



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, 07 FEB 17**

Attendees:

WGCDR K Breaden	RAAF AMB ABXO	Chairperson
Mr J Craig	RAAF AMB BSM	
Mr B Fullarton	Representing The Hon S Neumann, MP	
Cr C Pisasale	Ipswich City Council – Councillor Division 8	
Cr D Pahlke	Ipswich City Council – Councillor Division 10	
Insp K McDonald	Qld Police Service	
Mr I Rickuss, MP	Member for Lockyer	
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	
Mr A Mullins	Local Resident	
FLGOFF E Hoffler	ABCP	Meeting Secretary

Apologies:

The Hon S Neumann, MP	Federal Member for Blair
Ms J Howard, MP	Member for Ipswich
Mr R Newsham	Marburg Residents Associations
Mr G McLay	West Moreton Anglican College
Mrs G Ashton	Local Resident

ITEM 1: OPENING

1. The ACWG meeting opened at 1700 h. WGCDR Karen Breaden welcomed all present and introduced herself as the T/CO 23 Squadron for the next 6 months following WGCDR Tony Blair.

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: BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3. An action item was raised regarding the PFAS testing in previous meetings. Mr Jim Craig spoke on the following issues:
 - a. Water testing was done by either Jacobs or GHD, with a table of findings provided.
 - b. Mr Bill Behm raised an issue with domestic water tank testing, unsure of the company who “stuffed up” the testing. Mr George Hatchman to send records through to Mr Jim Craig if able to provide a reference point.
 - c. Mr Jim Craig advised that this may be due to routine testing done within and outside the base and provided a table of results of the Surface Macro Invertebrate Sampling Sediment Ground Water.
 - d. Comprehensive testing for PFAS to start within the next month with Jim Craig currently trying to find somewhere on base for the team to work from.

ITEM 4: AMBERLEY BASE UPDATE

4. WGCDR Breaden advised of the following current and future activities at Amberley:
 - a. Development on base is going well, though expected to increase. There is currently up to 1500 contractors on base on any given day, with an Amberley Census stating there can be up to 8000 people total on base on average.

ITEM 5: NOISE COMPLAINTS**Noise Report for 15 Nov 16 - 31 Jan 17**

5. WGCDR Breaden summarised the Noise Report for the period. The records have remained steady and consistent with what was forecast.
 - a. There were only 9 noise complaints, with a notable 5 week break over the Christmas period with very little flying.
 - b. Mr Jim Craig advised that he and 23SQN are happy to talk to local individuals with noise complaints.

ITEM 6: AMBERLEY 2029 ANEF

6. Mr Jim Craig advised that the State Planning Branch in Canberra have been putting together an Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) out to 2029 for Amberley. This is to predict long term noise from the aircraft in the area. This is primarily a planning and advisory tool to map out the noise footprint for Amberley for the next 10-12 years so that town planning can be done in accordance with this. A hardcopy of a presentation Mr Brenin Presswell showed the council was provided, available on the website or through Jim Craig if desired, as well as public forums held in March/April.

7. Mr Bill Behm raised the issue of the ANEF meeting being advertised poorly as he was not aware of the previous one. Jim Craig to talk to Mrs Lyn Lines upon hearing about the ANEF to ensure that all members of the group are made aware of the date and location of the next meeting.

For action: Mr Jim Craig to follow up.

ITEM 7: CONSIDERATION OF AN ARMY THEME GATEKEEPER

8. Mr George Hatchman is suggesting consideration for an Army theme gatekeeper for the RAAF Amberley west gate following a resident's suggestion to recognise the contribution of Army to the base. It was raised that there are Army gate guards in front of unit lines rather than at a gate, however Mr Jim Craig said it would be taken to the SADFO and considered if a request was submitted.

ITEM 8: COUNCIL REPORTS ON DEFENCE ISSUES

9. Cr Charlie Pisasale provided a written report about the state of Ipswich and summarised improvements to the local area pertaining to suburb signage and overall cleanliness of the area.

10. Mr Ian Rickuss discussed a proposed 2-lane roundabout to ease traffic, however the proposal was ultimately not accepted.

11. Cr David Pahlke detailed the following feedback:

- a. He passed out a paper to be turned into a newsletter detailing growth in the area and summarised other happenings in the community.
- b. Added updates about the Cunningham Highway in terms of the upgrades to future meetings.
- c. The traffic count at Willowbank near the raceway is approximately 7000 cars a day, with the count at Amberley being closer to 17000, causing considerable traffic, to be added as an agenda item.

ITEM 9: COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE'S FEEDBACK

12. Mr George Hatchman advised of the first general meeting on 27 Feb 17, with Mayor Paul Pisasale to give a presentation on the Willowbank Motorsport Precinct.

13. Mr Ian Dainer listed 3 of 4 major projects underway that will impact the road this year, and consequently traffic.

14. Mr George Hatchman raised the ongoing issue of O'Neills Road with a fire there late last year, possibly contributed to by residents dumping grass.

15. Mr George Hatchman will be laying a wreath on ANZAC Day at the Amberley Boys Honour Stone on behalf of the Amberley Willowbank civil communities as President of the Willowbank Area (Residents) Group.

16. Mr Don Hooper requests a replacement local community member for the laying of the ANZAC Wreath with CO 23 Squadron on behalf of the Amberley Consultative Working Group due to his inability to continue in this role.

For action: Mr George Hatchman or Mr Ian Dainer to follow up.

17. Mr Don Hooper also raised a suggestion for RAAF to be involved in Amberley State School Emergency Services Day. WGCDR Breden said she would take it to a weekly meeting with the SADFO.

For action: WGCDR Breden to follow up.

18. Mr Ian Dainer, for Ipswich Railway RSL sub-branch, requests that the base is informed more regularly when children of defence families at local high schools are doing defence children events, with more information to follow.

19. Mr Ian Dainer also requests circulation of Fred Smith's 'Dust of Uruzgan' concert flier on behalf of his wife, Vice President of Legacy Ipswich.

ITEM 10: OTHER BUSINESS

20. Mr Jim Craig discussed the repairs and maintenance to Old Toowoomba Rd due to frequent heavy vehicles, due to start this week.

21. Mr Jim Craig introduced Inspector Keith McDonald, who updated on the state of the Cunningham Highway. He also summarised an operation on the Monday after CMC Rocks on 27 March 2017 to deal with traffic congestion with people leaving the campsite and preventing people entering the base.

22. Mr George Hatchman raised the issue that the new back gate may not be sufficiently signed for civilians.

For action: Mr Jim Craig to follow up.

23. Mrs Rita Conroy raised an issue with people spotlighting her house and requested more signage for Defence land to reduce this.

For action: Mr Jim Craig to follow up.

24. Mr Bill Behm requested an update on PFAS, with Mr Jim Craig advising that the only news is that the contract has been given to a company called CH2M, starting this month.

25. Mr Bill Behm also raised the issue of weeds. Mr Jim Craig to forward him the weed management plan.

26. Mr Bill Behm, on behalf of all present, wished to add a vote of thanks to WGCDR Tony Blair for his time with them.

ITEM 11: NEXT MEETING

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

ITEM 12: MEETING CLOSED

28. The meeting was officially closed at 1800 h.



K Breaden
WGCDR
Chairperson

12 Apr 17



J Craig
MR
Base Support Manager

18 Apr 17

Annexes:

- A. Noise Complaints Report – 02 Nov 16 – 31 Jan 17
- B. Cr Charlie Pisasale Report – 7 Feb 17

ANNEX A TO
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DATED 18 APR 17

NOISE COMPLAINTS

02 Nov 16 – 31 Jan 17

DATE	TIME	AREA	AIRCRAFT
15 Nov 16	1715	Booval	C-17
08 Dec 16	1311	Redbank	
17 Jan 17	1210	Fairney View	F/A18-F
17 Jan 17	1219	Wivenhoe Pocket	F/A18-F
18 Jan 17	1003	Cecil Plains	F/A18-F
18 Jan 17	1115	Amberley	F/A18-F
20 Jan 17	1130	Wivenhoe	C-17
31 Jan 17	1030 & 1300-1500	Southbrook	F/A18-F
31 Jan 17	0936	Southbrook	F/A18-F

AMBERLEY CONSULTATIVE WORKING GROUP (ACWG)

7th February 2017

Report by Cr. Charlie Pisasale

PROJECT FOR CHANGE: Stage 1 of this project is currently underway near the Leichhardt Roundabout (formerly Ipswich Golf Club). Goal of this project is providing housing to struggling families with a view to purchase their own home when they land on their feet.

SPEED AWARENESS SIGNS: Council have installed new Speed Awareness Signs which will be rotated throughout the City. Sites nominated for Division 8 include:-

- Siemons Street, One Mile
- Chubb Street, One Mile
- Berry Street, Churchill
- Whitehill Road, Raceview

PROJECTS UPDATE:

Completed:

- George & Eileen Hastings Softball Fields: Upgrades to light Field 3 sporting diamond
- Road resurfacing projects for Old Toowoomba Road, Pisasale Drive, Ripley Road, Grampian Drive, Darcy Lane, Woodford Street and Chalk Street.

Underway:

- Balaclava Street, Churchill: kerb and channel project
- Guilfoyle Street, Churchill: kerb and channel project.

Coming up:

- Woodford St, One Mile: a new footpath is to be installed between Vineyard Street to 86 Woodford Street (Cunningham Views Development)
- Toongarra Road: Landscaping to be done along Toongarra Road.

SUBURB SIGNAGE: New suburb design signs are being installed to replace the former "very tired" versions displaced Citywide.

IVOR MARSDEN PARK: New "Ray Walker Oval" signage has been installed on site at the sporting grounds.

GERALD RONAYNE PARK: New park located in Ronayne Circle has received negative press where knives & needles were found within the playground area.

DIVISIONAL COUNCILLOR TARGETS: Main focus items include the following practices

- Overgrown properties & footpaths
- Leaving unwanted household items on footpaths
- Parking vehicles over constructed footpaths
- Abandoned unregistered vehicles

ADVANCE IPSWICH: This publication is certainly worth downloading to keep updated on the massive changes our city will undergo within the next three years.