TERMS OF REFERENCE

• Defence led consultation forum
• not a decision making forum
• issues that do not affect Defence or which Defence cannot influence are not within the scope of the forum
• issues impacting on Defence operational and security requirements will not normally be discussed
• formal minutes of meetings will not be distributed
KEY TOPICS

- RAAF Williams Point Cook Message Noticeboard
- Key project works undertaken following the inaugural forum
- Status of Point Cook Redevelopment Project Planning
RAAF Williams Point Cook
Message Noticeboard

RAAF WILLIAMS
Point Cook

POINT COOK
CONSULTATIVE
FORUM
3-PM 7 OCT
Key Project Works

- Building P90 (former motor transport) reconstruction
- Building P161 (former Bomber Command) asbestos remediation
- Demolition of brick former living-in accommodation and intrusive / non-heritage structures
Building P90

October 2007
Building P90

Early July 2008
Building P90

Late July 2008
Building P90

October 2010
Demolition of non-heritage structures

- Former garage / petrol station facility
- Former living-in accommodation buildings vicinity Stutt St
- Further clean up works in and around the former education precinct
Point Cook Redevelopment
Project Update

Intent

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

- RAAF Williams Point Cook will be retained and managed by Defence
- the RAAF Museum will remain at 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
- in-ground infrastructure deficiencies will be addressed
- maintained by Defence as an operating airfield
- continued use by civilian flying operators (on a commercial basis under licence)
Point Cook Redevelopment
Project Update

Project Planning Status

• Strategic level project scope and business case development currently in progress
Environmental Management at RAAF Pt Cook
Environmental Management

Defence’s Environmental responsibilities
Environmental management at Pt Cook
Environmental issues at Pt Cook
Program to manage issues
Reporting framework
Future intentions
Defence’s Environmental Responsibilities

• Defence’s Environmental Vision

Defence will be a leader in sustainable environmental management to support the ADF's capability to defend Australia and its national interests.
Defence’s Environmental Responsibilities

Governed by:

• Environmental legislation
  – **Commonwealth** Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act
  – **State**
    • Flora & Fauna Guarantee Act
    • Catchment & Land Protection Act
• International Agreements
• Defence Policy
Environmental Management at Point Cook

• Use of the Environmental Management System (EMS) framework

“An EMS is part of an organization’s management system used to develop and implement its environmental policy and manage its environmental aspects.”

ISO14001, International Standard for EMS
What does an EMS mean?

Management Review
- Environmental Policy

Continual Improvement!

Checking/Corrective Action
- Monitoring & Measurement
- Nonconformance/Corrective & Preventive Action
- Records
- EMS Audits

Planning
- Environmental Aspects
- Legal & Other Requirements
- Objectives & Targets
- Environmental Management Program(s)

Implementation
- Structure & Responsibility
- Training, Awareness, Competence
- Communication
- EMS Documentation
- Document Control
- Operational Control
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
Environmental Management at Point Cook

Potential Environmental Impacts:
• Aircraft noise
• High explosive ordnance
• Impact on marine mammals
• Contaminated buildings and sites
• Fuel spills
• Heritage
Environmental Issues at Pt Cook
Pest animal monitoring

RAAF Williams - Point Cook

Feral Animal Spotlight Count

Date: 01/07/10

KEY:  
- Yellow = Rabbits = 38
- Blue = Pigeons

Note: Numbers on boxes refer to GPS co-ordinates (see att. list for number of rabbits per marker.)
• Noxious and environmental weeds
• Gradual approach to control mostly through our on-ground contractors
Cotoneaster
Polygala
Our Heritage
Program to Manage Issues

- Energy and sustainability management
- Sustainable water management
- Pollution prevention management
- Contamination management
- Heritage management
- Biodiversity conservation – lake area and foreshore
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Future Intentions

• Embed the EMS as part of the way Defence does business at Pt Cook
• Open communication lines about environmental issues through the Defence Environmental Working Group and the Consultative Forum
• Implement funded projects such as the foreshore stabilisation work, pest control and heritage and contamination management.
Current Airfield users

- Civilian Licensees
- Military transits + residential ops
- RAAF Museum
Procedures

• Avoid built up residential areas

• Circuits:
  – Mon – Sat 0730 - 2230
  – Sun 0730 – last light
Airspace

- RAAF does not own the airspace
- Class G
- Designated “D383”
- Aerobatics
Melbourne Airspace
Local Community Feedback

- Concerns investigated
- Req:
  - Time, location and nature of event
  - Aircraft ID?
  - How can we help?