

Port of Townsville Limited (POTL) Community Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday 26 April - 5pm to 6.50pm
 Venue: Quayside Terminal, Lennon Drive, South Townsville
 Chair: Ranee Crosby, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Townsville Limited

Attendees

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| 1 | Ranee Crosby | Chair, CEO POTL | 12 | Ken Dunlop | Sun Metals |
| 2 | Sharon Hoops | POTL, Manager Corporate Affairs | 13 | Keith Noble | Community Rep |
| 3 | Annie Ilett | POTL, Community Engagement Officer Magnetic Island | 14 | Kim Gebers | POTL, Manager Infrastructure |
| 4 | Adam Hinks | Community Rep | 15 | Ken Dunlop | Sun Metals |
| 5 | Adam Smith | Local Marine Advisory Committee | 16 | Leon Kippin | Community Rep |
| 6 | Brendon Nolan | Community Rep | 17 | Lloyd Whitby | Community Rep |
| 7 | Dale Brooker | Community Rep | 18 | Melinda Loudon | POTL, Environment & Planning Manager |
| 8 | Dale McKenzie | Community Rep | 19 | Paul Crocombe | Community Rep |
| 9 | Heath Hatfield | Community Rep | 20 | Scott Hayles-Stanley | Community Rep |
| 10 | Judy Newman | Community Rep | 21 | Sharon Marks | Conservation Volunteers Australia |
| 11 | Julie Carmody | Magnetic Island Ratepayers Association | 22 | Stephen Ellis | Community Rep |

Apologies

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| Andrew Eslick | Tourism Operators & Businesses Magnetic Island | Ian Ferguson | Community Rep |
| Chris Miegel | Community Rep | Taryn Krawczyk | Community Rep |

1. Welcome/apologies (Chair)

Chair Ranee Crosby welcomed the new members to the CLG's second meeting and thanked those members for their time to join for the port tour yesterday. For any members that were unable to join for the tour who would like to see the facilities, please let us know and the Port will arrange a separate tour at your convenience.

2. Record of previous meeting 26 March 2017

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted without change.

3. Terms of Reference

Draft 2 of the Terms of Reference for the CLG were tabled for discussion. Sharon Hoops summarised the changes that had been made based on member feedback, including clarification that decision making (para 8) was written as intended. That is, if consensus is not be able to be reached by the CLG, then the Chair will propose a resolution reflective of the views of the bulk of the membership and note any counter views. This resolution (including notation of counter views) will become the formal decision of the CLG.

Ranee Crosby and Sharon Hoops clarified the apparent contradiction between para 5 last dot point (members right to speak) and para 9 (communications). “The Chair will speak on behalf of the CLG for formal statements from the CLG. Individual members are encouraged to communicate public information gained from the CLG discussions to and from their own constituents.” This has been clarified in the updated Terms of Reference.

The timeframe (terms) of appointment to the CLG was raised, together with processes for renewal and inclusion of other applicants. Sharon Hoops clarified that CLG membership would be reviewed after 12 months (March 2018); with a further 12 month option for members. New applications for CLG membership will be considered by the CLG for two year appointments.
The CLG’s operation has no intended end date.

Action: Sharon Hoops to amend Terms of Reference as discussed and upload to website.
COMPLETED

4. Proposed timeline for future CLG meeting agenda items requested

Deferred until next meeting

5. Presentation – Port Expansion Program

Kim Gebers presented ½ of the PowerPoint presentation on the Townsville Port Expansion Program (copy attached). Melinda Loudon presented on the environmental aspects.

Issues discussed by CLG members included:

- Management of potential acid sulphate soils
- Timeframe for development of reclaimed land; leasing of reclaimed land
- Is the planned expansion sufficient to keep POTL competitive?
- Will the amount of reclaimed land accommodate all of the volume of material removed from the widening of the channel?
- Berth occupancy levels – explanation provided on common user berth usage and the need for more specialised berths as trade demands

6. Differences between capital and maintenance dredging

Melinda Loudon presented a PowerPoint on the Environmental Monitoring Framework for the port in the context of the Port Expansion Project as well as the difference between capital and maintenance dredging (copy attached).

Discussion items from CLG members included:

- The relatively small amount of turbidity resulting from dredging compared with the natural background turbidity on Cleveland Bay
- Where does the maintenance dredge material go after it has been placed in the dredge spoil ground?
- How much material is currently dredged in maintenance dredging?
- What is the current time period for dredging – how much more time will it take to do maintenance dredging of the widened channel?
- Collaborative approach initiated in 1993 dredge program held as model for environmentally sensitive dredging by GBRMPA, NQCC.

Action: CLG members to send any further questions re this section to Sharon Hoops shoops@townsvilleport.com.au and they will be covered at the next CLG meeting. **No further questions received.**

7. Expression of interest for CLG working group to enhance Port Operations Data Dashboard to include environmental indicators

Adam Smith addressed his (tabled) proposal for a CLG sub-committee that would work on developing environmental indicators to add to the existing Townsville Port Operations Data Dashboard by November 2017.

The CLG agreed that the concept was a good one and five volunteers from the CLG nominated to participate in the project including Adam Smith, Scott Hayles-Stanley, Adam Hinks, Paul Crocombe and Sharon Hoops.

Action: Adam Smith and Sharon Hoops to coordinate the sub-committee first meeting – probably prior to the next CLG on 31 May. **First meeting deferred until 1st week June.**

8. Port Update

- Trade for the year to date of 5.7 million tonnes is generally in line with budget, with the full year forecast to be just under 8 million tonnes.
- Berth 9 has had the highest tonnage at 1.3 million tonnes for the year to date. Berth 3 (container and general cargo terminal) has been the busiest berth with 117 vessel arrivals and occupancy over 70%.
- Berth 4 Upgrade works are progressing well, on schedule and budget with completion due in December 2017. Final proposals to secure an operator for the berth close 10 May with a decision in June 2017. The successful operator will invest into state-of-the-art cranes and container and cargo terminal area(s).

- Harbour City investigations with potential development partners are progressing well, and master planning works are pending the outcomes of Townsville City Council's new master plan being developed by Pure Projects due for release April/May. A presentation on POTL's planning intentions for these waterfront lands will be provided at an upcoming CLG meeting.
- The business case for the Townsville Eastern Access Rail Corridor is underway by Building Queensland, with community consultation anticipated to commence in May. The business case will be completed by October 2017 for consideration by State and Federal Governments.
- The Townsville Port Operations Data Dashboard is published by the first week of each month (with historical data for month before) and can be found on the port website (<https://www.townsville-port.com.au/environment-community/community/operations-data-dashboard/>)
- A complaint was received by some residents in Cannan Street about the removal (and intended transfer) of some trees as part of the utility upgrade works by Townsville City Council. Sharon Hoops liaised with Council and has arranged for the trees to be moved into the POTL Enviro Park. The transfer is taking place on Thursday 5 May. This result was a satisfactory outcome for the residents.
- The next White and Grey Ship-Attraction meeting is scheduled for 11 May. Pacific Aria called Townsville on Sunday 9 April and was a great success. Next cruise ship scheduled for 29 November. One new booking was received last month – the MS Amsterdam in 2019.
- The “What’s Happening” ad will appear in this weekend’s Townsville Bulletin and next week’s Magnetic Island community news.
- Media – ANL commenced calls to Townsville in April, the Berth 4 Upgrade project was covered in the Townsville Bulletin, Bill Shorted visited the Port and HMAS Larrakia also visited the port.
- Events – the Magnetic Island Knowledge Forum is scheduled for this Saturday 29 April to discuss dredging, sediment sources and turbidity in Cleveland Bay (in relation to PEP).
- The Port of Townsville Golf Day is scheduled for Friday 21 July – all CLG members encouraged and welcome to participate. This year’s beneficiary is the Townsville Mission to Seafarer who is commemorating 90 years of service in Townsville.
- Port tours were facilitated for JCU students, Ozcare, Cliffo from Hit 103 FM, and the POTL Procurement committee.
- Several schools in Townsville are participating in a port curriculum unit in Term 2.
- All schools in the region received a Port Pack last week which included PEP information and the offer of port tours to fit in with their study.
- A water recycling study has been commissioned by POTL through UDP to investigate the recycling of sugar water, desalination, bore water and shed run-off water for the purposes of irrigation. The study is due for completion by 30 June this year.

9. General Business

- Nil

10. Meeting Close

The Chair noted that there is a lot of information to get through in the next few meetings to bring all the CLG members up to speed. CLG members are encouraged to contact POTL reps at any time if they require any further detail.

Next meeting: Wednesday 31 May at 5pm at Amaroo on Mandalay, Magnetic Island

Meeting closed 6.50pm