

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday 25 July 2018 – 5pm
Venue: POTL Boardroom, Benwell Drive, South Townsville
Chair: Ranee Crosby, CEO, Port of Townsville

Attendees

1	Adam Smith	Local Marine Advisory Committee	7	Melinda Loudon	POTL, Environment & Planning Manager
2	Annie Ilett	Magnetic Island Community Engagement Officer, POTL	8	Norman Rains	Birdlife Townsville
3	David Zammitt	Glencore	9	Ranee Crosby	CEO, POTL
4	Heath Hatfield	Community Rep	10	Sharon Hoops	Manager Corporate Affairs, POTL
5	Judy Newman	Community Rep	11	Sharon Marks	Conservation Volunteers Australia
6	Leon Kippin	Community Rep	12	Vern Veitch	Community Rep

Apologies

Adam Hinks	Community Rep	Keith Noble	Community Rep
Brendon Nolan	Community Rep	Ken Dunlop	Sun Metals
Chris Meigel	Community Rep	Kim Gebers	Manager Infrastructure, POTL
Ian Ferguson	Community Rep	Paul Crocombe	Community Rep
Julie Carmody	Magnetic Island Residents & Ratepayers Association	Stephen Ellis	Community Rep

Actions Summary

1. The Port to provide CLG members with access to the pilot water quality dashboard to try it out over the next month and provide feedback on any suggestions for improvement, prior to the dashboard being made available to the public.
2. CLG members are invited to provide any further comments on the half yearly review for finalising the survey results prior to the next CLG meeting.
3. CLG members are invited to forward any comments or questions they receive on the QNI matter to Sharon Hoops.
4. The Port to circulate PFAS report to CLG members when it is publicly available.
5. CLG members are requested to send any suggestions to Sharon Hoops on sectors or people they think would be useful additions to the CLG, for discussion at the next meeting of the CLG.

Attachments

- Port Update notes

1. Welcome/apologies (Chair)

Chair Raneë Crosby welcomed members to the CLG's 15th meeting. Apologies for the meeting were noted. The CLG also noted that Stephen Ellis has resigned from the Group due to increased work commitments out of Townsville. The Port of Townsville have thanked Stephen for his contribution to the CLG and wished him well for his future endeavours.

CLG member David Zammit conducted a tour of the Glencore Operations at the Port.

2. Record of previous meeting held 25 June 2018

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted without change and all actions have been completed.

3. Air and Water Quality Dashboards

Melinda Loudon advised that the water quality buoys have now been deployed and working. She presented data being transmitted to the Water Quality Dashboard for a range of parameters including turbidity, water temperature, pH and conductivity. Initial turbidity data for the 2 Magnetic Island buoys shows relatively constant readings, with some anomalies due to work being undertaken on the buoys, or short spikes where it is thought that sea creatures caused a shadow as they moved over the sensors. AIMS and GHD algorithms have yet to be applied to "clean" the data.

The CLG noted the progress made in development of a pilot water quality dashboard. It was suggested that presenting wind speed and turbidity on the same page would likely show more correlation in fluctuations in turbidity. It was also noted that an explanation of "NTU" units and "Visibility" is available on dashboard.

Action: The Port to provide CLG members with access to the pilot water quality dashboard to try it out over the next month and provide feedback on any suggestions for improvement, prior to the dashboard being made available to the public.

The Air Quality Dashboard, publicly available on the Port website, has been updated for June.

4. CLG half yearly review

Several CLG members have provided a response to the Port's survey of the CLG achievements January to June 2018, together with a proposed schedule for CLG meetings for the remainder of 2018. It was agreed that this item would be covered at the next CLG meeting when more CLG members were present.

Action: CLG members are invited to provide any further comments on the half yearly review for finalising the survey results prior to the next CLG meeting.

5. Port Updates – as per circulated document (attached). The CLG noted the following additional points:

Queensland Nickel - Raneë Crosby noted that the Port is not blocking access for QN, and that seeing the refinery re-open would be positive for the region. Raneë noted that Glencore have held the lease for Berth 2 since 1987, which runs until 2024. QN previously held a commercial agreement to access Berth 2 from Glencore. In 2016 when QN went into liquidation Glencore terminated the agreement with QN. The Port is open to talking with Glencore and QN with a view to try to get them

operational again. David Zammitt noted that QN has not yet approached Glencore to discuss access to Berth 2.

Action: CLG members are invited to forward any comments or questions they receive on the QN matter to Sharon Hoops.

PFAS – Raneë Crosby advised that a report of the results of the PFAS testing is due to be released to the public next week, with a copy provided to CLG members. Melinda Loudon provided an overview of PFAS, the extent of testing undertaken in and around the Port, and the findings to date. It was noted that the results show a low risk to health or the environment.

Action: The Port to circulate PFAS report to CLG members when it is publicly available.

6. General Business

- Last year the CLG had decided to cap membership for 12 months until August 2018. With this date approaching there is now the opportunity to look at CLG membership again, in particular to replace members who have resigned. It was agreed to discuss membership composition at the next CLG meeting when more members were present.

Action: CLG members are requested to send to Sharon Hoops any suggested sectors or people they think would be useful additions to the CLG, for discussion at the next meeting of the CLG.

Next meeting: Wednesday 29 August 2018 at 5pm on Magnetic Island (venue tbc)

Meeting closed at 7:10pm.

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Updates – July 2018

TRADE AND CARGO

- June imports increased by 7% compared to same time last year due to increases in zinc, cement, fertiliser and sulphur imports.
- June exports about 18% less than the same time last year due to decreased volumes in sugar, refined metals and fertiliser.
- End of financial year results being finalised.
- Excellent project cargo imports for Townsville Port are ongoing. In June we saw the Kennedy Energy Park Windfarm (large turbines, blades, generators) as well as the new Pacific National bulk rail wagons for Queensland Sugar imported.
- The Kennedy Energy Park Open Day at the Port attracted 500 visitors.
- More project cargo is on the horizon over coming weeks, solar project imports are continuing.
- First unloading of Viva Bitumen on Berth 4 was successfully completed.
- A new “Guide for Exporters” Brochure and service provider information added to Port website.
- An Export Distribution Hub Proposal is being jointly developed with Townsville Airport and TEL to attract \$10m funding to Townsville/NQ.

PORT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROJECTS

Channel Capacity Upgrade (CCU)

- The Port’s CCU team has been finalising the scope of works for marine studies which will be undertaken as baseline definition for the project. Tenders will be called for these works in the next quarter.
- Tenders for the supply of demountable office, toilets and crib accommodation for the project have closed and are currently under evaluation. These will be located on the north-eastern side of the Eastport area (near what is currently the Northern sea wall) as part of the early site works preparation.
- Development of site stockpile planning and roadworks on the Eastport site has commenced.
- Construction site entry gate design has been finalised, with tenders expected to be called in the next fortnight. The design includes a wheel wash facility on the outbound lane to minimise tracking of dirt onto sealed public roads, thereby minimising dust.

Berth 4 Cranes & Cargo Terminal Area

- Geophysical testing and design works are nearing a conclusion.
- Draft crane specifications have been completed for use in the crane tender.

Cargo Laydown Areas

- Works on the first two cargo laydown areas within the port are well underway. The project involves significant coordination with port customers to manage the works without impacting customers. Site scalping has been completed, geotextile fabric placed and rock bridging layer is currently being applied. All work is being completed by local contractors.

Port Rail Masterplan

- Development of a Port Rail Masterplan continues and is expected to be completed in November.

Maintenance Dredging

The *Brisbane* vessel arrives this week and will be maintenance dredging the sea channels between Wednesday 25th and Thursday 9th August.

Maintenance dredging removes sand, silt, mud and rock from the channel where it has collected through natural processes such as wind or wave action. It is an annual process to keep the channel at an acceptable depth to allow safe access for ships.

You can read more about our dredging program and download fact sheets here:

<https://www.townsville-port.com.au/environment-community/environment-planning/dredging/>

HARBOUR CITY DEVELOPMENT

Strand Ferry Terminal

- Sealink and Honeycombe Property Group's Market Led Proposal continues to be investigated.

Cultural Centre/Reef HQ Precinct

- EOI for the Cultural Centre Redevelopment closed in early July and evaluation is underway.

Property Strategy

- A 30 year Property Strategy is currently being created.

ENVIRONMENT

Boundary Air Quality Monitoring

- The Air Quality Dashboards for June is available on the website. All monitoring results (metals and general dust) are well below Department of Environment and Science guidelines.
- The metals detector at coast guard (DES equipment) is currently offline.
- POTL is still working closely with suppliers and QLD Health regarding the AMMS monitor for Lennon Drive.

Groundwater

- The PFAS National Environmental Management Plan (NEMP) Guidelines came into effect in January 2018. As previously outlined the Port included PFAS within its voluntary groundwater monitoring early this year.
- Through this sampling the Port detected PFAS in groundwater samples and as a result, commenced a preliminary investigation, with the assistance of GHD and Queensland Government Departments, to understand the extent and nature of PFAS at the port and surrounds.
- The investigation is progressing well and results will be released to the public once the investigation is finalised

Telemetry Buoy Deployment

- Endeavour, Beagle are deployed at Magnetic Island and Bobby is back in the water following servicing and upgrade of buoy, light and radar reflector.
- The first weekend we had some telemetry challenges especially with Endeavour at Arthur Bay however this has been resolved with data from all 4 buoys is being received.

Cleveland Bay Seagrass Monitoring

A fact sheet is being developed however a brief summary of the results from 2017 survey as below.

- The latest survey shows that seagrasses in Cleveland Bay continue to be in good overall condition.

- Their average above-ground biomass has continued to increase, with the total area remaining above the long-term average at all the monitoring sites, and reaching the third largest spatial distribution since monitoring began.
- The seagrass were ranked “good” or “very good” for biomass and species composition indicators at all monitoring meadows.

Biosecurity

- Port of Townsville is part of a pilot program being run by Biosecurity Queensland for an early warning system for Introduced Marine Pests.
- This program is supported by all port authorities in QLD and leverages off significant work undertaken in Western Australia ports to resolve some challenges and delays with taxonomic identification and reporting times for pest monitoring programs.
- Use of DNA enables timely collection and rapid identification thus enabling early detection and response.

30 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

- The Townsville Port 30 Year Strategic Plan project team continues work on the next stages of Plan, including a print document, interactive maps, and flyover video with the view to publish by September.

TOWNSVILLE CRUISE SHIP COMMITTEE

- The Port team joined with Townsville Enterprise and other key stakeholders to conduct a trial of the Pacific Eden’s turnaround (7 September) last week.
- Next cruise ship is due at the end of August – Pacific Aria.
- The Cruise Ship Committee met on Wednesday 18 July.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT/COMMUNICATION AND EVENTS

- The Port hosted three community port tours, one school, and the Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Townsville City Council during July.
- The Corporate Affairs team hand delivered the bore testing results for PFAS to residents in mid-July.
- The Townsville Port Community Newsletter will be published on Friday 27 July.
- The Townsville Port Golf Day invitations have been distributed, with this year’s chosen beneficiary “The Cure Starts Now” Townsville branch, dedicated to funding research into paediatric brain cancers.
- Quayside Terminal hosted one wedding, one music event and two meetings during July.