



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

No 23 (City of Brisbane) Squadron

Minutes of Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE AMBERLEY CONSULTATIVE WORKING GROUP (ACWG) MEETING HELD AT RAAF BASE AMBERLEY, 23 SQUADRON, 29 AUG 17

Attendees:

WGCDR K Breaden	RAAF AMB ABXO	Chairperson
Mr J Craig	RAAF AMB BSM	
SQNLDR A Smith	23SQN XO	
Mrs V Glyde	Defence PFAS	
Mrs L Wapler	Defence PFAS	
Mr G Hatchman	Willowbank Area Group – President	
Mr I Dainer	Willowbank Area Group – Vice President	
Mr D Hooper	Winston Glades Community Group	
Mrs L Hooper	Winston Glades Community Group	
Mr E Dawson	Dawson's Technical Services	
Mr B Behm	Local Resident	
Mr P Conroy	Local Resident	
Mrs R Conroy	Local Resident	
Mr M Goddard	Local Resident	
Mrs G Ashton	Local Resident	
LACW L Taylor	Orderly Room	Meeting Secretary

Apologies:

The Hon S Neumann, MP	Federal Member for Blair
Ms J Howard, MP	Member for Ipswich
Cr Cheryl Bromage	Ipswich City Council – Councillor Division 6
Cr C Pisasale	Ipswich City Council – Councillor Division 8
Cr D Pahlke	Ipswich City Council – Councillor Division 10
Mr T Dawson	Dawson's Technical Services
Mr G McLay	West Moreton Anglican College
Mrs L Ashton-Stewart	Local Resident
Mrs L Loeffel	Local Resident

ITEM 1: OPENING

1. The ACWG meeting opened at 1700 h. WGCDR Karen Breaden welcomed all present.

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

2. All attendees acknowledged that they had received and read the previous meeting's minutes. No issues or concerns were raised with the previous minutes.

ITEM 3: PFAS INVESTIGATION UPDATE

3. Leslie Wapler and Virginia Glyde provided an update on the PFAS investigation.
 - a. Sampling analysis and quality plan is underway and will provide a basis for the next stage of the investigation that is about to kick off next month. All attendees are invited to attend a community information session to be held in October.

ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4. WGCDR Breden advised the Amberley 2029 ANEF meetings were held in Ipswich on 20 Jul 17, nil feedback has been received.

ITEM 5: AMBERLEY BASE UPDATE

5. WGCDR Breden noted that it was very similar to last quarter in regards to the demolition and building going on on the base. The base is constantly changing which will remain the case long term.

Noise Report for 10 May – 22 Aug 17

6. WGCDR Breden then summarised the Noise Report for the period.
 - a. There were only 29 noise complaints, noting a lot of those were in relation to Exercise TALISMAN SABRE with the increase of flying as well as personnel on the base.
7. Mr Bill Behm raised an issue with the Osprey parked on the hardstand and the “offensive noise” it was making. He also asked the reason it took so long to take off. SQNLDR Alex Smith and Mr Jim Craig offered some possible reasons and mentioned that they were departing tomorrow.

ITEM 6: COMMUNITY CONCERNS

8. Mr Bill Behm raised the issue of a blocked storm water drain at the Behms Road Gatehouse. Mr Jim Craig mentioned he has spoken to Spotless about it last week.

For action: Mr Jim Craig to follow up.

9. Mr Bill Behm raised the issue of weed control and the fact it has taken 30 years to be cleaned up. Mr Jim Craig has confirmed the task has been completed.
10. Mr Ian Dainer raised an issue with the vague plans around the rehabilitation of the Ebenezer Mine Site near the Willowbank Raceway. His main concern being that it is just being used as a dump, and he wanted to bring this to the attention of Defence as a dump would attract birds and “birds and aircraft don’t mix.”
11. Mr George Hatchman requested RAAF/ADF community assistance for the Amberley Girl Guides Group to maintain their grounds in Willowbank. WGCDR Breden advised that any request for support would need to come in via an official request.

12. Mr George Hatchman raised consideration for Willowbank/Amberley 4306 Postcode change to 4305. Mr Hatchman mentioned that before the RAAF Base Amberley boundary was extended the post office was a joint facility between Defence and the civil community. As it stands the post office is on base and not accessible by the civil community. His main concern being that the 4306 postcode does not align with the demographic situation. Mr Jim Craig advised that the potential postcode would have no effect on the base.

ITEM 7: COUNCIL REPORTS ON DEFENCE ISSUES

13. Nil council reports.

ITEM 8: COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE'S FEEDBACK

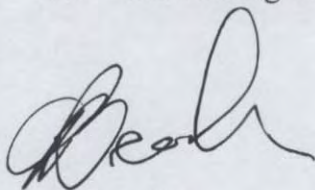
14. Mrs Rita Conroy raised the issue of a van and ute coming up Behms Road spotlighting the base. Previous to this, the van and the ute "were arguing on the corner of Behms Road and Old Toowoomba Road." The police were notified, and Mrs Conroy believes it may have been two contractors.

ITEM 9: NEXT MEETING

15. Attendees to be notified when the date for the next meeting has been set.

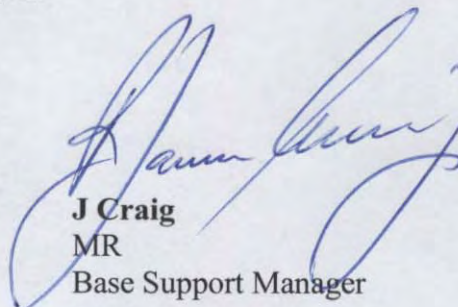
ITEM 10: MEETING CLOSED

16. The meeting was officially closed at 1800 h.



K Breaden
WGCDR
Chairperson

3 Nov 17



J Craig
MR
Base Support Manager

3 Nov 17

Annexes:

A. Noise Complaints Report – 10 May – 22 Aug 17

NOISE COMPLAINTS**10 May – 22 Aug 17**

DATE	TIME	AREA	AIRCRAFT
11-May-17	1610	Thanes Creek	FA18F
15-May-17	1629	Maclean	C17
24-May-17	1920	Regional NSW	FA18F
26-May-17	1445	Glenlyon	C17
31-May-17	2023	UNK	C17
01-Jun-17	1100	Brassall	C17
23-Jun-17	1239	Fairney View	C17
30-Jun-17	0600	Glamorgan Vale	FA18F
03-Jul-17	0830	Goondiwindi	OTHER
10-Jul-17	1327	Running Creek	C17
11-Jul-17	1724	Walloon	FA18F
12-Jul-17	1830	Walloon	OTHER
13-Jul-17	0907	Jimboomba	OTHER
12-Jul-17	1121	Walloon	FA18F
18-Jul-17	1220	Willowbank	FA18F
20-Jul-17	1452	Willowbank	FA18F
20-Jul-17	1439	Ipswich	OTHER
26-Jul-17	1250	Jimboomba	OTHER
28-Jul-17	1230	Brassall	C17
19-Jul-17	2150	Raceview	C17
21-Jul-17	1030	Pratten	FA18F
28-Jul-17	0800	Pretty Gully	FA18F
02-Aug-17	1930	Greymare	FA18F
08-Aug-17	1443	Yamanto	FA18F
10-Aug-17	1938	Ravensbourne	FA18F
12-Aug-17	1400	Coolangatta	UKN
14-Aug-17	2005	Gatton	UKN
15-Aug-17	2100	Lockyer Valley	FA18F
15-Aug-17	1637	Bli Bli	UKN