

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday 28 March 2018 – 5pm
Venue: Quayside Terminal, Lennon Drive, South Townsville
Chair: Ranee Crosby, CEO, Port of Townsville

Attendees

1	Adam Smith	Local Marine Advisory Committee	9	Ken Dunlop	Sunmetals
2	Annie Ilett	POTL, Magnetic Island Community Engagement Officer	10	Leon Kippin	Community Rep
3	Chris Miegel	Community Rep	11	Melinda Louden	POTL, Environment & Planning Manager
4	David Zammitt	Glencore	12	Norman Rains	Birdlife Townsville
5	Heath Hatfield	Community Rep	13	Ranee Crosby	CEO, POTL
6	Ian Ferguson	Community Rep	14	Sharon Hoops	POTL, Manager Corporate Affairs
7	Judy Newman	Community Rep	15	Sharon Marks	Conservation Volunteers Australia
8	Keith Noble	Community Rep	16	Vern Veitch	Community Rep

Apologies

Adam Hinks	Community Rep	Kim Gebers	POTL, Manager Infrastructure
Brendon Nolan	Community Rep	Lloyd Whitby	Community Rep
Julie Carmody	Magnetic Island Residents & Ratepayers Association	Paul Crocombe	Community Rep
		Stephen Ellis	Community Rep

Actions Summary

1. Melinda and POTL Environment team to work through the outstanding issues relating to deployment of the water quality monitoring buoys prior to the next meeting and provide to the next CLG meeting a plan of what can be achieved and by when.
2. Annie to amend the Water Quality Q&A document to address CLG comments and circulate to the CLG for any final comments before putting on the POTL website.
3. Ranee to present the draft 30 year strategic plan to the May 30 meeting of the CLG for input.
4. Sharon to circulate survey on Channel Capacity Upgrade Community Stakeholder Engagement Plan to CLG members requesting input.
5. POTL to share details of Reef HQ Precinct plans at the next CLG meeting.

6. POTL to present at the next meeting of the CLG a timeline for the expected sequencing of works to be undertaken as part of CCU.
7. Kim to present to the next CLG meeting the history of the decision to place the DMPA at its current site.
8. CLG members to suggest topics for POTL slide presentations.
9. Sharon to advise when Kim's Port presentation at the recent PechaKucha Night is loaded onto the POTL website.

Attachments

- Port Update Notes
- Cruise ship presentation

1. Welcome/apologies (Chair)

Chair Raneé Crosby welcomed members to the CLG's eleventh meeting and thanked those members who were able to help celebrate this morning's opening of Berth 4. Apologies for tonight's meeting were noted.

2. Record of previous meeting held 7 March 2018

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

3. Cruise ship attraction to the Port of Townsville

Sharon Hoops presented on the progress made in attracting cruise ships to Townsville during the past three years and outlined the 5-year Action Plan, developed with the Townsville Cruise Ship Committee, which sets out strategic activities to make Townsville an attractive destination for cruise ships. A copy of the 5-year Plan may be found at <https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/os-data-2/port-townsville/documents/2016-2021-wgsa-plan-final.pdf>

A copy of Sharon's presentation is attached.

Discussion was held around the need to develop new tours which can cater for large numbers of people. The success of the shore excursions to Charters Towers demonstrates that cruise ship passengers are willing to travel some distance for unique and quality experiences. Sharon Marks proposed that a tour of the Pallarenda area could be something which would attract a large number of cruise ship visitors.

4. Port Water Quality Dashboard - an update

Melinda Loudon advised that the Dashboard is now commissioned and ready to receive data produced from the water quality monitoring buoys.

Solutions to issues around damage to the sonnes, radar and lighting upgrades are currently being finalised and the buoy *Bertha* will be put back into operation when there is a safe weather window.

Adam Smith offered to assist the POTL Environment team with prevention of possible shark damage to the sonnes.

The best mooring options for the Magnetic Island buoys, *Endeavour* and *Beagle* are currently being explored prior to their deployment.

Action: Melinda and POTL Environment team to work through the outstanding issues relating to deployment of the water quality monitoring buoys prior to the next meeting and provide to the next CLG meeting a plan of what can be achieved and by when.

5. Water Quality Frequently Asked Questions

The latest draft (28 March 2018) of the *Water Quality in Cleveland Bay and Dredging Frequently Asked Questions* document was tabled. Input received from CLG members to date had been included in this draft.

CLG members were comfortable with the level of detail and language used for the general community audience and felt it could go up onto the POTL website with some minor amendments.

It was suggested that more emphasis could be made on the importance of Townsville Port to the North Queensland region for imports, exports and tourism and resilience of the Port in dealing with weather situations and flooding of other major supply routes. Further handwritten comments were received from CLG members at the end of the meeting for consideration.

The next draft of the document will be prepared to incorporate such feedback and a final version circulated to the CLG prior to being put up on the POTL website.

Action: Annie to amend the document to address CLG comments and circulate to the CLG for any final comments before putting on the POTL website.

6. Port Updates – as per circulated document (attached)

Additional discussion points:

- Channel Capacity Upgrade Project – Port of Townsville is in productive discussions with the Federal Government regarding the remaining \$75m funding. An Expression of Interest for quarried rock material has been released with positive response from local industry. Port of Townsville will next look to procurement packages for equipment in coming months. Recruitment is underway for a Channel Capacity Upgrade Project Manager.
- Berth 4 upgrade – The Port's Berth 4 container and general cargo facility was officially opened today by the Minister for Transport and Main Roads after the completion of a \$40.7 million upgrade. The two-year project, was delivered on time and under budget. Procurement for \$27.3m investment in cranes for Berth 4 and supporting cargo terminal area is now underway.
- Trade – continues to track well with a large increase in containers movements driven largely by the influx of solar project cargo. This has put some of operations closer to residents than the Port would have liked. An east reclamation area “East Port” is currently being planned to handle the additional cargo. Information is being prepared for residents to advise them of the changes to reduce usage in areas proximate to the community which will be distributed in the second week of April. A new sweeper truck is being trialled to address local resident concerns about dirt being trucked onto local roads and drying out to dust.
- 30 year strategic plan – a draft is currently being developed as to what the Port will look like in 2050. CLG members will be invited to comment on the draft and Raneer undertook to present the draft at the 30 May meeting of the CLG.

Action: Raneer to present the draft 30 year strategic plan to the May 30 meeting of the CLG for input.

- Environmental Monitoring (Air and Water Quality) – new air quality graphs have been added to Air Quality Dashboard which is now on the website. The CLG is requested to provide any feedback for their community constituents. The Department of Environment and Science metal analysers at the Coastguard office will be offline for around 5 weeks as the X-ray tube is replaced.
- Stakeholder engagement/communication and events – Sharon Hoops thanked the CLG for their input into the Port's 2018-2021 Corporate Affairs Strategy which has now been approved by the Board.
 - A Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan for the Channel Capacity Upgrade Project is in draft form and requires approval by the Queensland Coordinator General 3 months prior to commencement of works. The Port will be seeking input into our engagement plan from the CLG, family, friends and constituents via a survey in the very near future.
Action: Sharon to circulate questionnaire on Community Stakeholder Engagement Plan to CLG members requesting input.
 - a new 8-page fold out brochure which summarises the Channel Capacity Upgrade Project has been finalised.
- Harbour City – Proponents Sealink and Honeycombe are progressing through the MLP process with the State Government for the proposed new Strand Ferry Terminal. SeaLink will be invited to present to the CLG once their concept is further defined.
- ReefHQ Precinct – progressing well with planned redevelopment options, with new offices required for GBRMPA.
Action: POTL to present details of plans for Reef HQ Precinct redevelopment at the next CLG meeting.
- Possible relocation of the DMPA – process and timing is linked to establishment of the Independent Technical Advisory Group (ITAC) required for the channel capacity upgrade project. The appointment of members of the ITAC and the identification of key sites for baseline studies prior to dredging will commence soon.
Action: Port of Townsville to present at the next meeting of the CLG a timeline for the expected sequencing of works to be undertaken for the CCU project.
Action: Kim Gebers to present the history of the decision to place the DMPA at its current site.
- Cleveland Bay sediment tagging research – POTL Environment team is currently exploring the use of diatoms as sediment 'tracers' prior to the next dredge campaign.
- Port information – CLG members were invited to put forward topics about Port operations which could be answered in a series of slides similar to the successful format used at PechaKucha nights (20 slides, 20 seconds per slide).
Action: CLG members to suggest topics for slide presentations.

Action: Sharon to advise when Kim's Port presentation at the recent PechaKucha Night is loaded onto the POTL website.

7. General Business

Ports Australia promotional initiative

Sharon Hoops provide an update on content discussed at the Ports Australia Corporate Communications Working Group.

Possible future activities

Adam Smith advised that he is on a shark working group and is developing best practice and safety guidelines with Sealink and Maritime Safety Queensland. He is also involved with the development of the Museum of Underwater Art with Sealink and offered to speak on this at a future CLG meeting.

Norman Rains will explore the possibility of developing information on birds commonly seen around the Port for the Port website. It was also noted that bird watching (e.g. at the Town Common) could also be a good activity for visiting cruise ship passengers.

Next meeting: Wednesday 2 May 2018 at 5pm at Amaroo on Mandalay, Magnetic Island

(noting normal monthly meeting schedule Wednesday 25 April is Anzac Day)

Meeting closed 6.35pm