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**MINUTES OF THE AMBERLEY CONSULTATIVE WORKING GROUP (ACWG)
HELD AT RAAF AMBERLEY BOWLS CLUB 03 DECEMBER 2013**

Present:

WGCDR Simon Nickson (ABXO RAAF AMB)
GPCAPT John Ward (23SQN)
GPCAPT Glen Braz (Director Growler Transition Office)
Cr Charlie Pisasale (Councillor Div 8)
FLGOFF Kristina Filippi (23SQN)
Sean Choat, MP (Member for Ipswich West)
Bill Behm (Local Resident)
Don Hooper (Winston Glades NHW)
Lola Hooper (Winston Glades NHW)
George Hatchman (Willowbank Area Group-President)
Geoff McLay (West Moreton Anglican College)
Evan Dawson (Local Resident)
Glenys Ashton (Local Resident)
Lynette Ashton-Stewart (Local Resident)

Apologies:

The Honourable Shayne Neumann, MP (Federal Member for Blair)
Cr David Pahlke (Ipswich City Council)
Cr Ian Rickuss, MP (Member for Lockyer)
Cr Cheryl Bromage (Ipswich City Council)
Matthew Clarke (RAAF AMB BSM)
Rodney Newsham (Marburg Residents Association)
JanelleLecinski (West Moreton Anglican College)
Kerri Lynch (Willowbank Area Group)
Ian Dainer (Willowbank Area Group)
Ross Muller (Winston Glades NHW)
Peter Conroy (Local Resident)
Stuart and Kylie Leslie (AMB Post Office)
Glenn Brennan (Walloon Thagoona Neighbourhood Watch)
Paul Brasher (Local Resident)
Annette Conroy (Local Resident)
Gael Lockett (Local Resident)
Rita Conroy (Local Resident)
Peter Conroy (Local Resident)

ITEM 1 – WELCOME

1. The ACWG Meeting was opened at 1715 h. WGCDR Simon Nickson welcomed all present and had all committee members in attendance introduce themselves.

ITEM 2 – APOLOGIES

2. Apologies received from:
 - Matt Clarke (BSM)
 - The Honourable Shayne Neumann, MP (Federal Member for Blair)
 - Cr Cheryl Bromage (Ipswich City Council)
 - Cr David Pahlke (Ipswich City Council)
 - Peter Conroy (Local Resident)
 - Ian Dainer (Willowbank Area Group)
 - Ross Muller (Winston Glades NHW)

ITEM 3 – INTRODUCTION OF THE GROWLER TO AMBERLEY

3. GPCAPT Braz attended the ACWG to provide the working group an overview of the Growler and what to expect around Amberley upon the introduction of the aircraft. GPCAPT Braz also provided handouts with details of the aircraft.
4. Members are currently in the US training. Production on the 12 Growlers will start in 2015, with the first few being delivered to 6SQN in early 2017. The remaining aircraft are expected to arrive by the end of 2017.
5. The Growler is similar to the Super Hornet however, it provides an EW capability for use on radio waves. Legislation states that jamming cannot be used in residential areas nor can they listen to the Australian Public. It will not affect the local communities' electronic or mobile devices.
6. The Growler Noise Management Plan will be included in the Super Hornet's Noise Management Plan, with the Growler creating the same noise levels as the Super Hornet. The aircraft will fly longer sorties and is planned to be away a lot.
7. The arrival of the aircraft will mean the base population will increase by 50 – 60 personnel. More information regarding the aircraft will be disseminated amongst the community as the arrival of the Growler fleet gets closer.

ITEM 4 – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Review and acceptance of the Minutes of the last Meeting.

8. Lynette Ashton-Stewart raised the following corrections to the last minutes via email:
 - a. Mr Evan Dawson was not in attendance at the meeting and should be listed as absent;
 - b. The address of the proposed storage shed development is at 43 not 34 Southern Amberley Road; and
 - c. The minutes at 3 (b) should reflect that Glenys Ashton raised the painting on the road was not included in the previous minutes, not Lynette Ashton-Stewart.
9. WGCDR Nickson addressed Lynette Ashton-Stewart's question of the minutes being a transcript rather than minutes. He stated that they cover points of the meeting and the recording aid is there for assistance to the secretary, not to have a full transcript of the meeting.

ITEM 5 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

10. Glenys Ashton has not received information of the relocation of the front gate closer to her property.

For action: BSM

11. Bill Behm passed on that personnel are still speeding when departing the base down Old Toowoomba Road. WGCDR Nickson has spoken to QPOL previously however, he will reinvigorate discussions although it may come down to police resources.

For action: ABXO

12. WGCDR Nickson has invited a representative from the Department of Transport and Main Roads to attend the ACWG. Mr Robert Tutticci will attend the meeting starting in February. Whilst he could not attend today, Robert Tutticci has provided handouts on the intersection of the Cunningham highway. These are attached as enclosure one.

13. The design for Behms Road is going to stay as planned. ICC needs to advise Cr David Pahlke that they have been accepted. This is no longer an outstanding item.

14. Bill Behm advised there are two mounds of dirt inside the fence near Behms Road which are hazardous to drivers.

For action: BSM to investigate the mounds of dirt.

15. The Air Quality Monitoring Project, which includes rain water tank sampling, has been won by AECOM and is underway. This is attached as enclosure two.

16. Ms Linda Oliver will table the water tank report at the next ACWG once it is published, if it releasable to the public.

17. George Hatchman and Bill Behm raised concerns that the method of water collection method wasn't robust. Glenys Ashton and Lynette Ashton-Stewart asked if the water tanks on their property (as they are not on town water) could be included in the testing.

For action: ABXO to speak to Linda Oliver for inclusion of Glenys Ashton and Lynette Ashton-Stewart to have their tanks sampled.

For action: Linda Oliver to present the report at the next ACWG

18. The ABXO advised the group that no more blank firing is due to occur this year at the APOD Training Facility. Local residents who reside on that side of the base will be advised when it occurs in the future.

19. George Hatchman raised the issue of flooding on his property when it rains from the Girl Guide Hut that was built at Wellington Rise. He asked when the hut was being built, that the hydrology of the area be maintained. The water now floods George Hatchman's shed and the Girl Guide Hut.

For action: BSM to investigate the flooding into George Hatchman's property and the Girl Guide Hut.

ITEM 6 – SOUTHERN AMBERLEY ROAD SELF STORAGE FACILITY

20. The Development Application for the storage facility was approved on 18 Nov 13. The approval is for the storage facility to operate between 0600 h – 1800 h. Automated entry to the property is via customers making a call on their mobile phone to enter the facility. The gate will not open under any circumstances between 1800 h – 0600 h. A Noise Management Plan is included in the draft procedures for the facility detailing restrictions on reversing beepers, use of horns, engines idling and radio noise. A log will detail what time vehicles enter and depart, which allows the company to decipher who was using the facility at that time if a complaint is made. Cameras will also be fitted on site.

21. The Operation Works Application is being prepared by Opus Consultants for submission to council tomorrow. This includes a storm water overflow (onto the land of Department of Infrastructure and Planning as agreed by them) and a sedimentation pond is included to capture the pollutants.

22. The application for the driveway was submitted today. Vehicles will line up on the property; not blocking Southern Amberley Road. The streetscape of the road will also be maintained.

23. Lynette Ashton-Stewart raised the issue of HAZCHEM storage and dangerous goods, and how this was going to be monitored. Council haven't been able to provide an answer on this matter. Evan Dawson will look at the policy the Self Storage Association of Australia has on HAZCHEM and if satisfactory, will adopt their procedures. If it is not up to the expected standard, further steps will be taken to manage HAZCHEM.

ITEM 7 – RAAF AMBERLEY BASE UPDATE

24. ABXO update:

- a. With the Main Runway works being carried out, aircraft from Amberley were relocated. The KC30s were relocated to Darwin and the Super Hornets have been away on exercise. The jets are expected to return next week with minimal flying between now and Christmas. The Runway works are ahead of schedule with it expected to be operational by 17 Dec 13;
- b. Members from Amberley have been tasked and are supporting Philippine Assist;
- c. RAAF Security Forces (rotational) are due to return from Afghanistan before Christmas with other RAAF personnel to return early next year;
- d. The base is expected to host US F16s from Alaska in March 2014 (exact date to be confirmed);
- e. The official Welcome Home parade for RAAF Amberley members returning from Tarin Kot will be held next year on 14 Feb 14;
- f. December/January is posting cycle, with a third of workforce either moving around base or relocating to other locations. There is no turnover to the Base executive positions;

- g. The large joint logistics unit (JLU) warehouse/vehicle depot being built on the base will be finished in 2015;
- h. The Battlefield (10 x C-27 Aircraft with 35 Squadron) Air Lifter will move to Amberley and be fully operational by end of 2017; and
- i. The Army's 17 Construction Squadron is due to arrive in two years.

25. The Noise Complaint Report is tabled as annex A.

ITEM 8 – BASE INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

26. Southern Amberley Road Front Gate will open 20 Dec 13, if there is no wet weather, otherwise, it will open on 06 Jan 14. The Front Gate, Pass Office and Western Gate will be secure and commence operation on 30 Jan 14.

27. GPCAPT Ward discussed the 20m screen of tress to shield Glenys Ashton's property from the lights on base and was under the impression this had been agreed to previously. The current proposal has been approved by base security police. Glenys Ashton said she was not consulted about the proposal and disagreed that she had previously accepted it. Glenys stated she had asked for trees and shrubbery in the low lying area. It was requested that the trees do not impede on her view of her surroundings, and that the current proposal blocks her view and liveability. Glenys said this was raised at the ACWG meeting last February, which were not minuted. Bill Behm recalls the conversation.

28. GPCAPT Ward was never made aware of Glenys' objections on the current proposal. WGCDR Nickson invited Glenys is document and sketch her proposal on the current plans provided by GPCAPT Ward and hand them to him for consideration.

For action: Glenys Ashton/GPCAPT Ward

29. Behms Road works are going to be started in January with the public having access at all stages. Works are expected to be completed in September 2014. The recent design including a turn around area for traffic has been accepted by council.

30. The new on-base Southern Access Road is nearly complete which will become the major back gate road when Behms Road becomes operational next year.

31. Two new fire water tanks are being erected as well as a new Air Traffic control tower.

ITEM 9 – COUNCIL REPORT

Cr Charlie Pisasale

32. Cr Pisasale has provided a report at enclosure three.

ITEM 10 – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE FEEDBACK AND OTHER BUSINESS

33. Willowbank Area Group circulated a newsletter on the process of how to obtain a community access pass to the Post Office. People with a post office box are entitled. A reminder was put out for bike safety and drivers being aware of bike riders on the side of the road.

34. Winston Glades NHW advised that NHW information will be going online next year.

35. Bill Behm asked for the testing on Warrill Creek to be tabled at the next ACWG.

For action: ABXO to report back results next meeting.

36. Mr Geoff McLay advised that the school had conducted noise level monitoring and the noise levels are the same as 20 years ago.

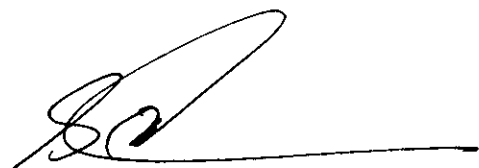
37. ABXO advised that Air Force Headquarters commissioned an independent contractor to carry out noise testing around Walloon/Karrabin, which found the aircraft noise was within WHS limits.

ITEM 11 – NEXT MEETING

38. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 25 February 14, at Evan Dawson's office, located at 37 South Amberley Road (Dawson's Tech Services).

ITEM 12 – MEETING CLOSED

39. Meeting officially closed at 1900 h.



S.C. NICKSON
WGCDR
ABXO

16 Jan 14

L. Filippi
for K.L. FILIPPI
FLGOFF
Secretary
16 Jan 14
Dec 13

Annex:

A. Noise Complaints Report – 21 Jan – 18 Nov 13

Enclosures:

1. TMR Rep – Cunningham Highway/Amberley Intersection Upgrade
2. Rain Water Tank Sampling
3. Cr. Pisasale - Council Report

ANNEX A TO
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Date	Time	Location	A/C
21-Jan-13	0700	URUNGA	
15-Jan -13	1600	Sunshine Coast	FA-18
15-Jan-13	1700	Sunshine Coast	FA-18
15-Jan-13	e-mail	Sunshine Coast	FA-18
06-Feb-13	Unknown	Leyburn	FA-18
08-Feb-13	1350	Walloon	
13-Feb-13	1520	Amberley	FA-18
14-Feb-13	1515	Walloon	FA-18
21-Feb-13	1615	Ironbark	FA-18
21-Feb-13	1615	Ironbark	FA-18
27-Feb-13	1430	Leyburn	FA-18
27-Feb-13	1520	Warrego Hwy, Rosewood Rd turnoff	FA-18
07-Mar-13	1105	Walloon	FA-18
12-Mar-13	0801	Warwick	C-17
12-Mar-13	2000	Bundaberg	FA-18
12-Mar-13	Various	Ipswich	C-17
13-Mar-13	2000	Amberley	FA-18
18-Mar-13	1515	Goranba	FA-18
09-May-13	1420	Plainland	FA-18
14-May-13	1015	Amberley	FA-18
16-May-13	1016	Amberley	CHC SAR Helo
09-May-13	1545	Ropeley	FA-18
21-May-13	16:30	Tabulam	FA-18
27-May-13	0930	Amberley	Unknown
05-Jun-13	1550	Purga	FA-18
05-Aug-13	1900	Warwick	C-17
13-Aug-13	1130	Gracemere	Unknown
20-Aug-13	1055	Wandel, Rockhampton	Mrs Larsen called by XO.
21-Aug-13	1915	Darling Downs	FA-18
21-Aug-13	1915	Pittsworth/Oakey	FA-18
21-Aug-13	1915	Southbrooke	FA-18
21-Aug-13	1915	Linthorpe Valley	FA-18
21-Aug-13	1930	Pittsworth	FA-18
05-Sep-13	1500	Leyburn	FA-18
12-Sep-13	1115	Glen Innes	FA-18
13-Sep-13	1140	Purga	FA-18
15-Sep-13	1135	Maryvale	FA-18
23-Sep-13	1322	New Italy	FA-18
27-Sep-13	1255	Cooparoo	FA-18
27-Sep-13	1215	Woolloongabba	FA-18
18-Oct-13	2000	Marlborough	Unknown

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21-Oct-13	2017	MUDGEERABA	Blackhawks
21-Oct-13	2015	TALLAI	Blackhawks
21-Oct-13	1930	WORONGARY	Blackhawks
02-Oct-13	1345	Upper Coomera	?
22-Oct-13	1015	WORONGARY	Blackhawks
27-Sep-13	1234	CAMP HILL	FA-18
15-Sep-13	1135	MARYVALE	FA-18
23-Oct-13	2057	Kenmore	Blackhawks
21-Oct-13	1600	Carrara	Blackhawk
24-Oct-13	1445	Not Given	Blackhawks
28-Oct-13	2200	Willowbank	Blackhawks
04-Nov-13	1205	Ipswich	C17
05-Nov-13	0900	Purga	Tomahawkes
18-Nov-13	1150	Spring Creek	F-18

Lines, Lyn MRS

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Subject: TMR Rep to attend Amberley Consultative Working Group Meeting

Dear Simon

Thank you for your invitation to attend the Amberley Consultative Working Group. I would be happy to attend the meeting on 14 Feb, but cannot attend the one tonight (Tuesday 05 Dec).

Generally from a planning perspective, we are active in the area and have reloaded the Cunningham Highway/Amberley Intersection Upgrade onto the TMR website (address attached). The planning study has been submitted to Infrastructure Australia for consideration. This project is also perceived to be Stage 1 of the future Western Ipswich Bypass.

<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Projects/Name/C/Cunningham-Highway-Amberley-Intersection-Upgrade.aspx>

If you are after specific information for the meeting tonight, I will endeavour to get you what I can.

I hope this initial information helps.

Kind regards,

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Date: 28/11/2013 10:07 PM
Subject: TMR Rep to attend Amberley Consultative Working Group Meeting [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Dear TMR

I was speaking to Mr Ron Hemley from TMR who is one of your reps at the Ipswich District Disaster Management Group (DDMG) on which I represent RAAF Base Amberley; he suggested I e-mail you.

I co-chair the Amberley Consultative Working Group which is a quarterly meeting whereby the RAAF Base and Dept of Defence engages with local neighbourhood representatives and elected officials (from all three

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levels of gov't) to keep them abreast of Base issues and potential impacts on the community.

Given the expansion of the Base, the traffic it brings, and local road works, we all share a very keen interest in matters such as Rosewood Rd intersection, Cunningham Highway turn off etcetera.

It would be excellent if a TMR rep could attend our meetings and provide any updates or answer any questions. The attendance varies but ranges from about 12 - 25.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 03 Dec at 5:00pm at Amberley, and we would dearly like to see a TMR rep attend. If this is unachievable then certainly for the next meeting in Feb 14 would be most welcome.

My point of contact is Mrs Lyn Lines on (07) 5361 5801, (also cc'd here)

Yours sincerely

Simon Nickson

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Cunningham Highway/Amberley Intersection upgrade

- Overview:** The department has developed a concept plan for the upgrade of the Cunningham Highway between Yamanto and Amberley.
- Location:** Cunningham Highway between Yamanto and Amberley.
- Benefits:** Improving motorist safety, travel reliability and easing congestion on the Cunningham Highway.
- Regions:** Metropolitan Region

Project info

Following detailed engineering, environmental and traffic investigations, the department has developed a concept plan to upgrade the Cunningham Highway between Yamanto and Amberley.

The project will include:

- a realignment of the highway between Yamanto and Ebenezer Creek
- an upgrade of the Cunningham Highway and Ipswich-Rosewood Road intersection
- left-in/left-out only access to Middle Road
- an overpass over the new connection road
- a new service road between Ipswich-Rosewood Road and Warwick Road
- and new pedestrian and cycle facilities.

The concept plan seeks to support the additional traffic expected to be generated from the ongoing expansion of the RAAF Airbase at Amberley and the proposed Ebenezer Regional Industry Area.

The project will offer the following benefits:

- improved safety
- reduced congestion
- improved traffic reliability
- reduced heavy vehicle movements on local roads
- dedicated pedestrian and cycle facilities
- improved access to public transport through the provision of new bus stops.

The preferred option and business case were submitted to the federal government in mid-2012, for funding approval for design and construction. The department is awaiting the outcome of this funding request.

The department intends for the proposed upgrade to be designated as Community Infrastructure under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*. As part of the designation process, the department has completed a draft Environmental Approvals Report (EAR), available to the public upon request.

The project is the first step in enabling the future Western Ipswich Bypass and will help reduce congestion, improve safety and provide greater efficiency for freight along the highway.

The project team would like to thank the local community for their involvement and feedback on the project to date.

Contact details

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Latest news

- [Cunningham Highway/Amberley Intersection upgrade: concept plan \(PDF, 17.3 MB\)](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/~media/Projects/C/Cunningham%20Highway%20Amberley%20Intersection%20Upgrade/cunninghamhwyamberleyintersectionconceptplan.pdf)
(<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/~media/Projects/C/Cunningham%20Highway%20Amberley%20Intersection%20Upgrade/cunninghamhwyamberleyintersectionconceptplan.pdf>)
(<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Projects/Name/C/~media/Projects/C/Cunningham%20Highway%20Amberley%20Intersection%20Upgrade/cunninghamhwyamberleyintersectionplanningstudynewsletter0811.pdf>)
- [Cunningham Highway/Amberley Intersection upgrade: newsletter August 2011 \(PDF, 1.66 MB\)](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/~media/Projects/C/Cunningham%20Highway%20Amberley%20Intersection%20Upgrade/cunninghamhwyamberleyintersectionplanningstudynewsletter0811.pdf)
(<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/~media/Projects/C/Cunningham%20Highway%20Amberley%20Intersection%20Upgrade/cunninghamhwyamberleyintersectionplanningstudynewsletter0811.pdf>)

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Great state. Great opportunity.

ENCLOSURE 2
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Nickson, Simon WGCDR

From: Oliver, Linda MS
Sent: Monday, 2 December 2013 8:39 AM
To: Nickson, Simon WGCDR
Cc: Clarke, Matthew MR 1; Poli, Richard MR
Subject: Rain Water Tank Sampling [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Categories: UNCLASSIFIED

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Hi Nicko

The Air Quality Monitoring project, which includes the rain water tank sampling, has been won by AECOM and is now underway. Spotless is project managing this on behalf of Defence.

I have been advised that the rain water tank sampling is already underway, so anyone who had their tank sampled last time should have already been contacted by AECOM for a follow up.

If anything comes up that doesn't fit with this advice at the community meeting (tomorrow night?) let me know and I will chase it up.

Regards
Linda

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AMBERLEY CONSULTATIVE WORKING GROUP (ACWG)

3rd December 2013

Report by Cr. Charlie Pisasale

ENCLOSURE 3 TO
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LEICHHARDT POLICE BEAT

Snr Constable Matt Pinder has been transferred to Karana Downs station & vacant police beat position is currently being advertised by Qld Police Services.

LEICHHARDT SWIM CENTRE

Operational hours over Christmas are as follows:

24/12/13 Christmas eve – open normal time - close 4pm

25/12/13 Christmas Day – closed

26/12/13 & 27/12/13 – 10am – 4pm

28/12/13, 29/12/13 & 30/12/13 – Normal hours

31/12/13 New Year's eve – open normal time - close 4pm

1/01/14 New Year's day – 10am – 4pm

Normal hours of operation from 2/1/14 onwards.

LEICHHARDT ONE MILE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Congratulations to the Leichhardt One Mile Community Centre on the official opening of the Men's Shed on Saturday 2nd November by our State Member Sean Choat in the presence of Federal Member Shayne Neumann. The shed will operate on Wednesday's and Saturdays between 8am – 12 noon and membership forms are now available from the centre. Yearly fees for members are \$40 per annum. A maximum of 10 – 12 people can attend the shed at any one time. Many programs will also be running over the holidays for every age group.

ONE MILE BRIDGE UPDATE

Repairs to the One Mile Bridge are now underway, due for completion February 2014. ICC traffic branch and Qld Police are currently exploring options regarding legal u-turns at the lights at the intersection of Hooper St. Photos

GEORGE ALDER TENNIS CENTRE

Work to install the shade structure has been stalled due to delays in steel manufacturing. Project is expected to be completed by late December 2013.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As there was no new committee appointed at the last community meeting held for the Leichhardt Wulkuraka Neighbourhood Watch group the group has now closed.

All committee positions were filled at the One Mile Watch group AGM.

TRANSLINK BUS ROUTE CHANGES

Many residents have voiced concerns about the new timetables effective 1st Dec. Meeting next week with Sean Choat and a number of residents to discuss the issues. Also of concern is the number of newly installed bus shelters which are now redundant.

IPSWICH GOLF CLUB

Now fully operational with golf, bar and meals are available, & pokies are back on line. Also more great that the Club has been purchased by Sirromet Wines. This should be the final step remaining for the club to move forward towards the outstanding Golf Club the community had become accustomed to since its formation 118 years ago in 1895.

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HERITAGE LINKS ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Former front 9 of Ipswich Golf Club, Stage 3 of the 8 stages development is progressing.

IPSWICH CIVIC CENTRE

Closed from 20 December till 17 February – replace flooring in main auditorium.

IPSWICH ART GALLERY

Popular Kids Exhibition “Construction Site” back again until end of school holidays. (Note \$3 & \$10 Family entry for selected special exhibitions)

LEICHHARDT SCOUTS

LDiscussions held with District Commissioner Alex Mears about reactivating the Leichhardt Scout Group which operated for several years in the Den at Leichhardt Park. Seeking potential “Leaders” who could be trained up to take this responsible role. When the appropriate number of Leaders are in place they can then direct their promotion towards attracting young members for this group. During all the past years of operation this facility was a great training ground and always most important for our youth of One Mile and Leichhardt when it was operational.

MOVIES IN THE PARK 2014

5th April in Leichhardt Park, “The Croods” showing.

LAURIE GILCHRIST

Long standing member of the Leichhardt One Mile Community Consultative Committee and Leichhardt One Mile Community Centre, sadly passed away. Great that he was able to see the opening of the Men’s Shed as this was very close to his heart.

KEN SMITH

Ken Smith of No. 6 Siemons Street One mile celebrated his 90th Birthday on 21st November, appropriate certificate & letter from Mayor were presented to him.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Division 8 office will be closed over the Christmas period from noon on Friday 20th December and will reopen on Monday 13th January 2014 at 8:30am.