

**FINAL MINUTES AND ACTION OUTCOMES OF THE 9th WILLIAMTOWN CONSULTATIVE FORUM
HELD AT RAAF BASE WILLIAMTOWN MEETING ROOM ON 16 MAY 2006**

Meeting started: 1010 HRS

ITEM No.	AGENDA Item.	MINUTES	BY WHOM	ACTION AGREED
1	<p>Agenda Item 1. Introduction and opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Chair, Geoffrey Beck, Head Infrastructure (HI), opened the ninth meeting of the Williamtown Consultative Forum at 1010 hrs. • Apologies received from The Hon Bob Baldwin MP (who would be arriving later), Jennifer Collison, Peter Gesling, Brett Lewis, and Edward Crawford. • 		Geoffrey Beck	
2	<p>Agenda Item 2. Attendance See attached list</p>			
3	<p>Agenda Item 3. Acceptance of minutes from the previous meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from the WCF #8 accepted. • Updates were provided on Action Items from previous meeting. 	Geoffrey Beck	
4	<p>Agenda Item 4. Salt Ash and Williamtown Schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister for Defence has been briefed on options which should be considered to alleviate the problem at the Williamtown Public School. In the near future, the Department expects to receive guidance from the Minister. NSW Premier's Department agreed to assist with a meeting with NSW DET. • The Salt Ash Primary School project is planned for completion in June 2006. 	Geoffrey Beck	
5	<p>Agenda Item 5. Noise Monitoring update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled the NFPMS Quarterly Reports for Apr/Jun 05 and Jul/Sep 05, and the annual report covering Feb – Oct 05. • There is a technical problem with the quality of the WLM radar data feed to the ASA systems. This issue is affecting the flight track data received by the NFPMS program. 	Geoffrey Beck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence will report at the next meeting.

6	Agenda Item 6. Ground Water Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The implementation of the ground water monitoring program has been approved. Installation of the new monitoring wells was completed in Apr 06 and monitoring has commenced. Defences groundwater monitoring program will assist in understanding the issue more fully. 	Helen Horn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Horn to provide an update report to WCF members at the next meeting.
7	Agenda Item 7. Air Quality Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Air Quality Monitoring has been approved. The necessary equipment is being sourced by the contractor and will be installed to commence by the end of June. 	Helen Horn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Horn to provide an update report to WCF members at the next meeting.
8	Agenda Item 8. Prediction of future Noise Patterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to lack of detailed noise data, a prediction of the noise patterns for the new JSF aircraft is not possible at this stage. Basing of the new aircraft is still to be decided. 	Geoffrey Beck	
9	Agenda Item 9. NSW Land Use Planning Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSW Department of Planning advised that the Land Use Planning Study for a proposed employment zone south of RAAF Base Williamtown/Newcastle Airport was underway. GHD Pty Ltd has been appointed as Consultants Update on discussions with the NSW Department of Planning regarding Defence's submission on the NSW Planning Reforms, including possible clauses for incorporation into next version of the NSW Department of Planning's local planning template. Work with David Boyd at Port Stephens Council to develop these. Defence intends to provide Webpage support to RAAF Base Williamtown. 	<p>Brian Murphy</p> <p>John Kerwan</p> <p>WGCDR Wal Mazzoni</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Murphy, John Kerwan and WGCDR Wal Mazzoni to provide updates to WCF members on these respective issues at the next meeting.

10	Agenda Item 9. Other Business - Kingshill Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Stephens Council raised the proposed residential development known as Kingshill. Defence confirmed its concerns about the development. • Defence indicated that although the proposed development was outside the ANEF 20 contour the site would still be affected by aircraft noise. If approved, the proposal is likely to result in complaints from residents which could impact on operations at the Base. It also has the potential to impact on future capability. • Defence suggested installing Environmental Monitoring Units (EMU) at Kingshill (North Raymond Terrace) area and maintain the portable EMU presently located at Medowie. 	Craig Baumann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Murphy to provide update to next WCF meeting on the progress of the Draft Lower Hunter Regional Strategy. • Erwin Wegner to arrange for the large scale flight tracks maps over the Kingshill and Medowie area to be delivered to the NSW State Planning Department. • Ron Hunter/Helen Horn to examine the placement of two portable EMUs at a position close to Kingshill at North Raymond Terrace. • AsA to produce a Kingshill and Medowie specific NFPMS Quarterly Report.
11	Agenda Item 10. Other Business - Mosquitos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on mosquito management in the Port Stephens area. Some species have been found carrying viruses. 	Bruce Petersen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Petersen has circulated Mosquito Fact Sheets to RAAF Base Williamtown.
12	Agenda Item 10. Other Business - Other noise issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a sonic boom incident caused by an aircraft 400m from Sandy Hollow (an aircraft went supersonic in contravention of Standing Instructions) • Between May 05 and Apr 06 – 116 complainants received (as compiled by the Base Commander) 	WGCDR Wai Mazzoni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPCAPT Ambler, Bob Baldwin and Port Stephens Council to gather existing noise complaint data to be provided to the next meeting. It is intended that this data be gathered by all parties and compiled into a central database by CSI

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base Commander is changing the 1800 telephone number to better communicate flying operations. Base will respond to every complaint. 		CNNSW.
13	Agenda Item 10. Other Business - RAAF Water Treatment Works (WTW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence is confident that the RAAF Base Williamtown WTW is not impacting on Tilligerry Creek. Port Stephens Council's independent studies also support this position. 	Ron Hunter Louise Cairns Bruce Petersen	
14	Agenda Item 10. Other Business – NAL Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting noted preparation of the NAL Master Plan is underway. First draft due by the end of July 06. 	John Kerwan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Hughes to provide update to WCF members on the NAL Master Plan at the next meeting.
15	Agenda Item 10. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief provided to Port Stephens Councillors on 11 April 06 by Geoffrey Beck, Ron Hunter, WGCDR Wal Mazzoni and John Kerwan. 		
16	Agenda Item 11. Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed dates for 2006. 22 Aug – 1000 - 1200 14 Nov – 0900 - 1200 (Michelle Moffat noted that Bob Baldwin would not be able to attend this meeting). 	Geoffrey Beck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting to be held at Port Stephens Council.

The meeting closed at 11.30 HRS