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**MINUTES OF THE AMBERLEY CONSULTATIVE WORKING GROUP (ACWG)
HELD AT DAWSON'S TECHNICAL SERVICES 25 FEB 14**

Present:

WGCDR Simon Nickson (ABXO RAAF AMB)
Matthew Clarke (RAAF AMB BSM)
Linda Oliver (Regional Environment Officer)
Richard Poli (Senior Environment Manager)
Cr Ian Rickuss, MP (Member for Lockyer)
Cr Charlie Pisasale (Councillor Div 8)
Cr David Pahlke (Ipswich City Council)
Rodney Newsham (Marburg Residents Association)
George Hatchman (Willowbank Area Group-President)
Ian Dainer (Willowbank Area Group)
Kerri Lynch (Willowbank Area Group)
Don Hooper (Winston Glades NHW)
Lola Hooper (Winston Glades NHW)
Geoff McLay (West Moreton Anglican College)
Robert Tutticci (Department of Transport and Main Roads)
Wayne Leong (Department of Transport and Main Roads)
Bill Behm (Local Resident)
Evan Dawson (Local Resident)
Glenys Ashton (Local Resident)
Lynette Ashton-Stewart (Local Resident)
Peter Conroy (Local Resident)
Rita Conroy (Local Resident)
CPL Pauline Jenkins (23SQN)

Apologies:

GPCAPT John Ward (23SQN)
The Honourable Shayne Neumann, MP (Federal Member for Blair)
Sean Choat, MP (Member for Ipswich West)
Ross Muller (Winston Glades NHW)

ITEM 1 – WELCOME

1. The ACWG Meeting was opened at 1717 h. WGCDR Simon Nickson welcomed all present, thanked Evan Dawson for hosting the meeting and asked all members to introduce themselves.

ITEM 2 – APOLOGIES

2. Apologies received from:
GPCAPT John Ward (23SQN)
The Honourable Shayne Neumann, MP (Federal Member for Blair)
Sean Choat, MP (Member for Ipswich West)
Ross Muller (Winston Glades NHW)

ITEM 3 – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS

3. Future planning for the area is underway:
 - a. Plans have been submitted to Federal Government for funding for a bypass around the junction (continuation of the Cunningham Highway); and
 - b. Works have already been completed on local intersections and further planning is ongoing.
4. Comments on proposals welcome via the TMR website or email.
5. ‘No through road’ sign needed at new front gate.

For action: BSM to follow-up.

ITEM 4 – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Review and acceptance of the Minutes of the last Meeting.

6. Minutes from the previous meeting (03 Dec 13) were emailed to everyone:
 - a. GPCAPT Glen Braz presented on Growler; and
 - b. Environmental issues were discussed.
7. No issues on minutes for last meeting.

ITEM 5 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

8. Air and Water Quality Monitoring Program:
 - a. Requested by the then Minister for Environment before the introduction of Super Hornets;
 - b. Baseline data assessed a number of water tanks within the vicinity of Amberley Air Dispersion Models and control sites (offsite);
 - c. Second round of sampling and analysis was for metals and indicators of jet fuel by-products. Two samples were taken during the second round of sampling due to a lab error with the first samples;

- d. Preliminary results (not yet officially released):
 - i. Minor metals found – more in control sites offsite than local sites.
 - ii. Formaldehyde levels below the safe drinking water levels for the Australian Medical Health and Research Counsel.
 - e. No further water testing required unless evidence suggests there is contamination as a result of Air Force aircraft;
 - f. Air dispersion modelling (noise) will continue over next 12-18 months;
 - g. Possibility of further testing required when Growlers arrive;
 - h. Lynette Ashton-Stewart was advised of the testing regime for December and January but was not contacted for sampling. Lynette asked for hcr tank water to be tested although advised there is no further opportunity for testing under this project; and
 - i. Bill Behm requested a copy of the report. Linda Oliver has advised that the full report is some time away (possibly 18 months), with current findings only preliminary. Report will be made public on the website when complete.
9. Water test results at Warrill Creek:
- a. Water Quality project is ongoing;
 - b. Signs of heavy metals throughout Sewage Treatment Plant;
 - c. Residual products from Fire Fighting foams;
 - d. Richard Poli is in regular contact with EPA IRT Defence's commitment to correcting Sewage Treatment Plant issues;
 - e. The current waste water treatment plant doesn't conform to new standards. New one is expected within 12-18 months. Trade waste which is not suitable to be treated on site is currently being trucked offsite to appropriate disposal facilities; and
 - f. New treatment plant will be located on higher ground than current one. Industrial waste component will be included.
10. George Hatchman advised that Defence's contractors have corrected the problem of flooding on his property and the Girl Guide Hut.

ITEM 6 – WEED CONTROL

11. Bill Behm's weed concerns have not been resolved. Weeds reported last year are only being treated now and the golf club area was missed. Matt advised that Defence's primary focus is on declared weeds. Moving forward, Bill is requested to liaise directly with Linda on declared weeds.

For action: Bill Behm and Linda to liaise on what declared weeds are of concern for Bill and what weed control measures are in place.

ITEM 7 – COMMUNICATIONS WITH AMBERLEY EXECUTIVES

12. Bill Behm had trouble contacting Matt Clarke over the Christmas holiday period. Matt advised that his phone was not diverted correctly and the problem was rectified. Mr Behm is invited to contact BSM or ABXO via mobile phone.

ITEM 8 – PROCESS FOR RENEWING COMMUNITY PASSES AGAIN AFTER 12 MONTHS EXPIRATION

13. Process for renewing community passes:
- a. One month before expiry, fill out and sign Statutory Declaration for police check (available at pass office);
 - b. Submit form to Matt Clarke to sign as sponsor; and
 - c. Book appointment with Verne at Base Customer Service Centre to get pass printed off.
14. Community passes can't be valid for longer than 12 months due to sponsorship reasons.
15. Renewal process is much quicker than initial process.

ITEM 9 – LOW FLYOVERS OF WILLOWBANK ESTATE

16. Increase of low flyovers was reported by Kerry Lynch. All doors and windows have to be shut to avoid noise damage.
17. At previous meeting ABXO advised of works on the main runway (now finished) and consequently there were more flights on the cross-strip (overflying Willowbank).
18. There was increased Super Hornet activity in January due to new pilot training, as initial training flights are in the 'circuit' around airfield.
19. There were increased low flyovers of Super Hornets and C17s due to rehearsals for various air shows. Low flyovers finished as of 26 Feb 14.

For action: ABXO to follow-up on publicising general flying programs weekly either online or provide an 1800 number. Also to include what runway/cross-strip is in action.

XO suggests that getting the website updated weekly will be difficult and it may be worthwhile looking into working with the local council to put an entry on their website.

ITEM 10 – ABXO's AMBERLEY BASE UPDATE

20. Main runway works are finished and most works on the airfield are finished.
21. December/January is peak posting cycle therefore a lot of troops moving in/out of the area.

22. Welcome home parade was held on 14 Feb 14:
 - a. Significant event marking the last main body of troops returning from Afghanistan.
 - b. Attendees included Minister for Defence, Parliamentary Secretary for Defence and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary representing the Shadow Minister, Mayor, Sean Choat MP, The Honourable Shayne Neumann MP; and
23. Still many Amberley-based members serving in the Middle East. Most notably 9FSB (Army Unit).
24. USAF visit – 10 x F16s for exercise Lightning Viper:
 - a. Advanced party arriving 02 Mar 14 for three weeks;
 - b. Coming from Alaska via Guam to work with our Super Hornets;
 - c. F16s will be simulating enemy aircraft; and
 - d. March 16 - Hoping to have one of the F16s on display at the Heritage Centre. TBA.
25. ANZAC Day – Dawn Service at Memorial Garden on base:
 - a. Reverting to the old Base Security perimeters for the day therefore enabling public access through new front gate to the memorial garden; and
 - b. All community members welcome to dawn service and free gunfire breakfast.

For action: ABXO to arrange wreath-laying at the dawn service by himself and ACWG representatives on behalf of the group. Also to arrange disabled parking.

26. Many personnel will take part in Exercise Pitch Black being held mid-year in Darwin.
27. ABXO and XO involved in planning this week for Brisbane G20 Summit in November. Possible increased activity around the base as a result of G20, community to be advised.

ITEM 11 – NOISE COMPLAINTS

28. All noise complaints are investigated and responded to; all complaints should receive feedback.
29. Calling the Air Base Command Post on (07) 5361 2888 to report a noise complaint is the appropriate mechanism to lodge a complaint.
30. Noise complaint register attached at annex A.

ITEM 12 – BSM's NEW FRONT GATE AND AMBERLEY BASE INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

31. New gates open – both Rosewood Road (Western gate) and new main gate (Southern Amberley Road).

32. New pass office operational:
- a. Three lanes in, two lanes out – increased capacity; and
 - b. Future Swipe card access/automatic gates from all lanes will be available from approx. June/July.
33. Behm's Road gate finished. Behm's Road upgrade hasn't started. Therefore southern perimeter road and Behm's Road gate remain closed. Won't open until September/October this year, at earliest. No start date as yet.

For action: BSM to advise Bill Behm when a start date is determined.

34. Issue raised about security guards being exposed to the elements (i.e. rain and sun) while checking passes. Matt advised there are shelter huts available next to the gates and requested any further concerns to be forwarded to him directly.

ITEM 13 – COUNCIL REPORTS

35. Cr Cheryl Bromage has provided a report, attached at enclosure 1.
36. Cr David Pahlke has provided a report, attached at enclosure 2.
37. Cr Charlie Pisasale has provided a report, attached at enclosure 3.

ITEM 14 – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE'S FEEDBACK

38. Glenys thanks Chris and Dave for resolving front pass office line of site issue with screening trees.
39. Rodney Newsham requesting guest speaker for ANZAC day at Marburg.

For action: Rodney Newsham to send an email to ABXO. WOFF Dennison to follow-up.

40. Mr Dawson reported that the 22 meter tower at DTS is not going ahead. Fibre optic has been put up Southern Amberley Road instead.
41. Rita Conroy reported:
- a. Children are playing in the stockyards across from Old Toowoomba Road (Defence land) – no signage for trespassers.
 - b. Chain missing from first gate down Behm's Road. Lock present but no chain.

For action: BSM to follow-up.

ITEM 15 – OTHER BUSINESS

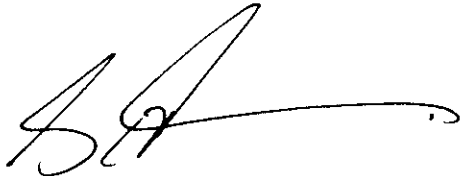
42. No other business to report.

ITEM 16 – NEXT MEETING

43. Next meeting to be held at the Girl Guide Hut, 21 Wellington Rise, Willowbank, on the 3rd or 4th Tuesday in May, at 1700h, date TBA.

ITEM 17 – MEETING CLOSED

44. Meeting officially closed at 1910 h.



S.C. NICKSON
WGCDR
Air Base Executive Officer



P.M. JENKINS
CPL
Secretary

19 Mar 14

20 Mar 14

Annex:

A. Noise Complaints Report – 03 Dec 13 – 24 Feb 14

Enclosures:

1. Cr Cheryl Bromage – Council Report
2. Cr David Pahlke – Council Report
3. Cr Charlie Pisasale – Council Report

NOISE COMPLAINTS

3 DEC 13 – 24 FEB 14

Date	Time	Location	A/C
13 Dec 13	2250	Willowbank	C-17
10 Jan 14	1300	Millmerran	F/A-18
14 Jan 14	1545	Mount Mort	Tomahawk
22 Jan 14	1215		C-17
30 Jan 14	2150	Kingaroy	Maybe helicopters
12 Feb 14	2226	Wanora	Unknown
12 Feb 14	2100	Willowbank	Unknown
14 Feb 14	2107	Willowbank	C-17
21 Feb 14	1205	Mount Walker	C-17

Amberley Consultative Working Group

25th Feb 2014

IGO- Ipswich City Council has commenced the development of an integrated transport plan called "iGO" to shape the city's future transport system. iGO will set transport investment priorities to ensure that the city is well served by a sustainable and economically viable transport system. Detailed strategies and actions will be developed to ensure the transport system has the best chance of meeting the needs of the Ipswich community over the next two decades and beyond. Newsletters and online information will provide information about iGO. Following the release of the draft plan, the community will be provided with the opportunity to provide feedback prior to the finalisation of the plan.

Contact detail is on the back page of handout or on the Council website.

One Mile Bridge-

As reconstruction work winds down on the One Mile Bridge work has started on the Leichhardt Bridge to repair washed out areas and drainage.

Work to the One Mile Bridge was almost complete, with contractors currently completing work underneath the bridge and on the embankment of the bridge approach. There is now repair work occurring on the Leichhardt Bridge so there are still possible delays whilst this work is being undertaken. At the moment all four lanes are open but with work starting on the Leichhardt Bridge last week, it is likely that lane closures will be required as part of these completion works

Plant Nursery- Next free plant nursery is at Brassall Shopping Centre
Saturday 8th March from 8-am 10-am.

Events that are coming up-

Ipswich Veterans and Vintage Vehicle Club would bring their prized possessions to Ipswich in March for "HONK! The Vehicle Evolution will be held in Ipswich's Top of Town on March 13 and will feature a special parade through the city's Central Business District by about 100 vehicles.

The 2014 Ipswich Art Awards which will run from May 1 to 10 at St Paul's Church Hall as part of this year's Ipswich Festival.

The 2014 Salvation Army Red Shield Business Appeal launch breakfast Held in Ipswich for the past four years, this breakfast will be held this year at Ipswich Civic Centre from 7am on April 29.

The 2014 Marburg Easter Country Cups Carnival at the Marburg Showgrounds on April 20. The Marburg Pacing Association has held an Easter racing event at the Marburg Showgrounds for more than 20 years.

Thanks

Cheryl

Cr Cheryl Bromage

**ENCLOSURE 2 TO
ACWG MEETING MINUTES
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Report by Cr David Pahlke
Division 10 Report

- **THANK YOU TO STATE MEMBER IAN RICKUSS LOCKYER for his work on the Cunningham Highway intersection and Ipswich Rosewood Rd to get it back to how it was originally**
- **Bill Behms Report of tyres Dumped Behms Road will report**
- **ROSEWOOD FESTIVAL 6/7th September 2014**
- **RESEALS occurring in our area Of the \$7M rehab budget about \$1.8M being spent on rural bitumen roads this financial year eg Coopers Road \$400,000**
- **MEETING with Executive GM Jim Randell New Hope Mines – excellent discussions on 1. Community support and 2. Relinquishment of leases Meeting held 20.2.2014**
- **POLICE150 in Qld celebrating 150 years of Policing in Qld – a small working Group has been formed to co-ordinate smaller functions**
- **Cr Pahlke to discuss with Simon Ward about the Protocols for bring guests as observers**

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25th February 2014

Report by Cr. Charlie Pisasale

ANZAC DAY SERVICE: The 9th West Ipswich One Mile ANZAC Day service will commence at 9:30am on 25th April at the Leichhardt Park War Memorial. I invite all community members to attend this local service to honour our service men and women from within our local community. Morning tea is being provided at the Leichhardt One Mile Community Centre following the service, all are welcome to attend.

NEW GENERATION ROLLINGSTOCK PROJECT – WULKURAKA: Project entails the purchase & maintenance of 75 new six-carriage trains, and to construct and maintain the purpose built maintenance centre being built adjoining the Wulkuraka Train station. Further details are available from our Division 8 Office opposite the Leichhardt State School.

MOVIES IN THE PARK: Division 8 Movies in the Park will be held on Saturday 5th April. It will be great to see our local families enjoy this free community event which will also be supported by our very own One Mile Neighbourhood Watch.

ONE MILE BRIDGE UPDATE: Major work has been completed with only minor projects left to complete. Traffic management plan worked very well during the project with little disruption to traffic.

AMBERLEY DEFENCE COMMUNITIES: A meeting was held with representatives from the group, who are currently planning a social event in March to include all defence personnel.

LEICHHARDT POLICE BEAT: Jonathan Jude has replaced Matthew Pinder & moved in at the end of January. I am confident our community will extend a warm welcome to Jon on his community rounds. With the large number of other Police Beats which have been closed down state wide we should always consider ourselves fortunate to have retained our own beat since 1995.

IPSWICH GOLF CLUB: Operating well under new ownership with Sirromet.