

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday 26 September 2018 – 5pm
Venue: POTL Boardroom, Benwell Road, South Townsville
Chair: Ranee Crosby, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Townsville

Attendees

1	Annie Ilett	Magnetic Island Community Engagement Officer, POTL	6	Melinda Louden	Environment & Planning Manager, POTL
2	Heath Hatfield	Community Rep	7	Norman Rains	Birdlife Townsville
3	Ian Ferguson	Community Rep	8	Ranee Crosby	CEO, POTL
4	Judy Newman	Community Rep	9	Sharon Marks	Conservation Volunteers Australia
5	Leon Kippin	Community Rep			

Apologies

Adam Hinks	Community Rep	Keith Noble	Community Rep
Adam Smith	Local Marine Advisory Committee	Ken Dunlop	Sun Metals
Brendon Nolan	Community Rep	Kim Gebers	GM Infrastructure, POTL
Chris Meigel	Community Rep	Paul Crocombe	Community Rep
David Zammitt	Glencore	Vern Veitch	Community Rep

Actions Summary

1. The Port to circulate the “Green Port” presentation to CLG members for their further consideration.
2. CLG members are invited to send any comments on the “Green Port” direction to the Port.
3. The Port to develop a forward schedule of CLG topics for the next 12 months.
4. The Port to invite agreed potential members and request that they complete the CLG expression of interest form.
5. The Port to ascertain if TEL has data on the number of people who stayed on in Townsville after disembarkation and the number of people who stayed in Townsville prior to embarkation.

Attachments

- Port Update Notes
- “Green Port” presentation
- CLG Half Yearly Review presentation

1. Welcome/apologies (Chair)

Chair Raneë Crosby welcomed members to the CLG's 17th meeting and noted apologies for the meeting.

2. Record of previous meeting held 29 August 2018

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted without change and all actions have been completed or are addressed at this meeting.

3. Channel Capacity Upgrade (CCU) Project update

The Chair noted that the project is ramping up quickly since the Federal funding announcement of the remaining \$75m for the project, with the full \$193m now committed. A CCU Project Manager has been appointed (Spirydon Gerontopoulos) who has been on deck for the last month and is assembling the project team. It is anticipated there will be between 120-150 people employed on the CCU project, depending on tenders for sub-contractors. Tenders are currently out for environmental monitoring programs necessary for baseline conditions and establishment of environmental triggers. The establishment of the Independent Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) is also a key priority currently underway. Membership of the ITAC (including experts in coral, water quality and marine megafauna) needs to be approved by the Coordinator General and will be announced soon.

Other tenders currently being finalised include supply of armour rock and core fill material, as well as early site preparation works and establishment of site offices which will be located at the furthest point of the existing eastern reclamation area.

Discussion included:

- Sequencing of works and timing – in the first year the bund walls for compartments of the first receiving ponds will be created. Dredge material will be placed in the first compartment as rock work in developing more bund walls for further compartments continues. It is planned that dredging will begin in 2020.
- The 20ha East Port development site will include site offices for the CCU project on existing land adjacent to the new receiving ponds. Roads and trunk services are currently being planned to enable the site offices to be established.
- The program for dredging work is being refined, with sequencing of works to allow incremental vessel size gains throughout the program (including to meet booking of a 250m cruise ship in 2021).
- CLG members indicated general acceptance of the project by their communities.
- The CLG will be kept informed in stages on the progress of the project; the upcoming environmental works being put in place and the haulage of rock anticipated to commence in November/December 2018.

4. "Green Port" Concept

The Chair re-iterated that a "Green Port" is a key element of the 30 year Strategic Plan and welcomed CLG members' thoughts on the direction currently being considered.

Melinda Loudon presented some key considerations for a "Green Port" including:

- UN World Ports Sustainability Plan – Ports Australia is a signatory and includes all Australian Ports as other key maritime associations / industries. It provides a means by which to measure a Port's progress towards sustainability on a world stage.

- POTL's "green port" concept builds on POTL's existing Environmental Management System (EMS), extending across social, environmental and economic dimensions of the Port's everyday practices.

Discussion included:

- Additional expenditure required to take this on is seen as an investment for the benefit of the community to embed sustainable practices into current activities to add value, rather than as an add-on to existing practice. For example, procurement of carbon neutral goods also keeps costs down; or sponsorship be seen as a partnership investment rather than a one-off annual payment.
- The 30 Year Strategic Plan is complementary to, but not the same as, the Port Master Plan, which is a statutory planning instrument which has a zoning component to identify what is needed to be protected in development of the Port. The Port's Master Plan will be circulated for public comment later this year.

Action: The Port to circulate the "Green Port" presentation to CLG members for their further consideration.

Action: CLG members are invited to send any comments on the "Green Port" concept to the Port.

5. CLG Half Yearly Review

The Chair presented a summary of the results of the CLG Half Yearly Review (attached).

Action: The Port to develop a forward schedule of CLG topics for the next 12 months.

6. CLG Membership Review

The Chair advised that Rick Vernon has been nominated as Magnetic Island Residents and Ratepayers (MIRRA)'s replacement member, following Julie Carmody's resignation from the CLG. This was accepted by CLG members.

Several other potential members were identified as possible members in the CLG Half Yearly Review.

Action: The Port to invite potential members nominated to complete and submit the CLG expression of interest pro-forma for consideration at the next meeting.

7. Water Quality Dashboard/feedback

Melinda Loudon advised that the water quality monitoring buoys Bertha, Beagle and Endeavour have been demonstrating further teething troubles which are currently being addressed. Bertha has broken its moorings and is currently back at the Port. Beagle and Endeavour should both be back on line soon.

CLG feedback discussion included:

- It has taken some time to work out how the dashboard data is presented, particularly in relation to turbidity data 'flat-lining' due to scale issues from anomalous spikes in the data
- Setting aside the discussion re NTU or VIS readings, there needs to be some interpretation about what turbidity reading is good, bad or very bad to be meaningful to the public (similar to the Air Quality dashboard)

Action: The Port to continue to iron out the issues with the water quality dashboard data and consider a means of making the data more meaningful to the public.

8. Port Updates – as per circulated document (attached). The CLG noted the following additional points:

Queensland Nickel – Discussions with Glencore and QN are continuing.

POTL Board Director appointments – The Chair advised that decisions on several re-appointments are expected to be announced by the Queensland Government by 30 September.

Harbour City – CLG members suggested that there may be more local community interest in the Harbour City proposals when more information becomes available. The Chair advised that two local developers (Honeycombes Property Group and Reef House Investments Group) have been shortlisted to put forward detailed proposals for the Marine Science Precinct within the Harbour City Development. The Request for Proposals process is a competitive process and fully developed proposals are to be completed by February 2019.

Ross River Foreshore – CLG members asked about the Port's plans for proposed development of the Ross River foreshore adjacent to the Marine Precinct, noting their desire that the beach be retained for community use, provision of a dog leash area and the drain relocated. It was also noted that there are some 140 species of birds that use this area, including the critically endangered Eastern Curlew.

HMAS Townsville – On request, CLG members were advised that the current intention is to display the HMAS Townsville out of the water, depending on final design and costings.

Cruise ship partial turnaround – the partial turnaround of the cruise ship Pacific Eden on 7 September went very well and good feedback has been received from Carnival Cruises.

Action: The Port to ascertain the number of people who stayed on in Townsville after disembarkation and the number of people who stayed in Townsville prior to embarkation.

Quay Crane on Berth 4 – tenders due out soon.

Rail Master Plan – to be presented to the CLG in the next few months.

Maintenance Dredging – the Brisbane will be back in November to complete this year's maintenance dredging program.

POTL's Annual Golf Day went very well, involving Port Customers and POTL staff – Around \$11,000 being raised for childhood cancer "The Cure Starts Now".

Next meeting: Wednesday 31 October 2018 at 5pm at Sunmetals Refinery (transport arrangements to follow).

Meeting closed at 6:30pm.

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Updates – September 2018

TRADE AND CARGO

- Port of Townsville trade for August remains above the tonnages for the same time last year, around a 27% increase, due to strong cement and fertiliser imports; and strong exports of sugar, refined metals, mineral concentrates and live cattle.
- More than 383,000 tonnes of sugar has been exported to date in total from both Townsville and Lucinda Ports.
- Containers remain ahead of previous financial year volumes, an increase of 14% compared to this time last year.
- POTL is collaborating on a number of projects to diversify commodities, particularly in the agricultural sector, through CRC jointly funded projects to identify and investigate new products and markets which will contribute to sustainable long-term exports through Port of Townsville.

PORT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROJECTS

Channel Capacity Upgrade (CCU)

- A funding commitment of \$75 million was made by the Federal Government in early September. With the State's existing \$75 million commitment and POTL's \$43 million contribution, the CCU Project is now fully funded and proceeding.
- POTL has welcomed the new project manager (Spyridon Gerontopoulos) to the team.
- A small project team has been established and is growing with recruitment underway for a number of project roles.
- Tenders for the supply of demountable office, toilets and crib accommodation for the project have closed and have been evaluated. These works will be contracted shortly.
- Development of site stockpile areas on the Eastport site has continued with rock supply being secured.
- Tenders have been called for a number of environmental monitoring programs for the project.
- The team has been focussing on the establishment of the Independent Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) which will provide oversight of environmental protections for the project.

Berth 4 Cranes & Cargo Terminal Area

- Tenders for supply of the ship to shore crane will be called during October.
- Design works for the cargo terminal area behind Berth 4 are nearing completion.
- The design has focussed heavily on the overall logistics flow of the terminal, to ensure optimal use of the area with minimal impact on other port operations.

Cargo Laydown Areas

- Development works on new cargo laydown areas within the Centenary Loop area in the Port have been completed by local contractors, with the sites already being utilised.
- Design works for a new 25ha East Port development are progressing as part of a 5 year program to increase cargo storage and handling capacity.

Port Rail Network

- Development of a Port Rail Masterplan continues and is expected to be completed in November.
- A feasibility investigation is underway for a proposed new rail intermodal terminal to be located in the East Port precinct, with the aim of enabling containerised freight (including minerals in half-height containers) to be railed directly into the Port, reducing trucking and double-handling.

Maintenance Dredging

- The dredge Brisbane will return for a shorter campaign early November for approximately 8-10 days.
- You can read more about our dredging program and download fact sheets here:
<https://www.townsville-port.com.au/environment-community/environment-planning/dredging/>

HARBOUR CITY DEVELOPMENTS

Strand Ferry Terminal

- The new Ferry Terminal Project is still under investigation with SeaLink and Honeycombes Property Group under the State government Market Led Proposal Process.

Cultural Centre/Reef HQ Precinct

- The Marine Science Centre redevelopment EOI closed in July and shortlisting has been completed with two local developers - Reef House Investment Fund and Honeycombes Property Group - moving forward into the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase. The RFP process will run until February 2019.

ENVIRONMENT

Air Quality

- The Air Quality Dashboard for August is available on the Port's website. All monitoring results (metals and general dust) are well below Department of Environment and Science guidelines.
- Some work had been undertaken on the vacant site (Corner of Archer / Hubert Street) to flatten the site in preparation for seeding / grass establishment to minimise dust and ensure no challenges in the future if the site needs to be mowed.

Groundwater

- Next round of ground water monitoring is currently underway with 54 Bores being sampled around the port.

Water Quality

- Routine water quality monitoring was undertaken during August across all 19 sites, with PFAS also included to the routine suite and an additional 7 sites.
- Several further issues with the real-time telemetry buoys, with Bertha snapping through the shackles and leaving her mooring (blocks remain in location) and issues with Beagle's solar panels being rectified.
- Works to finalise the dashboard are progressing.

30 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

- The Townsville Port 30 Year Strategic Plan project team continues work on the next stages of Plan, including a print document, interactive maps, and flyover video with the view to publish in the second half of this year.

TOWNSVILLE CRUISE SHIP COMMITTEE

- The trial partial ship turnaround of P&O Cruises Australia vessel Pacific Eden took place at the Port of Townsville on 7 September 2018, with 245 passengers boarding the ship and 200 passengers disembarking, in addition to 1000 passengers experiencing the city on a day visit. Carnival were

very happy with the day and there would only be a few minor tweaks to be made to be able to perform a full turnaround.

- POTL and TEL attended the Australian Cruise Association Conference in Broome in September to gain insights into trends in the cruise shipping industry and to identify opportunities for Townsville to improve its positioning for the future.
- Next cruise ships are scheduled for 6, 10, 15, 18 and 20 December 2018. Check out the latest cruise schedule on our website.

2018 CHARITY GOLF DAY

- On Friday 21 September the Port's Annual Charity Golf Day event took place, which together raised more than \$11, 000 for this year's beneficiary 'The Cure Starts Now' to assist in the search for a cure for paediatric brain cancer. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month, with the day theme 'Be Bold, Go Gold'.
- The overall winners of the day were Incitec Pivot's team #1, with the Port team 'Weapons of Grass Destruction' taking out second place, and Jardine Lloyd Thompson third.
- The Charity Golf Day is in its 22nd year, with the port community raising more than \$250,000 for local charities over this time.