

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

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

Attendees

1	Raneë 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. Raneë 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 Raneë 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 Zammitt 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.
- Raneë 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.

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Updates – November 2018

TRADE AND CARGO

October trade was just over 1 million tonnes for the month, the highest monthly result since October 2015. Overall YTD trade results are up 38% on this time last financial year at just over 3 million tonnes.

Mineral concentrates, general cargo, live cattle and sugar exports accounting for almost half of our 2.2 million tonne exports to date for the first 4 months of this financial year.

Imports are steady at 890,000 tonnes but are slightly down on this time last year. Drought conditions are impacting the import of agricultural inputs and there is a slight drop Australia wide of motor vehicle imports. Petroleum and bitumen imports remain strong and are tracking ahead of last financial year.

The first self-sufficient hybrid renewable energy container to power a rural Queensland property was imported through Port of Townsville. The Intech Energy Container will be tested in a one-year trial as part of a \$100,000 joint venture between the Queensland Government, McKinlay Shire Council, and MITEZ, with Ergon Energy supporting customers in reducing energy costs. The power pod, equipped with solar panels, a battery and a generator, will supply a Julia Creek grazier with an off-the-grid renewable energy, in a bid to offer more reliable and affordable electricity for rural properties.

Port of Townsville's Trade team participated at several key industry events recently, including:

- Port Supply Chain Awareness Workshop in Brisbane, which brought together a key range of stakeholders to learn more about how the container transport supply chain operates and interacts;
- Trade and Investment Queensland, the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, and the Export Council of Australia Export Readiness Workshop where potential exporters were able to learn about the intricacies of how to be export ready;
- Austrade hosted Trade Agreements Seminar which allowed participants to have an interactive session to hear directly from government and industry experts on the practical benefits of exporting and taking advantage of Australia's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), in particular China-Australia (ChAFTA), Japan-Australia (JAEPA), Korea-Australia (KAFTA), Peru-Australia (PAFTA) and Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP-11). The Hon Mark Coulton MP, Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment was taken on a tour of POTL following the event.
- Hosting a group of eight Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) graduates at POTL who had a keen interest in understanding the regional significance of the Port of Townsville. We opened the session up to several Townsville secondary schools where a dozen students from Pimlico State High, Kirwan State High and St Patrick's College, who were focused on International Relations and global studies, had the opportunity to interact face to face with the DFAT graduates to gain valuable insight into their profession.

PORT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROJECTS

Channel Capacity Upgrade (CCU)

Site preparation works are continuing with the commencement of installation of services for the site area, construction of the new gate and wheel washing facility and ground preparation for the site huts due for delivery in December. In addition, tenders for marine water quality monitoring, and dolphin baseline surveys have been finalised. The tender for land-based plant has been issued and is currently open, closing on 24 December. The project team remains heavily focussed on management of the preliminary environmental conditions and approvals.

The project team has been working on recruitment for a range of roles, including:

- Safety Officer
- Quantity Surveyor
- Administration Officer
- Project Accountant, and
- Project Public Relations Officer.

The ITAC composition has been finalised, with the committee comprised of:

- Dr Brett Kettle (Chair)
- Prof Helene Marsh (JCU – marine megafauna)
- Dr Ross Jones (AIMS – coral reef ecosystems, water quality)
- Dr Michael Rasheed (JCU/Tropwater – Seagrass)
- Dr Richard Brinkman (AIMS – coastal hydrodynamics and sediment transport)
- Mr Heine Evers (Evers Consult, Dredging)

The first ITAC meeting is scheduled for 5 December.

Berth 4 Cranes & Cargo Terminal Area

The closing date for the tender for the supply of a ship-to-shore crane has been extended to 11 January 2019, in response to a request for additional time to prepare submissions. This is not expected to significantly delay the contract award, since the extension largely covers the Christmas reduced-activity period. The selection is expected to be finalised early in the new year. Cargo terminal area design has been completed, with an open tender for the construction works expected to be issued around the end of November and be awarded early next year.

Cargo Laydown Areas

The final sealing of the car laydown area has been completed, with line marking and installation of solar LED lights the only remaining works to finish this project.

Port Rail Masterplan

POTL has continued to refine the Port Rail Masterplan in conjunction with our consultants and above and below-rail operators. It is expected that this work will be finalised in the new year. The masterplan will incorporate a new intermodal terminal located at the port which is also undergoing a separate study.

Maintenance Dredging

TSHD Brisbane has completed the second (and final) 2018 maintenance dredging campaign. The short duration dredging campaign focused on restoring depths to the inner harbour, the outer harbour, and adjacent channel entrance. The Port is now undertaking routine surveys to validate new depths.

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. Sealink and HPG have 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 run until March 2019.

ENVIRONMENT

Environment

Boundary Air Quality Monitoring

- Dashboard for October will soon be available on the website. All monitoring results (metals and general dust) are below Department of Environment and Science guidelines.
- Please note that due to staff leave, the November dashboard will be delayed and posted early January.

Seagrass Monitoring

October sampling round was completed by TropWater, verbally reported significant dugong trails were observed. Report will be issued early next year as significant work is needed to compile the data into mapping layers.

Telemetry Buoy Deployment

- Working with Xylem and IT to get the dashboard accessible and up on the website, working through some challenges with data being shown when the buoy is out of the water i.e. nonsense data.
- Beagle, Endeavour, Bobby are functioning and deployed and being regularly serviced, Bertha remains out of the water.

Cyclone Season

Cyclone season preparation and pre-wet season inspections underway, particular areas of focus are areas for pooling water and/or site management and clean up.

Long Term Dredge Management Plan

Significant work has been undertaken on the Long-Term Dredge Management Plan prior to the public release of this document for consultation in November and finalisation prior to 31 Dec as required under the Sustainable Ports Development Act. The new state and federal applications for dredging and placement will immediately follow in December and January as existing permits expire in April 2019.

30 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

TP2050 Strategic Plan

The Port is further scoping the sustainability aspects of the strategic plan, including assessment of the UNSDG framework. This work will include broad stakeholder consultation and materiality assessment to ensure that the plan considers all relevant issues and has stakeholder buy-in. This work is expected to commence within the next month and be finalised during the first half of 2019.

Statutory Port Master Plan (Draft)

Department of Transport and Main Roads released the Draft Port Master Plan for public consultation on 5 November and held consultation sessions on 21 and 22 November in Townsville and on Magnetic Island. The Master Plan provides an envelope and guidance for future works and activities (by any proponent).

The Master Plan does not provide any approval for any individual proposal. Future development activities which are not yet approved will still need to undergo the same rigorous assessment and approval processes as they currently do, but as a first step will need to ensure that they are consistent with the Master Plan.

The Port's future Port Expansion Project has undergone an extensive Environmental Impact Statement process, which is complementary to, and consistent with the state government Master Plan. The Master Plan has no impact on the planned expansion.

TOWNSVILLE CRUISE SHIP COMMITTEE

December and the New Year is one of our busiest for cruise shipping, with 6 arrivals:

- Thursday 6 December, Seabourn Sojourn (Luxury)
- Monday 10 December, Viking Orion (Luxury)
- Saturday 15 December, Seabourn Encore (Luxury)
- Tuesday 18 December, Pacific Aria (P&O)
- Thursday 20 December, Seven Seas Mariner (Luxury)
- Tuesday 1 January, Silver Muse (Luxury)

TCC and TEL have updated the city map and added a drop-off point in the free city shuttle on Flinders Street.

Test flight of Townsville Helicopters was conducted. Townsville Helicopters will operate a tour service on cruise days. Landing site in the Port has been assessed and deemed suitable.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT/COMMUNICATION AND EVENTS

- The Port is again a sponsor for Pricey's Christmas Light Tour this year which will be held on 11 December.
- The Port has hosted several tours and presentations in November with Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAT) graduates who had a keen interest in understanding the regional significance of the Port, along with a number of local high school students. A group of around 20 staff of Venlock from cattle stations also visited the Port, which helped the group broaden their industry knowledge.