

## Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday 20 February 2019 – 5pm  
**Venue:** Port of Townsville Boardroom, Townsville  
**Chair:** Ranee Crosby, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Townsville

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### Attendees

1	Ranee Crosby	CEO, POTL (Chair)	8	Norman Rains	Community Rep
2	Kim Gebers	GM Infrastructure, POTL	9	Ian Ferguson	Community Rep
3	Jasmin Fry	POTL (minutes)	10	Sharon Marks	Conservation Volunteers Australia
4	Judy Newman	Community Rep	11	Ken Dunlop	Sun Metals
5	Leon Kippin	Community Rep	12	Kim Wheatley	Manager Corporate Affairs, POTL
6	John Cordingley	Glencore	13	Drew Penny	Port of Townsville
7	Vern Veitch	The Local Marine Advisory Committee			

### Apologies

Les Sampson	Community Rep	Bevan Lord	Community Rep
Rick Vernon	Community Rep	Adam Smith	Community Rep
Heath Hatfield	Community Rep	Paul Crocombe	Adrenalin Dive
Adam Hinks	Aquascene		

### Actions Summary

1. Sealink were unavailable to attend this meeting to present on progress of the new Ferry Terminal project. Sealink will be invited to the next meeting to present if they are available.
2. POTL to send the outlines of the operational plans at the subsequent meetings to enable CLG members to provide feedback on these.

### Attachments

- Port Update Notes- February (including Adam Smith's information re Reef Restoration)

#### 1. Welcome/apologies (Chair)

Chair Ranee Crosby welcomed members to the CLG's 20th meeting and noted apologies for the meeting.

#### 2. Record of previous meeting held 28 November 2018

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

### **3. Welcome of new CLG member**

Membership application was previously sent to Rick Vernon (MIRRA nominee), and his application was since received, adopted and accepted. Rick sent his apologies for this meeting, but he will attend in future. The group look forward to welcoming Rick in future.

### **4. Update on POTL engagement with NQCC**

Ranee Crosby and Kim Gebers recently met with NQCC which overall went well. POTL will continue to interact with the NQCC group and share more information with CLG in future.

### **5. General Discussions**

- Ranee noted that there are some serious impacts from the recent flood event. Rail lines have been damaged and are closed at present, which does cause impacts on port customers freight movement, and will see an increase in trucking activity. POTL will inform group as we develop understanding of long-term impacts.
- Glencore donated \$1 million in funds to assist in the regions flood recovery, and have provided extensive assistance with the train derailment. Glencore employees also have the opportunity to further donate to the flood recovery through their pay.
- South32 donated \$1 million towards the flood recovery.
- Sun Metals donated \$300K to the regions flood recovery, and a number of staff volunteers assisted in clean up across the local region.  
Ranee suggested to all CLG members that if anyone has any ideas on how we could look to assist further, please let us know.
- Conservation Volunteers Australia Clean up events- Sharon Marks noted that there are a number of these events ongoing which are focused more for those of us who were not directly heavily affected by floods in recent event. If anyone has any suggestions on areas where rubbish has accumulated, please let Sharon Marks know.

### **6. Port Operations and Logistics Overview- Drew Penny**

- Overview of Operations- what scope does this team cover?

Department structure was explained, and pilot process/movements covered, including a pilot approach video shown to group.

- Update on RMP and intermodal

An initial feasibility study has been undertaken for a new port rail intermodal terminal and a detailed business case is being progressed. Future rail network models were presented. The progressive rail master plan conceptual drawings included: 2020 to 2025; 2025 to 2030; 2030 to 2040. All of this feeds into the Port Development Plan.

### **7. Port Updates – as per circulated document (attached).**

Ranee Crosby additionally noted:

- Noted there were some trade highlights in recent 6 monthly results, overall combined tonnage through the ports of Townsville and Lucinda was up 10% on the same time last year, with stronger performance in export commodities. Some areas that have been down included the general cargo, refined zinc and lead, cars and fuel for year to date.
- Cultural Centre/Reef HQ Precinct

- The Marine Science Centre redevelopment Request for Proposals (RFP) process which commenced in November 2018 will close at the end of March 2019 after which time proposals received will be considered by an Evaluation Panel.
- 30 Year Strategic Plan
  - Surveys are going to be conducted by a company named SPROTT in near future, to collect stakeholder feedback on the plan.

Kim Gebers additionally noted:

- Channel Upgrade
  - The CU team have now established and occupied the site offices on the East Port site.
  - Operational plans require approval. This work is currently underway.
  - The rock supply of the project is being finalised.
  - Tenders for construction of the rock wall are to go out in next few weeks.
  - The site and access roads performed well during the recent flood event.
  - A video is being developed to show/explain how the rock wall is being constructed. This will be shared in future when it is complete.

**Action:** POTL to send the outlines of the operational plans at the subsequent meetings to enable CLG members to provide feedback on these.

- Berth 4 update
  - The tender awarding for the Ship to Shore crane for Berth 4 is imminent, and the backing land development tender closes next week.
- Maintenance dredging
  - Maintenance Dredging plan schedule – dredging is planned to occur in May and also planned for September. This schedule is subject to change depending on availability of the Brisbane and assuming dredging permits are all in place.
- Environment
  - There was an abnormally high result for lead previously noted in the environment park during July last year. This result was far higher than ever noted before at any POTL site, and there were no other matching elevated readings. POTL had the issue independently investigated by a qualified environmental consultancy, who considered this to be an erroneous result. After sharing this report with the Department of Environmental Science (regulators), DES has authorised the removal of this single data point from the record on the basis that it is an erroneous result.
  - The turbidity level readings of the two buoys from during the recent flood event was shared with the group.
  - Noted that sampling cycles were impacted during the flood period, as these are generally undertaken on a six day cycle, so not all of these were carried out during the flood event.

Kim Wheatley additionally noted:

- Cruise Shipping
  - Three ships are booked in March. POTL is looking to further review the Cruise Ship Strategy this year and will keep group informed.

#### **8. General business**

- Sun Metals has commenced works for the expansion project. Contractor numbers to increase this year.
- Glencore noted their new tippler has arrived from Turkey and some new pieces will arrive in near future. Due to recent weather event, Glencore is looking to install it in 2020 as opposed to this year.
- Port Open Day is to be planned for June this year, more information will be shared in future.
- Leon Kippin noted that some of the CLG group visited Mission to Seafarers today before the meeting, which was hosted by Graham Miller.
- There have been some impacts on Conservations Australia sites, there will be a lot of of re-vegetation works coming up in future.
- Rancee reminded the group about the message from Adam Smith of Reef Ecologic re the Reef Restoration Workshops.
- Museum of Underwater Art- art is being manufactured at present, and the install should be underway towards end of the year.

Next meeting: Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 5pm at Maritime Museum, South Townsville.

Meeting closed at 6:28pm.

## Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Updates – February 2019

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### TRADE AND CARGO

Total trade throughput for the month of January was 358,982 tonnes, a 29% decrease on January last year. The Port remained open during the Townsville floods. However, heavy rainfall led some operators to suspend loading operations, impacting on shipping schedules and January trade tonnages.

Year to date throughput to the end of January was just under 5.2 million tonnes, 6% higher than last financial year. Overall imports for the year to date were 1.4 million tonnes and exports were 3.8 million tonnes.

Mineral concentrate exports remain strong and are tracking more than 50% higher than last financial year. Motor vehicle imports were impacted by a nation-wide decrease in new car sales, driven by weakened consumption growth in the second quarter. Mineral concentrate imports, cement and sulphur imports remain steady.

Year to date sugar exports at both Port of Townsville and Port of Lucinda total more than 1.3 million tonnes. The 2018 sugar crush is now complete, both the Herbert and Burdekin regions have recorded above average sugar production.

Twenty-one dismantled Komatsu dump trucks were loaded onto the cargo-ship Heino in January, on-route to Mumbai in India. Most of the 180 tonne trucks were purchased from Century Mine, 250km northwest of Mount Isa, and transported by truck to the Port of Townsville. The dump trucks will be rebuilt and used in India.

The Eike Oldendorff unloaded more than 500 water pipes for the Houghton Pipeline Duplication Project in December, the second of six shipments. The next shipment is scheduled to arrive later this month.

The 200m long and 38m wide Sirius Highway delivered more than 186 new cars to Townsville in January. The new K Line carrier was the widest ship to ever dock at Port of Townsville. The ship was guided through the channel by two marine pilots. K Line, Townsville marine pilots and Maritime Safety Queensland undertook extensive preparations and a range of simulations to ensure the vessel's safe passage.

### PORT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROJECTS

#### Channel Capacity Upgrade (CCU)

The project team is now well established in the site offices. Significant progress to date includes:

- Selection complete for a range of environmental monitoring programs for baseline works. POTL is now working with consultants to develop and refine methodologies and plan the works programs.
- Rock supply evaluation and tender is complete.
- Rock wall construction works have been tendered, and are currently under evaluation.

- Current focus is on the development of the required Management Plans which need to be approved by regulators prior to works commencing. These will be discussed with CLG as they are developed.
- Site stockpile preparation works have concluded, site fencing is underway (delayed due wet weather) and the wheel wash exit has been completed.

The recent flooding event has slowed progress slightly, with most staff unavailable for a week or so due to flooding issues elsewhere. The site held up well, with the roads and stormwater system coping with the extended rainfall.

The first ITAC meeting was held on 5 December, and as the inaugural meeting, focussed on ITAC processes and project briefings to get the ITAC more familiar with the project.

#### Berth 4 Cranes & Cargo Terminal Area

Berth 4 crane tender has closed and the evaluation is complete. The POTL Board is expected to make a decision on the crane acquisition at the 19th February meeting.

The cargo terminal tender is closing 25<sup>th</sup> February (extended to due flooding which delayed the ability of tenderers to provide responses). This will be evaluated with a recommendation being made to the POTL Board in late March, for contract award shortly thereafter.

#### Cargo Laydown Areas

These projects are complete, and are being well used.

#### Maintenance Dredging

The Long Term Maintenance Dredge Management Plan has been submitted to regulators, as well as being opened (voluntarily – not a requirement) for public comment. A total of 11 comments were received, and POTL is currently reviewing these. No significant new issues were raised in the public submissions.

Preliminary planning has commenced for the 2019 maintenance dredging program, and at this early stage it shows Townsville maintenance dredging occurring in 2 campaigns:

- Mid May for 10 days, and
- September for 35 days.

These dates are a result of significant coordination with other ports on the QLD coast, to minimise unnecessary dredge relocation and achieve the overall best benefit.

#### Port Rail Masterplan

POTL has continued to refine the Port Rail Masterplan in conjunction with our consultants. It is expected that this work will be finalised within the next month. The masterplan incorporates a new intermodal terminal located at the port which has also undergone a separate study.

## **HARBOUR CITY DEVELOPMENT**

### Strand Ferry Terminal

SeaLink and Honeycombe Property Group (HPG) are continuing to progress the new Ferry Terminal Project through the State Government's Market Led Proposal Process. POTL Board of Management is to consider negotiated commercial terms at its February 2019 meeting. HPG has advanced applications for grant funding including \$15 million under the Commonwealth Regional Growth Fund and \$3.5 million under the Queensland Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

### Cultural Centre/Reef HQ Precinct

The Marine Science Centre redevelopment Request for Proposals (RFP) process which commenced in November 2018 will close at the end of March 2019 after which time proposals received will be considered by an Evaluation Panel.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### Boundary Air Quality Monitoring

Dashboard for December is available, all monitoring results (metals and general dust) are below Department of Environment and Science guidelines. Due to the timing of the rain event, we were unable to pick up the high-volume samplers (which run every 6 days) during that period so will have a data gap during this period at the 3 locations. Some rain damage occurred to the real time equipment which we are working through.

### Telemetry Buoy Deployment

Bobby (mouth of Ross River), S2 (channel) and Beagle (Geoffrey bay) were in the water during the rain event. Endeavor (Arthur Bay) had been repaired and was set to be redeployed however was delayed by the rain event. Endeavor is currently deployed however Bobby sustained significant damage on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February and lost communications as well as a solar panel and we will know more about the extent of damage when we are able to get this lifted from the water. Turbidity peaked at 641 NTU on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> in the mouth of Ross River, prior to this event the readings were around 10-20 NTU, the other locations did not show such a dramatic change as Ross River.

### Biosecurity

Mosquito control has been increased following the recent weather events. Pooled water around the port was treated with briquettes as was the pooled water in the enviropark stage 2 following the rains. POTL has also worked with Council to trial a barrier spray in the vegetation in immediate proximity to houses and if this is successful look at options for this going forward.

### Long Term Maintenance Dredging Management Plan (Townsville and Lucinda)

The formal public review period for the LTMDMP occurred between the 28<sup>th</sup> November and the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. 11 submissions were received on the plan with a number of updates incorporated into the LTMDMP, which is available on the POTL website. A range of improvements will continue to be developed and incorporated into the plan as this is a living document.

### **TOWNSVILLE CRUISE SHIP COMMITTEE**

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

3 Cruise ships in March, 11 cruise ships scheduled for 2019.

Updated cruise ship schedule is available on website.

### **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT/COMMUNICATION AND EVENTS**

Appointed Channel Upgrade PR Officer in January.

**Additional message from Adam Smith of Reef Ecologic:**

Dear Port staff, stakeholders and community liaison committee

Townsville Port have been a supporter of Reef recovery at Magnetic Island project with seed funding, staff attendance and printing.

Reef Ecologic are planning 3-4 Reef restoration workshops in 2019 at Magnetic island, Thailand, Whitsundays and Orpheus Island to increase knowledge and give people the opportunity to make a difference for the future of coral reefs and communities.

The first workshop for 2019 is planned from 22-24 March at Magnetic island

Can you please share this opportunity among your staff and stakeholders

It would be great for at least one POTL staff member or community representative to attend and to share this opportunity with the broader community

We would also be keen to discuss opportunities for future collaboration and partnership to increase education and help the local reefs

Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/events/2261663167486179/>

Website- <https://reefecologic.org/project/reef-restoration-workshop-magnetic-island/>



Regards

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