

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday 27 September 2017 – 5.05pm to 6.20pm
Venue: Amaroo on Mandalay, Magnetic Island
Chair: Kim Gebers, Manager, Infrastructure, Port of Townsville Limited

Attendees

1	Anne Williams	Glencore	8	Kim Gebers	POTL, Manager Infrastructure
2	Annie Ilett	POTL, Community Engagement Officer Magnetic Island	9	Leon Kippin	Community Rep
3	Dale McKenzie	Community Rep	10	Norm Rains	Birdlife Townsville
4	Heath Hatfield	Community Rep	11	Sharon Hoops	POTL, Manager Corporate Affairs
5	Ian Ferguson	Community Rep	12	Sharon Marks	Conservation Volunteers Australia
6	Judy Newman	Community Rep	13	Vern Veitch	Community Rep
7	Julie Carmody	Magnetic Island Ratepayers Association			

Apologies

Adam Hinks	Tourism Magnetic Island	Lloyd Whitby	Community Rep
Adam Smith	Local Marine Advisory Committee	Melinda Loudon	POTL, Environment & Planning Manager
Brendon Nolan	Community Rep	Paul Crocombe	Community Rep
Chris Miegel	Community Rep	Ranee Crosby	Chair, CEO POTL
Dale Brooker	Community Rep	Scott Hayes- Stanley	Community Rep
Keith Noble	Community Rep	Stephen Ellis	Community Rep
Ken Dunlop	Sunmetals	Taryn Krawczyk	Community Rep

Actions Summary

1. Magnetic Island Forum videos and sound recordings to be placed on POTL website by end of next week.
2. Annie to seek input of Magnetic Island marine tourism operators about the proposed sites for placement of water quality monitoring buoys.
3. Sharon to circulate Julie's proposed water quality monitoring buoy names and their historic stories to CLG members for information.

1. Welcome/apologies (Chair)

Chair Kim Gebers welcomed members to the CLG's seventh meeting. Kim acted as the Chair in Raneë Crosby's absence. New members Norm Rains and Vern Veitch introduced themselves and were welcomed to the CLG. Apologies were noted.

2. Record of previous meeting held 2 August 2017 on Magnetic Island

The Minutes of the previous meeting was adopted without change. All actions have been completed.

3. Magnetic Island Knowledge Forum

Sharon Hoops reported that the Forum went well – a good solid Forum introduced by POTL CEO Raneë Crosby, with speakers Geoff Dalglish from Shipping Australia, Julie O'Brien from Australian Cruise Association presenting the world-wide trends in the increase in size of ships and need for the Port of Townsville to widen the channel if ships are to continue to call into Townsville Port.

Claudia Brumme-Smith, POTL's General Manager Business Development, spoke on the Business Case for the Channel Capacity Upgrade; Melinda Loudon, POTL's Environmental Manager, spoke on options for placement of maintenance dredge material and Annie Ilett, Community Engagement Officer for Magnetic Island, spoke on the work of the CLG in developing a Water Quality dashboard for the Port operational area in Cleveland Bay, including Magnetic Island marine tourism sites. The meeting was facilitated by CLG member, Adam Smith of Reef Ecologic.

Video recordings were made of the presentations and questions and answers were audio recorded. These recordings will be available on the POTL website by next week.

Action: Magnetic Island Forum videos and sound recordings to be placed on POTL website by end of next week.

4. Townsville Channel Capacity Upgrade (TCCU) Business Case – Executive Summary

Kim Gebers presented a summary of the Business Case for the Channel Capacity Upgrade that has been presented to Federal and State governments as part of the TCCU approvals process.

CLG members asked when an outcome would be known. Kim Geber's advised that the Federal government's final date for a decision is 24 October and State decision was due any day. Kim noted that approvals would come with strict conditions which need to be workable – and all work will be very well scrutinised.

The CLG recognised that newer and bigger ships would mean greater efficiencies, fewer emissions and fewer numbers of ships.

Members also recognised that the alternative to channel widening would mean ships would by-pass Townsville to Brisbane and the cost of transporting goods between Brisbane and Townsville adds significant costs to the availability of a wide range of everyday goods in Townsville. Members suggested that further quantification could be undertaken to assess the increase in carbon emissions if transported between Brisbane and Townsville by truck, drivers' economic costs and the cost of increased risk of accidents on the Bruce Highway.

It was pointed out that the Port of Townsville has been named by the Queensland Government as one of Queensland's four priority Ports, given its strategic positioning and ability to service North and Far North Queensland communities for trade and everyday living commodities.

5. Enhancement of the Port Operation Dashboard to include Environmental Indicators

Annie Ilett presented an update on behalf of the CLG's Water Quality Dashboard Working Group, tabling a working draft of the Water Quality Data Framework Review for sites in the Port's operational area across Cleveland Bay.

Annie also presented the findings of POTL's Environment team on suitable sites for placement of telemetric water quality monitoring buoys at two sites near to Magnetic Island marine tourism sites. (see file attached to these minutes as previously circulated to CLG Working Group for comment, and CLG members)

CLG members noted the constraints in selection of suitable sites for placement of the buoys and provided preliminary input, nominating their 2 preferred sites as Arthur Bay 2 and Geoffrey Bay 1.

Action: Annie to seek input of Magnetic Island marine tourism operators around these sites.

CLG members were invited to consider names for the buoys.

Julie Carmody suggested we should look at using names for buoy deployment for the real time water quality monitoring which captivate history fact and science fact and not be tied into seasonal tourism. The buoys have the opportunity to reflect regional and port history and include the *Beagle*, *Dauphin*, *Paluma*, *Endeavour*. Julie suggested the preferred names should be *Beagle* and *Endeavour*.

HMS BEAGLE was a survey ship that surveyed these waters in 1841 on its first voyage, on the second voyage of the vessel the naturalist Charles Darwin was aboard and this was his trip of discovery -the rest they say 'is history'.

HMBARK ENDEAVOUR was a vessel on a 'voyage of discovery' 1770- captained by James Cook and on board was botanist Joseph Banks.

CLG members agreed unanimously agreed that the names of the 2 buoys should be *Beagle* and *Endeavour*.

Action: Sharon to circulate Julie's names and their historic stories to CLG members for information.

6. Port Updates

File attached to these Minutes

Noted POTL Annual Report is scheduled to be released this Friday 29 September 2017

Next meeting: Wednesday 25 October 2017 at 5.05pm, Quayside Terminal, South Townsville

Meeting closed 6.20pm