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# Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative

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## A message from Air Commodore Sandy Turner CSC, Program Manager

Construction of the Urban Operation Live Fire facilities at Shoalwater Bay Training Area on track for completion mid this year. Structural works at Raspberry Creek Urban Operation Live Fire facility (Precinct C) are now complete and internal fit out will occur over the next couple of months. At Oakleigh Urban Operations Live Fire and Training facility (Precinct A), construction of the non-ballistic buildings is progressing well and live fire buildings are structurally complete. Following completion of the Urban Operation Live Fire facilities, Defence will undertake extensive testing and evaluation to certify the facilities as safe and suitable for Singapore's first use in late 2024.

Singapore Armed Forces recently undertook a logistics reconnaissance visit to scope-out planning requirements for future training activities. Key facilities at Shoalwater Bay Training Area have been named and Defence's Service Delivery Division – North Queensland invited

Charters Towers Regional Council to visit to gain an understanding of the scale and complexity of proposed development at Greenvale Training Area.

On that note, I would like to thank our Project Manager/Contract Administrator Aurecon, and



Air Commodore Sandy Turner, CSC  
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Shoalwater Bay Training Area Managing Contractor Laing O'Rourke, for their ongoing support for the many site visits in recent months, with so many parties eager to view the new facilities. I would like to give special thanks in particular to Vicky Grant, Design Manager, for her patience and expertise in arranging the logistics for these visits.

## Shoalwater Bay Training Area Update

### Naming of Facilities

Following engagement with stakeholders, Defence has named some of the key facilities under development at Shoalwater Bay Training Area.

The western Urban Operations Live Fire and Training facility (Precinct A) will be known as the 'Oakleigh Urban Operation Live Fire and Training facility,' and the eastern Live Fire facility (Precinct C) as the 'Raspberry Creek Urban Operations Live Fire facility.' The western vehicle wash point, staging area and Explosive Ordnance transfer point at Precinct A are named the 'Strathmuir Logistics Facility.'

Shoalwater Bay Training Area Traditional Owners, the Darumbal people, have named the main camp at Precinct B 'Camp Tilpal,' after the land on which the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative development now sits. Once installed, camp signage will also include the name in Darumbal language: *Dyura Garumi*.

### Stakeholder Progress Walk

On 7 and 8 March 2023, Defence's Project Manager / Contract Administrator Aurecon, and Managing Contractor Laing O'Rourke, conducted routine stakeholder progress walks with Defence and a Singapore delegation. On Day 1, the group were briefed on the status of works before touring Camp Tilpal and the vehicle maintenance facility at Precinct B. The group then travelled to Precinct A for a site walk of the Oakleigh Urban Operations Live Fire and Training facility and viewed the Strathmuir Logistics Facility.

On Day 2 the group split, with one group touring the Raspberry Creek Urban Operations Live Fire facility, After Action Review, and communications buildings, while others undertook a defects inspection of the Raspberry Creek facility in advance of handover-takeover mid this year.

While in the region, the Singapore delegation also undertook a logistics reconnaissance in Rockhampton, including visiting the Singapore Armed Forces detachment to scope out planning requirements for future training activities.



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## Shoalwater Bay Training Area (Continued) Precinct B



*(Above) Camp Tilpal*



*(Above) Camp Tilpal*

## Precinct A



*(Above) Oakleigh Urban Operations Live Fire and Training facility*



*(Above) Oakleigh Urban Operations Live Fire and Training facility*

## Precinct C



*(Above) Foreground: Raspberry Creek Urban Operations Live Fire facility, Background: Urban Operations Training facility*



## Greenvale Training Area Update

- Defence's Managing Contractor for Greenvale Training Area, CPB Contractors Pty Ltd (CPB) reached a key design milestone in December 2022, with completion of the final design of most of the training area. The design of the Urban Operations Live Fire facility is on a separate schedule, with completion of the detailed design expected in late 2023.
- In December/January, Defence's Estate Maintenance and Operation Services contractors installed access signage at entry points of the 310,000-hectare training area, in consultation with Traditional Owners, Gudjala, Gugu Badhun and Ewamian.
- Defence is continuing to work with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water on environmental assessments and approvals for development at Greenvale Training Area. Defence will provide an update as soon as this progresses.
- Following the pre-requisite environmental approvals, CPB Contractors Pty Ltd will commence delivery of the \$800 million facilities and infrastructure at the Greenvale Training Area.



(Above) Jessie Springs Road – northern entry point

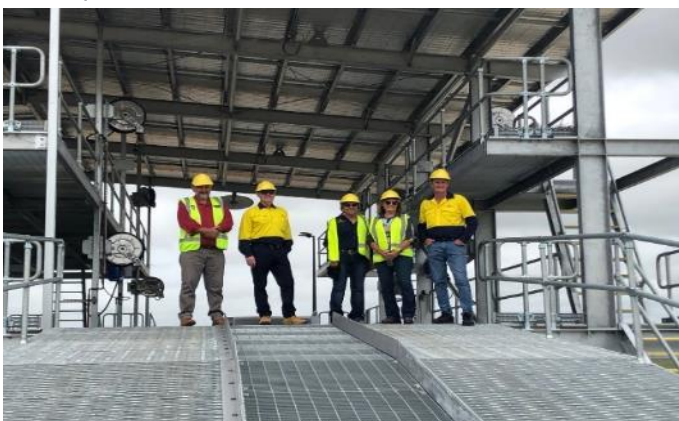


(Above) Porphyry Road – southern entry point

## Charters Towers Regional Council visit Shoalwater Bay Training Area development

On 21 February 2023, Defence and Laing O'Rourke hosted the Charters Towers Regional Council at the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative development at Shoalwater Bay Training Area.

Chief Executive Officer Martin Drydale, Mayor Frank Beveridge and fellow Councillors toured Camp Tilpal and the Raspberry Creek Urban Operations Live Fire facility, and were impressed by the size of the vehicle wash facility at Precinct B. The group also showed a keen interest in the road infrastructure and causeways developed under the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative, and Defence's land management techniques.



(Above) Charters Towers Regional Council tour of the vehicle wash facility at Precinct B

*“To visit one of Australia’s most important training facilities at Shoalwater Bay Training Area was an absolute eye-opener and honour to be part of. A facility of comparable size to the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative development at Shoalwater Bay Training Area is being built in Greenvale over the next few years. The facility will provide a welcome economic boost to the region, with no shortage of opportunities. Charters Towers Regional Council welcomes Defence with open arms,”* said Mayor Frank Beveridge.

All parties agreed the visit was worthwhile and enabled the councillors to understand the scale and complexity of proposed works for Greenvale Training Area, with the opportunity to ask questions of Project Manager/Contract Administrator Aurecon about the Greenvale Training Area design.

## Australia-Singapore Activities

The Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative Program Office and Singapore's Australia Training Area Development Office convened the 26th Training Area Joint Development Working Group in Brisbane on 9-10 March 2023. This is the primary Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative working-level meeting with Singapore to steer the implementation of the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative.



*(Above) Representatives from Defence's Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative Program Office and Singapore's Australia Training Area Development Office at the 26th Training Area Joint Development Working Group*

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## Shoalwater Bay Training Area – Naming of Facilities

### Precinct A

- 03 - Strathmuir Logistics Facility
- 14 - Oakleigh Urban Operations Live Fire and Training facility
- 15 - Combined Arms Air-Land Live Fire Range - West

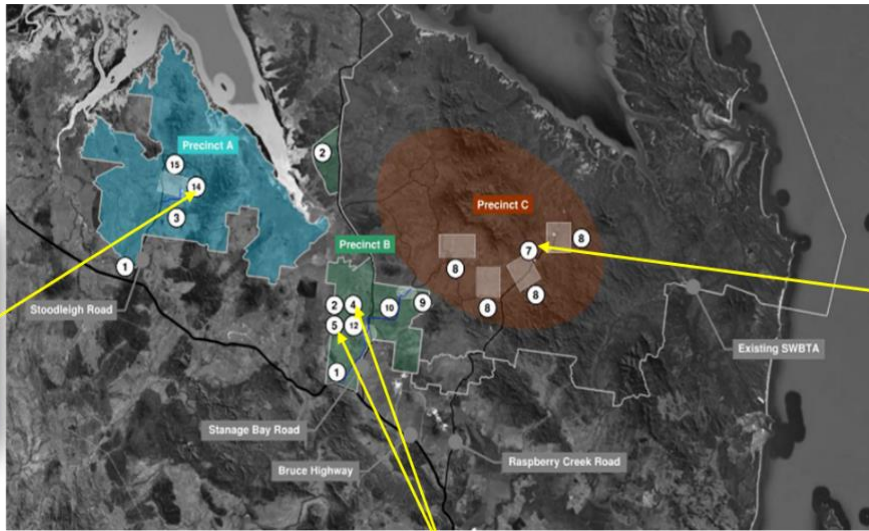
### Precinct B

- 01 - Road Intersections – Local Authorities
- 02 - Post Land Acquisition Facilities & Infrastructure – South West
- 04 & 05 - Camp Tilpal (Dyura Garumi)
- 09 - ICT Infrastructure
- 10 - Lyndon Ammunition Transfer Point
- 12 - Coastal / Littoral Village

### Precinct C

- 07 - Raspberry Creek Urban Operations Live Fire facility
- 08 - Combined Arms Air-Land Live Fire Range - East

**Oakleigh Urban Operations Live Fire and Training facility**



**Raspberry Creek Urban Operations Live Fire facility**



**Camp Tilpal (Dyura Garumi)**

