

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group



Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 15 July 2020 – 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Venue: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Chair: Ranee Crosby, CEO, Port of Townsville

Attendees

1	Ranee Crosby	CEO, Port of Townsville (Chair)	7	Leslie Sampson	President of Magnetic Island Community Development Association
2	Marissa Wise	GM Infrastructure and Environment, Port of Townsville	8	Sharon Marks	Community Rep
3	Claudia Brumme-Smith	GM Business Strategy and Sustainability, Port of Townsville	9	Vern Veitch	Community Rep
4	Kim Wheatley	Manager Corporate Affairs, Port of Townsville	10	Ken Dunlop	Sun Metals
5	Elaine Glen	Acting Manager Environmental and Planning, Port of Townsville	11	Leon Kippin	Community Rep
6	Emily Harrington	Corporate Affairs Administration Officer, Port of Townsville (Minutes)			

Apologies

1	Heath Hatfield	Community Rep	6	Adam Hinks	Community Rep
2	Judy Newman	Community Rep	7	John Cordingley	Glencore
3	Ian Ferguson	Community Rep	8	Keith Nobel	Community Rep
4	Norm Rains	Townsville Birdlife	9	Rick Vernon	Magnetic Island Ratepayers Association
5	Bevan Lord	Townsville Ross River Marina	10	Adam Smith	Local Marine Advisory Committee (LMAC)

Actions Summary

ACTION: Elaine Glen to present an analysis of Dry Tropic Partnership for Health Waters Report Card

ACTION: Emily Harrington to send presentation to CLG members (COMPLETE)

ACTION: Port to provide Channel Upgrade dredge and reclamation tender update to CLG members

ACTION: Port to present Channel Upgrade Environmental Monitoring overview next meeting

1. Welcome/Apologies

Chair Raneë Crosby welcomed members to the CLG's 27th meeting - the first virtual meeting held due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

Raneë addressed COVID-19 and the Port's move to virtual CLG meetings.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (26 February 2020)

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 February 2020 were adopted without change. All actions have been completed or were addressed during the meeting.

3. Port Vision 2050

Raneë provided an update on Port Vision 2050 which has been further evolved following the results of the Materiality Survey presented to the CLG last year. The Port has established a Strategy and Sustainability team to lead Port Vision 2050, headed by Claudia Brumme-Smith. The Port has developed 27 strategic initiatives across four pillars and refreshed its Mission, Vision and Values as it aims to become a global leader in sustainability.

Claudia Brumme-Smith, General Manager Business Strategy and Sustainability presented the draft Port Vision 2050. With the future growth of Australia likely to happen in Northern Australia, coupled with our refreshed sustainability focus, the vision for Port of Townsville has been modified to become 'Australia's Port for the Future'. The Port has four strategic priority areas covering Planet, Community, People and Prosperity. Claudia went through each priority area and outlined the strategic objectives and initiatives, noting that there are 30 year targets as well as shorter-term 5 and 1 year commitments and actions. Claudia noted that Port Vision 2050 is currently in draft form for consultation with stakeholders and welcomed feedback from CLG members. The official launch of Port Vision 2050 will be later in 2020.

The CLG provided the follow the following feedback:

- Ken Dunlop asked about progress reports, which Claudia stated will include an annual Sustainability Report and a transparency dashboard on the new P2050 website.
- Leslie Sampson commented that one and five-year action plans will help reach the vision while considering possible changes along the way, such as COVID-19.
- Vern Veitch was interested in waterway catchment projects and how the Port intends to achieve a zero-carbon footprint to which Claudia and Marissa said the Port is initially (first 5 years) focusing on internal processes and Port specific projects so we can lead the way with our customers, stakeholders and community. Elaine advised partnerships with Local Marine

Advisory Committee (LMAC) and Dry Tropic Partnership for Health Waters would help guide management decisions.

4. Environmental Monitoring Update

Elaine Glen, Acting Manager Environment and Planning presented the environmental monitoring programs undertaken at the Port. Due to the sensitive environment the Port operates in, the extensive programs cover air quality, marine water quality, dredge monitoring, marine sediment, seagrass, groundwater, PFAS, stormwater, trade/portable water, and biosecurity.

Some of the data that the Port collects is sent to the Dry Tropic Partnership for Health Waters Report Card which provides a thorough understanding of the water quality. The 2018-19 report card is due to be released in the coming weeks (mid-2020).

ACTION: Elaine Glen to present an analysis of Dry Tropic Partnership for Health Waters Report Card

5. Independent Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)

Brett Kettle, ITAC Chair provided a pre-recorded overview of the ITAC Committee and the areas they specialise in for the Channel Upgrade Project. They include dredging, seagrass, sediment, water quality and megafauna. The committee brings together years of experience in management of major dredging projects.

ACTION: Emily Harrington to send presentation to CLG members (COMPLETE)

6. Port Updates

Ranee provided an update on trade, which was up 6.5% from last financial year reaching 8.18 million tonnes driven predominantly by minerals, sugar and fertiliser exports. Fuel and general cargo imports were down compared to last year.

Marissa spoke about the Channel Upgrade rock wall progress, future tenders and dredging works to occur. The CLG offered alternative solutions to removing marine life. Marissa provided an update on Berth 4, Berth 10, Lucinda jetty pile strengthening, truck staging area, wharf repairs and road upgrades.

ACTION: PoT to provide Channel Upgrade dredge and reclamation tender update

ACTION: PoT to present Channel Upgrade Environmental Monitoring overview

7. Around the Table & General Business

CLG advised their appreciation on receiving Port Updates. Raneer requested that any topics of interest from members for the next meeting to send through to Emily Harrington eharrington@townsvilleport.com.au

Meeting closed at approximately 5.15pm