

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday 20 March 2019 – 5pm
Venue: Maritime Museum, Palmer Street, South Townsville
Chair: Kim Gebers, GM Infrastructure, Port of Townsville

Attendees

1	Kim Gebers	GM Infrastructure POTL (Acting Chair)	9	Norm Rains	Community Rep
2	Jasmin Fry	POTL (minutes)	10	Les Sampson	Community Rep
3	Nicole Crowe	POTL	11	Adam Smith	Reef Ecologic
4	Leon Kippin	Community Rep	12	Martin Powley	CU Team POTL
5	Ian Ferguson	Community Rep	13	Bevan Lord	Townsville Ross River Marina
6	Ken Dunlop	Sun Metals	14	Chris Briggs	Sealink
7	Vern Veitch	The Local Marine Advisory Committee/Community Rep	15	Paul Crocombe	Adrenalin Dive
8	Judy Newman	Community Rep	16	Heath Hatfield	Community Rep

Apologies

Ranee Crosby	CEO POTL	Sharon Marks	Conservation Volunteers Australia
Kim Wheatley	Manager Corporate Affairs POTL	Adam Hinks	Aquascene
John Cordingley	Glencore	Keith Noble	Community Rep

Actions Summary

1. Chris Briggs of Sealink is in attendance at today's meeting to present on the ferry terminal project.

Attachments

- Port Update Notes- March

1. Welcome/apologies (Chair)

Acting Chair Kim Gebers welcomed members to the CLG's 21st meeting and noted apologies for the meeting.

Kim welcomed Martin Powley to the CLG group. Martin has recently joined the Channel Upgrade team as CUP PR Officer.

2. Record of previous meeting held 20 February 2019

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

3. Ferry Terminal Project update- Chris Briggs of Sealink

A project overview and update was shared by Chris Briggs.

- Multi-million-dollar marine tourism precinct will include a four-star hotel, food precinct, new ferry terminal and other inclusions such as hospitality, tourism and marine training centre and car park.
- Priority Development Area is on Port of Townsville owned state land.
- A long term location for the Coast Guard area will be required.
- Noted that Sealink will look to replace 'Reefcat' vessel first of their fleet – this vessel would have a more efficient engine (and more environmentally friendly) and increased capabilities (such as increased passenger capacity).

4. Landscaping and Amenity Plans- Kim Gebers

Kim shared a presentation on the outlook of the landscaping and amenity plans, which discussed:

- This will be a staged development over a number of years and include community consultation.
- Objective is to improve visual amenity for port users, enhance visual appeal of buffer zone between port and local community, increase noise attenuation between port and community.
- A number of key considerations are involved such as cost of development, on-going maintenance, on-going water use, future port development.
- It was noted that soil considerations would need to be taken into place as well, which will impact on types of plants used.

The CLG group raised a couple of items in response including:

- Concerns re water usage
- Weeds
- Suggestion to also have a focus on the connectivity between different areas and also cruise terminal through to the city
- Maintenance and overall upkeep on an on-going basis.

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

Projects- Kim Gebers

Channel Upgrade

- Noted that there will be increased trucking movements in the east port area for CU project.

Site road upgrades

There are currently a number of road areas at the port which are being refurbished as part of normal maintenance. These works are contracted to local company CES Civil, and will conclude by July.

Environment

- Boundary air quality monitoring station located at Environmental park is going to be upgraded. A recent letter box drop was conducted to notify local community. A small number of residents raised questions around its visual appearance and location.

The CLG noted the following additional points:

- Adam Smith of Reef Ecologic noted the global attention that climate change is attracting on-goingly. An interest was shown in being able to get some information on the Townsville port's greenhouse gas emissions. Kim noted that the first step as part of strategic plan involves conducting baseline studies in this area.
- Placement pattern of TSHD Brisbane dredge material – The question was asked why the TSHD Brisbane moves in an arc whilst placing material, and whether it would reduce turbidity if this were conducted while the vessel is stationary. Kim Gebers took this on notice and will investigate and report.
Action: Kim Gebers to follow up with information on placement methodology at next meeting.
- Water turbidity- there is an interest in seeing the port's monitoring results of this at a CLG meeting in future.
Note: In the drafted CLG meeting schedule, there is an upcoming agenda item for port-wide environmental monitoring results to be presented on, so this be covered in future.
- Group showed an interest in asking Tropwater representative to come back to present to group in future, following on from the previous time Tropwater attended.
Action: Kim and Melinda to check with representative of Tropwater to see if there are any current updates/progress that could be shared.

6. General business

- The Museum of underwater art project is continuing to progress, which will be a unique experience for both locals and visitors to the region.
- Martin Powley presented the Channel Upgrade concept map to the group (refer Attachment 1) and reminded all that all dredge material from this project will be placed on land, not at sea.
- Jasmin welcomed Nicole Crowe to the CLG group. Jasmin is moving into a trade role temporarily and Nicole will now take on the administration/coordination of CLG. Please see her contact details below for reference:

Nicole Crowe- *Corporate Affairs and Trade Coordinator*

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- Vern Veitch who is a part of the Local Marine Advisory Committee spoke about upcoming grants, one of which involves the development of a strategy to reduce litter (strategy to capture data, identify hotspots and engineering solutions). Vern thanked POTL for their support, and noted that the Port is a member and the committee involves a range of stakeholders.
- Norm noted concern about whether the Channel Upgrade reclamation area would affect the flow of the water in Cleveland Bay. Kim Gebers noted that the original EIS involves a detailed study of this.

7. Next meeting:

Meeting date and location still to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 6:35pm.

Attachment 1

CHANNEL UPGRADE
 After Channel Widening:
 Total Width 180M (Port End) To 120M (At Sea End)
 Existing Channel:
 Total Width 92M

RECLAMATION AREA (62ha)
 550m, 1100m, 550m

No capital dredge material will be disposed of at sea
 All capital dredge material will be 100% beneficially re-used

Capital Dredging Schedule

City of Townsville, Magnetic Island, New Reclamation Area, Inner, Outer, Sea, Total channel length 14.9km

Inner Platypus Channel
 Approximately 24 months

Outer Platypus Channel
 Approximately 12 months

Sea Channel
 Approximately 6 months

Port Expansion Project (concept view)
 30year / 152ha

B12, B14, B15, B16, B17, B18

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Updates – March 2019

TRADE AND CARGO

Total trade throughput for the month of February was 360,000 tonnes, a 20% decrease on February last year, attributable in part to the impacted Mt Isa rail line and subsequent effect on bulk tonnages during the month. Customers affected by the rail line closure have temporarily moved to road haulage to keep product moving for export. The rail line is expected to open between late April and mid May 2019 and may include rail deviation options.

Year to date throughput to the end of February was just under 5.7 million tonnes, 5% higher than last financial year. Overall imports for the year to date were 1.5 million tonnes and exports were 4.1 million tonnes. Mineral concentrate exports remain strong as do general cargo exports. Mineral concentrate imports, cement and fuel imports remain steady.

ANL has announced the launch of a new weekly service between Asia and Australia. The Asia Australia Express 2 (AAX2) is to call at Ho Chi Minh (Saigon) in Vietnam, Port Kelang in Malaysia, Singapore, Jakarta, Brisbane, Sydney and Townsville. It will provide a long sought- after weekly service from Port of Townsville to Asia: Malaysia in 10 days, and then only 3 days later in Vietnam: Port Kelang Malaysia is also a key Asian hub so a weekly service can go anywhere into Asia in a matter of days with ANL's major networks. A weekly service will give exporters consistency and reliability – this is particularly important for time sensitive cargos and should lead to a broader and more diverse range of exports out of Townsville. It will also give domestic, that is, interstate freight additional options, for example, large businesses based in Sydney will have a direct route to Townsville by sea and will arrive in a few days making it very competitive with other modes of transport.

Another shipment of pipes arrived for the Houghton Pipeline Duplication Project. When completed the pipeline duplication will be a fully functioning and sustainable 36.5 km pipeline from the Houghton Pump Station to the Ross River Dam.

Port of Townsville was represented at the annual Australian Logistics Council Forum, the country's biggest supply chain event. The conference focused on critical issues impacting the efficiency and safety of Australia's supply chains, with a range of influential industry leaders in attendance. The panel discussion 'Facing North: Making northern Australia's potential a reality' was made up of Northern Queensland and Northern Territory delegates, including Port of Townsville, NQ Bulk Ports, NT Airports, and a number of northern Australia Infrastructure proponents.

PORT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROJECTS

Channel Capacity Upgrade (CCU)

Significant progress during the latest period is:

- Evaluation and selection of rock wall construction tender
- Development of dredging tender specifications and development
- Specialist development of environmental management program design
- Progress on management plans (Construction, environmental, safety etc)

- Continued development of site stockpile areas
- Commissioning of site gate wheel wash

Berth 4 Cranes & Cargo Terminal Area

Berth 4 crane tender has closed and the evaluation is complete. The POTL Board has approved the crane acquisition, and final negotiations with the successful tenderer are underway now.

The cargo terminal tender closed on 25th February. This evaluation is complete and awarding of the tender for construction is imminent. The works are expected to commence in May and be completed by the end of the year.

Cargo Laydown Areas

Minor driveway works to optimise these areas are currently in development. These are expected to be complete by June.

Maintenance Dredging – Ross River

POTL is currently undertaking maintenance dredging of the Ross River channel to remove sediment build up resulting from the recent flood event. Approximately 10,000m³ of material will be removed, with the majority of this being placed on land in the marine precinct, and the remainder placed in the approved sea placement area in accordance with current licence conditions.

Groundwater Sampling

POTL is currently conducting routine groundwater sampling in accordance with the sampling plan. This now includes PFAS as part of the standard suite of analyses. Results are expected in April.

Site Road Upgrades

A number of road areas on site are currently being upgraded by local contractor CES Civil as part of the annual road condition assessment program. These works are being coordinated to minimise customer impact and will be concluded by July.

Port Rail Masterplan

An overview of the Port Rail Masterplan and Intermodal Terminal was presented at the last CLG meeting. The Port Rail Masterplan document is expected to be finalised by the end of March. This plan outlines improvement options for existing rail operations, as well as the layout of the future rail within the Port covering the Port Expansion Area and the Townsville Easter Access Corridor (TEARC).

HARBOUR CITY DEVELOPMENT

Strand Ferry Terminal

The Market Led Proposal by SeaLink/Honeycombe is progressing, with the parties having submitted the detailed proposal for assessment by the State Government. A final decision is anticipated mid-year.

Cultural Centre/Reef HQ Precinct

Submission of proposals for this redevelopment project are due on 27 March 2019.

ENVIRONMENT

Boundary Air Quality Monitoring

In March 2019, Port of Townsville will be upgrading the Boundary Air Monitoring Station located at the Port's Environmental Park, in South Townsville. This upgrade is part of the boundary air monitoring program undertaken in partnership with our port customers to meet commitments to Department of Environment and Science. Works will include installation of a new 10-meter weather mast and a new air-conditioned container on the southern end of the existing station similar to the existing station on Lennon Drive. Once the station is in place, the new equipment will be installed and commissioned and real time fine particulate data (PM10) will be captured and relayed publicly via the Department of Environment and Science Live Air Data web page.

Sediment monitoring

Whilst no routine sediment monitoring was scheduled since the last meeting, additional sampling was undertaken in Ross River following the flood event. Results were well within standard ranges and dredge material remained suitable to either land or sea placement.

Telemetry Buoy Deployment

Bobby (Ross River) was damaged in the floods and is unable to be feasibly repaired we are looking into options. The two Magnetic Island buoys are out on site and operational, we continue to work with the software group regarding the dashboard but are seeking other options as we don't believe the functionality offered can achieve what we are aiming to do with the dashboard.

Groundwater Sampling

POTL is currently conducting routine groundwater sampling in accordance with the sampling plan. This now includes PFAS as part of the standard suite of analyses. Approximately 70 bores are being tested in and around the port.

Long Term Maintenance Dredging Management Plan (Townsville and Lucinda)

Department of Environment (federal) has formally reviewed the Long-Term Dredging Management Plan as part of the maintenance dredging application and requested the plan be updated to include the Ports process for contingency response (i.e. outlining the actions the port takes immediately following a cyclone/flood event). This plan has been updated to incorporate this as well as administrative corrections identified during consultation. As outlined last meeting this is intended to be a living document, so a range of improvements identified in feedback will continue be incorporated and the plan aligned where possible with other local initiatives e.g. Dry Tropics Partnership for Healthy Waters.

30 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

The Port is currently undertaking a materiality assessment and stakeholder engagement process to finalise the strategic priorities and initiatives including alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals framework.

TOWNSVILLE CRUISE SHIP COMMITTEE

The Port welcomed a last minute cruise ship arrival on 23 February, Albatros. The 205m vessel carried around 500 passengers and 300 crew. The vessel was due to berth at Gladstone, however adverse weather conditions resulted in the itinerary change.

Three vessels arrive in March, Azamara Quest (06/03), Amsterdam (09/03), Viking Orion (16/03), and one in April Seabourn Encore (02/04). All ships are mid-range to luxury style ships and are carrying more than 5,000 passengers in total.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT/COMMUNICATION AND EVENTS

- Rock haulage trial to begin April 1.
- Complaints re Enviro Park Air Monitoring Station with meeting to be held late March/early April
- Port Open Day
- Neighbourhood day (request for use of the enviro park for BBQ)