

## Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday 27 November 2019, 5pm  
**Venue:** Port of Townsville, Administration Building, Boardroom  
**Chair:** Ranee Crosby, CEO, Port of Townsville

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### Attendees

1	Ranee Crosby	CEO, POTL (Chair)	9	Norman Rains	Townsville Birdlife
2	Kim Wheatley	Manager Corporate Affairs POTL	10	Bevan Lord	Townsville Ross River Marina
3	Maria James	Manager Trade Business Development	11	Sharon Marks	Community Rep
4	Emily Harrington	Corporate Affairs Administration Officer (minutes) POTL	12	Leslie Sampson	President of Magnetic Island Community Development Association
5	Martin Gledhill	Manager Engineering POTL	13	Heath Hatfield	Community Rep
6	Judy Newman	Community Rep	14	Adam Jones	Department of Transport and Main Roads
7	Leon Kippin	Community Rep	15	Rhonda Kelly	Department of Transport and Main Roads
8	Ian Ferguson	Community Rep	16	Keith Nobel	Community Rep

### Apologies

1	Adam Smith	Local Marine Advisory Committee (LMAC)	5	Marissa Wise	GM Major Projects, CU Project POTL
2	Rick Vernon	Magnetic Island Ratepayers Association	6		
3	Adam Hinks	Community Rep	7		
4	John Cordingley	Glencore			

### Actions Summary

**ACTION:** Provide Maria's presentation to CLG.

**ACTION:** Invite Reef House Investment Group to give presentation at suitable CLG meeting.

**ACTION:** Give Sharon Marks TEL contact details to provide tours.

**ACTION:** Provide a dredging overview to CLG

## **1. Welcome/Apologies**

Chair Raneë Crosby welcomed members to the CLG's 25th meeting and noted apologies.

## **2. Previous Minutes**

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

Raneë told the CLG that the ITAC chair will present to them in 2020.

## **3. Port Trade Sectors Overview**

Raneë introduced Maria James, Manager of Trade and Business Development to present an overview of trade at the Port of Townsville.

Maria presented trade forecasts for the five-year period up to 2023-2024 (110,000 TEU) and explained how the Port aims to reach these volumes of around 11.5 million tonnes per annum. Her presentation grouped commodities under four models: Container, Liquid Bulk, Break Bulk and Dry Bulk. Within these categories Maria identified the commodities predicted to have the most growth.

- Container trade growth: mining, renewables, processing plants and retail imports, and agricultural product exports.
- Liquid Bulk growth: fuel requirements of northern Galilee Basin mines, biofuels and hydrogen.
- Break Bulk growth: equipment for mining, renewable and processing projects, and live export markets beyond Indonesia and Vietnam.
- Dry Bulk growth: processing inputs, potential base metal and rare earth metal projects.

Maria explained there are several future multi-faceted projects around the region that will help with Port growth including nickel and cobalt exports, sulphur imports, phosphate rock export, silicon fertilizer exports, limonite ore imports and vanadium exports.

**ACTION:** Provide Maria's presentation to CLG.

## **4. 30 Year Port Master Plan (DTMR)**

Adam Jones from the Department of Transport and Main Roads presented the priority port master plan for the Port of Townsville. The plan will provide strategic direction and guide the long-term sustainable development of the Port and surrounding land and marine areas till 2050. Public consultation is from 4 November to 16 December 2019. There were two public meetings held, one on Magnetic Island and one at the Townsville Maritime Museum. There was only a small turnout at both, but the consultations are important for the growth of the region and to answer any questions.

Adam presented several maps to the CLG that identified areas of importance including current and future Port land. These maps give businesses and the community certainty about the areas that can be developed and the future of the city and Port. There are only four ports in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area that can grow, and Townsville has been identified as one of them.

The CLG commented on how there has been community interest in Berth 4 upgrade and the Channel Upgrade Project. Leslie Sampson spoke about a submission that was put in and how they appreciated DTMR coming back with a modified plan.

Adam clarified the different zones on the maps between the GBR Marine Park, GBR World Heritage Area and Port Limits. Raneer explained the Port has approvals and commitments to both state and federal regulators for any activities depending on the zone.

The importance of the Port was discussed following a recent meeting about hydrogen energy sources in Townsville. Raneer noted that the Port is in the early stages of investigating the feasibility of hydrogen exports with a number of proponents.

Adam made the final point that there are numerous controls and the Government is encouraging the correct type of waterfront and port development and better land management.

## **5. Port Updates**

Raneer advised the CLG of structure changes with Kim Gebers resigning, Marissa Wise being appointed General Manager Infrastructure and Environment, Drew Penny is now Chief Operating Officer and Claudia Brumme-Smith returning after extended leave as General Manager Business Strategy and Sustainability.

Martin Gledhill gave an update on Berth 4 project saying the Cargo Terminal will be ready March/April and the new Ship to Shore Crane early 2021. The molasses tanks near the area will also be moved eventually into an area that is better suited and the Cargo Terminal extended.

Raneer noted that the Port is continuing to work with SeaLink and Honeycombe on the new Ferry Terminal development, and working with Reef House Investment Group on the Great Barrier Reef House development.

In terms of the Channel Upgrade project, all the relevant management plans have been finalised and submitted with approvals pending. Rock supply to site is continuing with rockwall construction anticipated to start in March 2020.

**ACTION:** Invite Reef House Investment Group to give presentation at CLG meeting.

Kim Wheatley updated the CLG on Cruise and the increasing interest the Port is getting from stall holders. CLG brought up shore-based excursions. It was explained that tours can't be sold for cheaper than what is on the ship but walk off groups are given the option to seek alternative tours and TEL is always looking for new products.

**ACTION:** Give Sharon Marks TEL contact details.

## **Around the Table & General Business**

The latest media campaign from Clive Palmer was discussed. Raneer explained that the Port was happy to work with QN and is in discussions with QN and Glencore in this regard.

Leon Kippin shared with the CLG a couple of sailing trophies that his family had won from the 1920s. He also shared a photo of the channel as it was in 1935 and spoke about the Townsville Flying Squadron Club house on Palmer Street.

The CLG asked for an update on the HMAS Townsville. Raneer and Martin spoke about how the Port is progressing plans and approvals, and the Port is committed to moving it.

The CLG asked about Maintenance Dredging that the Port had completed. Martin said the TSHD Brisbane was here for 50 days and had a successful campaign removing 400,000 cubic meters of material. The Platypus Channel's depth is 12.8m, the extra .8m helps as a buffer for cyclones and other potential impacts. As part of ongoing dredging strategy review, the Port is investigating three alternative areas for placement of dredge material.

**ACTION:** Provide a dredging overview to CLG

The CLG asked about the Indonesia Port Corporation delegates and their time at the Port. Raneer shared that the delegates enjoyed their time and presented to the Port the developments occurring within their organisation. Raneer explained that the Port is the only one in Australia which has this type of agreement with IPC. Magnetic Island CLG members commented on how they met the delegates on the Island and the delegates expressed interest in the Port's community engagement.

## **6. Next Meeting**

Wednesday 26 February 2020

**Meeting closed at approximately – 6:30pm**