The Past

• Home of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF)

• Previously home to various operational, training and support units including the Headquarters of the Officer Training School.

• Listed in the National Heritage list in 2007

• The RAAF Museum; contributes to public awareness and to Defence’s recruitment efforts
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Current Use

- RAAF Museum displays, storage facilities and working area.
- 21 (City of Melbourne) Squadron
- Air Force Cadets
- Normal working population of around 100 which increases to over 500 when ADF reserves and cadets use the site.
- Used by various visiting Defence users for training activities
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**Vision**

- ‘Working Heritage Base’ - capable of conducting operations while preserving and displaying Air Force and Australian aviation heritage
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Underpinning Planning Principles

- RAAF Williams Point Cook will be retained by Defence
- Defence ownership and management
- The RAAF Museum will remain at RAAF Williams Point Cook
- Future use is to have full regard to Defence’s responsibilities under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*
- Appropriate, adaptive reuse of buildings
- Maintained by Defence as an operating airfield
- Continued use by civilian flying operators (on a commercial basis)
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Current Issues

• Defence Strategic Review
• Melbourne Working Accommodation Review
• Base redevelopment in 2013/14
  – Review and upgrade/replacement of infrastructure services
  – Adaptive re-use of buildings
  – Possible relocation of Defence elements from Laverton to Point Cook
  – Upgrade and where appropriate replacement of perimeter and internal fencing
• Heritage Management
• Environmental Management