Tony Blair is absent. Mr Jim Craig was then introduced as the new BSM.

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

2. All attendees acknowledged that they had received and read the previous meeting's minutes and that they were an accurate reflection of the matters discussed in that meeting.

ITEM 3: BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3. Mr Behm raised concerns about the numerous times the audible alarm on the septic system near the new back gate has been triggered. BSM informed that he had spoken to Spotless and this has now been rectified. Mr Behm clarified that his concern was that the lights from the alarm are currently facing the wrong way so that the strobe lights are not

visible from the back gate. Mr Behm enquired as to whether the alarm lights can be positioned facing in towards the RAAF Base, so that when triggered, MSS and Defence members can identify an alarm has been triggered. BSM advised that he will contact Spotless to adjust the strobe lights.

For Action: BSM to follow up with Spotless.

ITEM 4: AMBERLEY BASE UPDATE

4. ABXO informed of the following projects currently taking place at Amberley:
 - a. EA-18G Growler Project infrastructure is now underway.
 - b. 17 Construction Squadron Army facilities have now commenced.
 - c. C17 facilities project have been approved by Parliament and design is now underway and should see construction starting soon.
 - d. Heron UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) has now commenced operations out of Amberley.
 - e. Two weeks of night flying at RAAF Base Amberley has now ceased.
 - f. There are no major exercises planned for RAAF Base Amberley for the near future.

Airfield Fire Fighting Foam (AFFF)

5. SQNLDR Clarke provided a brief update from the previous meeting regarding the use of AFFF used at both civilian and RAAF airfields. The old formula of AFFF (containing PFOS and PFOA) has not been used in the Defence Force for approximately six years and a testing program is underway for all sites where it was used.
6. Mr Goddard also raised concerns with a type of foam he has found in the creek near his property. SQNLDR Clarke advised that it is highly unlikely that the foam found is in relation to AFFF, as AFFF is only in a foam form when it is first discharged. BSM confirmed that testing will be done in 5 areas off base and 14 on base. Properties owned by defence will be tested so not to inconvenience the local community.

For Action: BSM will follow up and update at the next meeting and once results are acquired the report will be made available. Defence will put a public notice in the QT when testing will commence. SQNLDR Clarke assured Mr Behm that the town water remains safe and tank rainwater is not affected.

ITEM 5: NOISE COMPLAINTS

7. ABXO made mention that from 12 Feb 16 to 11 May 16 (annex A), there were 15 noise complaints taken, 6 being out of the local area. The remaining complaints were related to night flying.
 - a. The F/A-18F is required to complete certain training qualifications which required longer circuits around the local terrain.

b. A query was raised about the lateness of night flying and the impact on children being able to sleep when there is flying at 2200 h and was discussed at Amberley State School. Don Hooper mentioned that he lives near the school and he has heard of no complaints about the night flying.

For Action: ABXO will pass on resident's feedback to 96WG.

ITEM 6: LIGHTING OF DISPLAY F111

8. Mrs Ashton requested that the lighting on the F111 display be adjusted as they are facing directly into her bedroom window. SQNLDR Clarke suggested that the lighting would be adjusted during the week and if still unsuitable for Mrs Ashton to call the BSM until it is corrected.

ITEM 7: COUNCIL REPORTS FOR DEFENCE

9. Report from Cr Pisasale was submitted, attached annex B, and in his absence Cr Bromage added for Defence the rebuild road works in the industrial area of Toongarra Road, Wulkuraka from May to Beirne Streets are now completed. The final section of 130 metres to straighten the road will also soon be finished.

ITEM 8: COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES' FEEDBACK

Cunningham Highway Upgrade

10. Mr Hatchman had a meeting with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) about the upgrading of the Cunningham Highway, road maintenance, repairs and grass cutting maintenance, also highlighting problem areas for accidents and incidences. Hopefully improvements will be made to motorist safety, travel reliability and easing congestion on the Cunningham Highway.

11. SQNLDR Clarke advised that the base also continues to make representation with DTMR in this area.

Wellington Rise Noise Monitoring Location

12. Mr Hatchman also inquired if there was any developments regarding the noise monitoring location and if a sensor has been located.

13. SQNLDR Clarke advised there were no updates and it is quite difficult to get information as it is generated from Canberra and usually they only communicate with 82WG.

ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

Pruning of Trees

14. Mr Conroy requested to have trees pruned on Defence land at the corner of Old Toowoomba Road and Behms Road to video a 'hoon' who is doing burnouts in this area.

For Action: BSM to call Spotless to action in consultation with Mr Conroy.

ANZAC Day

15. Compliments from Lola and Don Hooper to all RAAF personnel who attended the Amberley ANZAC Day Dawn Service. All personnel were polite and courteous to the community members attending the ceremony.

16. There was a request to have parking for the elderly and disabled as parking was a considerable distance from the Memorial Garden.

For Action: SQNLDR Clarke suggested perhaps the best option for ANZAC Day 2017 would be to increase the number of elderly and disabled parking made available. ABXO advised that the back gate will be open next year which will also help with congestion.

ITEM 10: NEXT MEETING

17. The next meeting will be held at RAAF Base Amberley 02 Aug 16 in the Spurgeon Room. Lyn Lines will provide more information closer to the date.

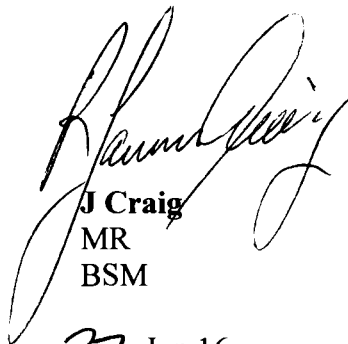
ITEM 11: MEETING CLOSED

18. The meeting was officially closed by ABXO at 1744 h.



P Wheeler
WGCDR
Chairperson

27 Jun 16



J Craig
MR
BSM

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Annexes:

- A. Noise Complaints Report – 12 Feb 16 – 11 May 16
- B. Cr Pisasale's Report – 17 May 16

ANNEX A TO
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NOISE COMPLAINTS

12 Feb 16 – 11 May 16

DATE	TIME	AREA	AIRCRAFT
17 Feb 16	1055	Murwillumbah	C-17
22 Feb 16	1530	Glenlyon	C-17
24 Feb 16	1630	Cement Hills	Unknown
10 Mar 16	1330	Unknown	F/A-18F
24 Mar 16	1130	Lamb Island	F/A-18F
13 Apr 16	1000	Toowoomba	F/A-18F
22 Apr 16	1210	Walloon	F/A-18F
03 May 16	1930	Walloon	F/A-18F
03 May 16	2030	Walloon	F/A-18F
04 May 16	2130	Walloon	Unknown
04 May 16	2200	Fernvale	Unknown
04 May 16	1925	Walloon	F/A-18F
05 May 16	2240	Karrabin	F/A-18F
05 May 16	2200	Fernvale	F/A-18F
09 May 16	2100	Wanora	F/A-18F

ANNEX B TO
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17th May 2016

Report by Cr. Charlie Pisasale

Boundary Changes: Divisional boundaries changed as at the Local Government elections which were held on Saturday 19th March 2016. The new Division 8 shows major changes to the former Leichhardt and Flinders View boundaries. Also of interest is that the entire Amberley Air Base has now returned to Division 8. Maps of the new Division 8 boundaries are available from the Division 8 office or the ECQ website.

Community BBQ: BBQ held on 7th May at Alf Knauer Park, Leichhardt. This area was formerly part of the front 9 holes of the Ipswich Golf Club and approx 70 local residents attended. This was a great opportunity for neighbours and friends alike to get to know each other in a relaxed community setting.

Community Day: Scheduled for Saturday 28th May from 3:30pm – 7:00pm at the Leichhardt One Mile Community Centre. Event is being organised by the Leichhardt Baptist Church. Great attendance and support from the local community for this event held last year.

Ipswich Open Tennis Championships: Successful annual event held at the George Alder Tennis Centre on 7, 8, 14 & 15 May

Current Planning Applications for Council Consideration:

- Intersection of Shine Street & Old Toowoomba Road, One Mile
- Former One Mile Hotel & Ipswich Town & Country
- Site opposite The Pie Shop - Intersection of Clay Street & Brisbane Streets, West Ipswich

ANZAC Day: Thank you once again to all community members for your support of the 11th West Ipswich One Mile ANZAC Day service held at Leichhardt Park on 25th April. With approx. 500 people in attendance, this service is growing in number each year, and the ongoing support of our local schools, community groups, artists, churches and community centre is greatly appreciated.

Other Items:

- Toongarra Road, Wulkuraka - rebuild from May to Beirne Streets completed.
- Leichhardt – One Mile Community Consultative Committee (LOMCCC) – Meeting scheduled for 1pm Monday next 23 May