

RAAF Base Williamtown Community Representative Nomination Options March 2015

In establishing the RAAF Base Williamtown Advisory Group, Defence representatives determined it was important to continue the community in discussions around Air Force operations in the Hunter after the Port Stephens Aircraft Noise Taskforce wound up in late 2011.

As a result, individuals were identified and asked 'verbally' of their interest in representing their community and being part of this group. The Senior Australian Defence Force Officer for RAAF Base Williamtown, AIRCDRE Tony Grady issued formal invitations to you all in May 2012 inviting you to participate in the group.

Formal invitations were also sent out local and state government department officers and local businesses and the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Hence the Williamtown Advisory Group began.

Key locations identified as areas to draw community representatives from included:-

- Raymond Terrace;
- East Medowie;
- West Medowie;
- Salt Ash;
- Oyster Cove, Tanilba Bay, Swan Bay (Tilligerry peninsular);
- Base neighbours and;
- Local businesses.

Options to recruit community representatives

- a. Current members can elect to remain as representatives on the WLM Advisory Group for the next few years; or
- b. Nominate others to represent their local community.
- c. Base to run public notices in the Port Stephens Examiner asking for nominations from the community in particular areas – such as Raymond Terrace, etc. Defence accepts those nominations and after discussion with nominee to further explain the role, and WLM Advisory Group community representatives, Defence to select the representative.