

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday 28 November 2018 – 5pm
Venue: Port of Townsville Boardroom, Townsville
Chair: Ranee Crosby, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Townsville

Attendees

1	Ranee Crosby	CEO, POTL (Chair)	10	Keith Noble	Community Rep
2	Kim Gebers	GM Infrastructure, POTL	11	Adam Smith	Local Marine Advisory Committee
3	Jasmin Fry	POTL (minutes)	12	Sharon Marks	Conservation Volunteers Australia
4	Judy Newman	Community Rep	13	Ken Dunlop	Sun Metals
5	Leon Kippin	Community Rep	14	Heath Hatfield	Community Rep
6	John Cordingley	Glencore	15	Adam Jones	TMR (guest representative)
7	Bevan Lord	Community Rep	16	Leslie Sampson	Community Rep
8	Vern Veitch	LMAC/Community Rep	17	Ian Ferguson	Community Rep
9	Norman Rains	Birdlife Townsville			

Apologies

Paul Crocombe	Community Rep	Adam Hinks	Community Rep
David Zammitt	Glencore	Christopher Miegel	Community Rep

Actions Summary

1. Ranee and Kim to provide update at next CLG meeting on meeting with NQCC to discuss potential engagement with the CLG.
2. Rick Vernon to be notified of acceptance as CLG member and invited to next meeting.
3. Invite Sealink along to next CLG meeting in January to present on progress of the new Ferry terminal project.
4. POTL to send invitations to CLG group for the NQ Dry Tropics media launch event.
5. Send two new CLG members a listing of current CLG group members.
6. POTL to send invites for stakeholder breakfast event in coming days.

Attachments

- Port Update Notes- November
- CLG Application received (Richard Vernon)

1. Welcome/apologies (Chair)

Chair Ranee Crosby welcomed members to the CLG's 19th meeting and noted apologies for the meeting. Welcomed new members Bevan Lord and Les Sampson to the group and thanked them for their participation in the CLG. Welcomed John Cordingley who will replace David Zammit of Glencore on the CLG.

2. Record of previous meeting held 31 October 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, subject to two minor changes:

- (i) amendment of section 2 date (as wrong meeting date was noted); and
- (ii) amendment to item 3 of general business to remove individual connection to the direct item.

All actions have been completed or are addressed at this meeting as follows:

- Bevan Lord and Les Sampson accepted as CLG members and were both in attendance at today's meeting.
- Ranee and Kim to provide update at next CLG meeting on meeting with NQCC to discuss potential engagement with the CLG.
- No further feedback had been received for the suggested topics for the 2019 schedule of CLG meetings, POTL are still open to receive any input/ideas.
- POTL has spoken with Keith regarding finding out further information on reef credits program.
- Kim Gebers addressed the ITAC composition and first meeting details with group later during this meeting.

3. CLG Membership Applications

Membership application was previously sent to Rick Vernon (MIRRA nominee), and his application was since received (Rick sent apologies for late submission due to travel).

CLG agreed to adopt Rick Vernon as a member and invite him to the next meeting.

Action: Rick Vernon to be notified of acceptance as CLG member and invited to next meeting.

4. Documents open for public consultation

Statutory Port Master Plan- Adam Jones of Department of Transport and Main Roads

- Draft port statutory Masterplan has been released to public and is now open for comment. Information on the Masterplan can be found at the link below:
<https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SustainablePorts-Townsville>
The Masterplan is available online, as well as a number of hard copies at various locations.
- Closing submissions 17th December
- Recently industry/business sessions were held on the Maritime Museum in Townsville and on Magnetic Island, which included a range of personnel from the master planning team, TCC and the Port to provide an overview and answer any questions/queries for any community residents or business representatives.
- It was noted that this Masterplan is distinct from the Port expansion project, which has approvals in place.
- Fact sheets are available here: <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/-/media/busind/Transport-sectors/Ports/1118/Townsville/townsville-have-your-say-factsheet.pdf?la=en>

Long Term Maintenance Dredging Management Plan- Kim Gebers

- A Long-Term Maintenance Dredging Management Plan (LTMDMP) has been drafted in accordance with both state and federal frameworks and outlines POTL's management approach and framework for continual improvement in environmental performance for maintenance dredging. Community social economic values are also considered throughout this process.
- The LTMDMP:
 - Recognises the outstanding universal value of the Great Barrier Reef.
 - Incorporates the best available science.
 - Incorporates the principles of ecologically sustainable development and,
 - Aims to implement best practice efficient operation of both ports.
- Public consultation period is now open. Please use the submission form / email to environmentdg@townsvilleport.com.au by 5pm Wednesday 12th December. Forms available on Port of Townsville website:
<https://www.townsville-port.com.au/environment-community/environment-planning/dredging/long-term-maintenance-dredging/>
- POTL noted that there will be regular formal reviews of the LTMDMP undertaken in future.
- POTL noted that a media release will be distributed in coming days advising of consultation.
- POTL requested CLG members to share document and information with interested members that they represent.

5. ITAC & CUP Environmental Monitoring Programs - Kim Gebers

ITAC

- The Independent Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) has been established, which was a POTL initiative and which is now included as a condition of project environmental approvals.
- Composition of the ITAC has been approved by regulators.
- A Compliance Regulatory Oversight Committee (CROC) also exists, which will receive and can request advice from the ITAC, and which will review and approve the RMP and DMP.
- A Capital Dredging Implementation Committee will also report to the ITAC.

The first ITAC meeting is to be held next week. ITAC members backgrounds were shared with the CLG group. ITAC will review scopes of work for monitoring programs during the first meeting, future meetings will be open to observers (with notice).

Adam Smith enquired about POTL's approach to social science and indigenous member of ITAC, as current members have particularly technical focus. POTL noted these factors have been considered and addressed through other avenues/initiatives, the ITAC role is that of a scientific/technical function for the project.

Group also noted the importance in communicating transparency in initiatives that are carried out with the wider community and POTL noted the importance of ITAC as an independent group which will have a role in communicating its findings to the community.

CUP Environmental Monitoring Programs

POTL is in the process of tendering and contracting key environmental studies for the project, including:

- Water quality monitoring
- Coral monitoring
- Inshore Dolphin study
- Seagrass monitoring

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

Ranee Crosby additionally noted:

- Noted trade highlights and that overall trade results are up from this time last financial year, main highlights include sugar and mineral concentrates.
- Cruise visits begin again December with 5 visits that month and one for 1 January 2019.
- Kim Gebers presented on CUP project yesterday at Industry breakfast (250 attendees), Sealink also provided update on Ferry terminal process at this event.

Action: Invite Sealink along to next CLG meeting in January to present on progress of the new Ferry terminal project.

The CLG noted the following additional points:

- Leon Kippin - Leon recently attended a business community event where Clive Palmer was a guest speaker and announced his plans for Titanic II and that he is aiming to bring it into Townsville.

7. General business

- Conservation Australia recently confirmed contract with Dry Tropics. Noted their partnership with Hoops Consulting (Sharon Hoops) in the 'Trees for Townsville' initiative which involves the giveaway of native, drought-tolerant tree seedlings.
- It was noted that a sustainability audit of Magnetic Island is being undertaken, focus on renewable energy.
- POTL noted recent win of the Diversity Award at the 23rd Annual Australian Shipping and Maritime Industry Awards. The award seeks to recognise and reward companies in the shipping and maritime logistics industries that embrace fairness and equality. CLG noted congratulations to POTL.
- Coral spawning- there is a local event this weekend which focuses on coral restoration training workshop (GBRMPA involvement), all are welcome.
- Terrain Natural Resource Management (NRM) to undertake a land management research project.
- Reef credits program- it was noted that the Terms of Reference are now out for public consultation.
- POTL is partnering with NQ Dry Tropics for 'Healthy Waterways Partnership' with aim to develop a scorecard for water quality in the local region. A Media Launch will be held on 14 December.

Action: POTL to send invitations to CLG group for the NQ Dry Tropics media launch event.

- POTL Annual Stakeholder Function to be held 11th December. CLG members will receive formal invitations shortly.

Action: Send two new CLG members a listing of current CLG group members.

Action: POTL to send invites for stakeholder breakfast event in coming days.

Next meeting: Wednesday 30 January 2019 at 5pm at Quayside Terminal, Lennon Driver.

Meeting closed at 6:30pm.