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**MILITARY EXERCISE 'WALLABY 2021'  
SHOALWATER BAY/ROCKHAMPTON,  
10 SEPTEMBER–24 OCTOBER 2021****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Military exercise 'Wallaby 2021' (XWB21) will be conducted in the Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA) over the period 10 September–24 October 2021.
- 1.2 Significant deployment and redeployment of personnel and equipment will take place both before and after the exercise period.
- 1.3 Military aircraft, including C130 and rotary wing (AH64 and CH47) will operate from Rockhampton Aerodrome (YBRK) and within the exercise area. Minor delays to civil aircraft may be experienced.
- 1.4 Major exercise activities will be conducted within the SWBTA and associated permanent restricted airspace as listed in Section 2.

**1.5 Live Fire**

Live firing of high explosive weapons from ground based and airborne platforms in SWBTA will take place throughout the exercise.

**2. AIRSPACE – SHOALWATER BAY/ROCKHAMPTON**

- 2.1 Airspace users should refer to local area (SBX) NOTAM to confirm activation timings for permanent SWBTA restricted and danger areas.
- 2.2 During the exercise period all, or some, of the following permanent SWBTA will be activated, with vertical limits published by NOTAM:

IDENT	VERTICAL LIMITS	HOURS
R680 Akens Island	NOTAM – NOTAM	NOTAM
R682 Townshend Island	NOTAM – NOTAM	NOTAM
R683 Cape Clinton	NOTAM – NOTAM	NOTAM
R684B Mount Hummock	2000 – NOTAM	NOTAM
R684A Mount Hummock	SFC – 2000	H24
R687A Raspberry Creek	SFC – 2000	H24
R687B Raspberry Creek	2000 – NOTAM	NOTAM
R689 Shoalwater Bay	NOTAM – NOTAM	NOTAM
R695A Herbert Creek	SFC – 2000	H24
R695B Herbert Creek	2000 – 6000	NOTAM
R695C Herbert Creek	6000 – NOTAM	NOTAM
D698 Rockhampton	SFC-BCTA	NOTAM

2.3 The expected vertical limit for SWBTA restricted areas is FL320.

#### 2.4 Noise Sensitive Areas and Mustering Operations

Requests for promulgation of noise sensitive and aerial mustering areas are to be emailed to [shawn.fitz-gerald3@defence.gov.au](mailto:shawn.fitz-gerald3@defence.gov.au) at least 24 hours prior to the planned activity. Approved areas shall be 1-2NM radius, surface to 2,500 FT AMSL. Military aircraft involved in XWB21 will plan to avoid promulgated areas. For further information contact ADFLO Air Operations 0477 320 629.

2.5 The following information is to be provided for the establishment of a noise sensitive or aerial mustering area:

- a) Operating area:
  - i) Station/property name
  - ii) Radius (nominally 1-2NM) of operation from a centre point provided as a Latitude/Longitude position

- b) Period:
  - i) Dates
  - ii) Times (e.g. First light until Last light)
- c) Aircraft: (for mustering operations)
  - i) Type
  - ii) Callsign
  - iii) Visual markings
  - iv) SSR code - 1200 Mode 3C
  - v) Communications - monitoring CTAF frequency and/or area broadcast frequency
- d) Contact information:
  - i) Name
  - ii) Phone number(s)

### 3. ACCESS TO XWB21 AIRSPACE

- 3.1 Access through active restricted areas, by non-exercise aircraft, is not generally available except for:
- a) Aircraft operating in the preservation of life or property (SAR, MED, POL, FFR), and
  - b) Aircraft with a declared emergency.
- 3.2 Clearance shall be issued to Border Force aircraft on priority tasks, irrespective of the status of the airspace involved, such that these flights are subject to the minimum possible delay.
- 3.3 Every endeavour will be made to adjust exercise activities and minimise delays to facilitate transit of exercise areas by civil aircraft engaged in SAR, Mercy flights, emergency and MEDEVAC or HOSP Status operations.
- 3.4 Access to the exercise area for other operators may be available at limited times throughout the exercise. A minimum of 24 hours prior notice is required.
- 3.5 Pilots seeking access to exercise airspace must contact the ADFLO Air Operations on 0477 320 629.

*Note: When access is available, a proforma detailing timings and associated procedures for the access will be emailed or faxed to the operator requesting access and must be returned prior to entry approval.*

## 4. ROCKHAMPTON AERODROME PROCEDURES

### 4.1 Taxiway and Apron limitations (Non Exercise Military Helicopters)

- 4.1.1 Taxiways A, C, G, H, L and northern end of main RPT Apron may not be available due to military operations.
- 4.1.2 Closures will be notified by NOTAM.
- 4.1.3 Military helicopters requiring parking at Rockhampton are required to provide 24 hour notice to:
  - a) Rockhampton Airport Operations: [rokairportoperations@rrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:rokairportoperations@rrc.qld.gov.au), and
  - b) ADFLO AirOps: [shawn.fitz-gerald3@defence.gov.au](mailto:shawn.fitz-gerald3@defence.gov.au).

### 4.2 CH47 Wake Turbulence

CH47 are classed as “Heavy” for wake turbulence calculations. Extreme care must be exercised in the vicinity of these aircraft.

### 4.3 Holding Fuel Requirements

Aircraft operating into Rockhampton may be subject to delays during the exercise period. Potential delays of 30 minutes or more will be advised by a Traffic Fuel Advisory NOTAM.

### 4.4 Start Approval

Aircraft departing Rockhampton may require start approval. Any requirement for start approval will be notified via the Rockhampton ATIS.

## 5. MILITARY AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- 5.1 Aircraft will operate day and night in SWBTA and adjoining Class G airspace. Aircraft operating at night will use Night Vision Goggles, refer *ERSA GEN – FIS – para 13 Night Vision Devices and Equipment*.
- 5.2 **Fixed Wing Transit to SWBTA**

C130 aircraft will conduct navigation training in Class G airspace west of Rockhampton and SWBTA below 5,000FT AGL. All flights will flight plan and operate VFR.
- 5.3 Military aircraft will plan to avoid known “sensitive” areas and areas of high-density tourist aviation activity.
- 5.4 Traffic information on military aircraft operating in D698 will not be available and will not be passed to military or civil aircraft.

- 5.5 Military aircraft are equipped with enhanced detection equipment. To further enhance detection and avoidance capability, civil aircraft are encouraged to use their transponder (if equipped) as well as switching on external strobes and landing/taxi lights.
- 5.6 Military aircraft may use a Laser Flare instead of normal flares to signal in an emergency recovery. This laser flare is similar to a laser pointer except that it has a broad light beam to enable airborne aircraft to see it. The Laser Flare is eye safe.

## 6. DIVERSION ROUTES

- 6.1 Standard routes may not be available during the activation of Shoalwater Bay Restricted areas due to exercise requirements. Diversion route information is articulated in the table below:

<b>Affected routes</b>	<b>Q67</b>
<b>Use diversion route</b>	Plan: GLA-RK-TARES-IDUNA-OVRON <u>Transition to V308 (Arrival YBMK, YBPN, YBTL)</u>
<b>Purpose</b>	Separation from hazardous activities in SWBTA

<b>Affected routes</b>	<b>V308</b>
<b>Use diversion route</b>	Plan: RK-TARES-WELKE
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<b>Affected routes</b>	<b>W889</b>
<b>Use diversion route</b>	<u>Above A045</u> Plan: W889 RK TARES CARON W889
<b>Purpose</b>	Separation from hazardous activities in SWBTA

Affected routes	Other routes between MK and RK
<b>Use diversion route</b>	<u>Southbound</u> Plan: via MURPH <u>Northbound – At and ABV 8,000 FT</u> Plan: RK-TARES <u>Northbound – BLW 8,000 FT</u> Plan: RK-TARES-MURPH <u>Arrival into YBMK from the south</u> Plan: RK-TARES-WELKE-MK
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### 6.3 Visual Tracking

Tracking Rockhampton to Marlborough via the Bruce Highway, thence direct Mackay and vice versa will keep aircraft clear of the exercise airspace.

6.4 Queries regarding diversion routing should be directed to the Brisbane Operations Room Manager on +61 7 3866 3224.

## 7. PREFLIGHT INFORMATION (NON-EXERCISE MILITARY AIRCRAFT)

7.1 Significant aviation-related activities will be promulgated by NOTAM and pilots should obtain relevant information prior to operating in the exercise areas.

7.2 Promulgation of NOTAM information can be subject to delay. Aircraft intending to operate in the areas must check the status of the airspace prior to entry.

7.3 The status of exercise airspace, Shoalwater Bay permanently promulgated areas and the exercise temporary special use airspace can be accessed via the NAIPS Internet Service or via the Canberra Briefing Office 1800 805 150.

## 8. CANCELLATION

8.1 Unless modified by NOTAM this SUP self-cancels at 202110241400 UTC.

## 9. DISTRIBUTION

9.1 Airservices Australia website only.