



TESTS: Australian Bunker and Military Museum's Craig Brown and Jason Sim check out the bunker at Bundaberg Airport, using radar.

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Scanners look for clues

AFTER scanning the site at last weekend's airshow, Australian Bunker and Military Museum (ABMM) senior researcher Craig Brown says he has "irrefutable evidence there is a bunker underneath the Bundaberg airport".

Mr Brown conducted a ground-penetrating radar test, which he said showed a 23m to 27m by 100m structure with a 1.5m to 2m reinforced concrete roof and high metal content.

"This matches all the other evidence we have perfectly," Mr Brown said.

Mr Brown said if a bunker did exist, then Bundaberg City Council was missing out on a potential tourist attraction.

Merv McGrane said he had



READING: The data on screen.

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been a member of Bundaberg Aero Club for about 30 years and rumours about a bunker had never been confirmed.

He said if they did find a bunker, he thought it would make an excellent tourist attraction.

"Depending on what they

found, it could be an excellent piece of war history," Mr McGrane said.

Bundaberg City councillor Mary Walsh said the Department of Defence did not believe a bunker existed when the council adopted the site in 1983.

She said the council had researched ABMM's evidence and conducted their own investigations, but had found nothing.

"Defence told us there is not a bunker there," Cr Walsh said.

"I cannot find a reason that defence would build an airport on top of their own bunker if it was dangerous.

"No government department would do something that irresponsible."