

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday 31 October 2018 – 5pm
Venue: Sun Metals Boardroom, Townsville
Chair: Raneë Crosby, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Townsville

Attendees

1	Raneë Crosby	CEO, POTL (Chair)	6	Keith Noble	Community Rep
2	Kim Gebers	GM Infrastructure, POTL	7	Adam Smith	Community Rep
3	Ken Dunlop	Sun Metals	8	Sharon Marks	Conservation Volunteers Australia
4	Judy Newman	Community Rep	9	Jasmin Fry	POTL (minutes)
5	Leon Kippin	Community Rep	10	Vern Veitch	LMAC/Community Rep
11	Norman Rains	Birdlife Townsville			

Apologies

Ian Ferguson	Community Rep	Adam Hinks	Community Rep
Heath Hatfield	Community Rep		

Actions Summary

1. Bevan Lord and Les Sampson be advised of acceptance as CLG members and to be invited to next meeting.
2. Raneë and Kim to meet with NQCC to discuss potential engagement with the CLG.
3. Confirm with Adam and Les availability for the November meeting to make a determination on location for the meeting.
4. CLG members to send any further suggested topics for the 2019 schedule to POTL.
5. POTL to contact Keith for information on reef credits program.
6. POTL to provide CLG members of details of CCU Project ITAC composition and first meeting once approved by the Coordinator General.

Attachments

- Port Update notes

1. Welcome/apologies (Chair)

Chair Raneë Crosby welcomed members to the CLG's 18th meeting and noted apologies for the meeting. Raneë thanked Ken Dunlop for hosting the CLG and providing a fascinating tour of Sun Metal's refinery. The CLG were highly impressed with the environmental initiatives being implemented by Sun Metals.

2. Record of previous meeting held 26 September 2018

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

Action item update: POTL to ascertain if TEL has data on the number of people who stayed in Townsville pre/post cruise ship disembarkation – noted no specific details but TEL, SeaLink and JCU are partnering on a broader tourism/visitor report which provides more detailed analysis. POTL is considering partnering in the future on this initiative.

3. CLG Membership Applications

Membership applications were sent to Les Sampson (President MICDA), Rick Vernon (MIRRA nominee), Michael ten Lohuis (Water Treatment Services) and Bevan Lord (TRRM Commercial Fishers). Applications closed 19th October and two were received including Les Sampson and Bevan Lord.

These applications were distributed to the group for consideration. The group agreed that Les Sampson and Bevan Lord be accepted as CLG members, and they would be invited to the next CLG meeting.

Action: Bevan Lord and Les Sampson be advised of acceptance as CLG members and to be invited to next meeting.

In terms of other suggested potential members, the group discussed:

- POTL holds a number of other forums involving government departments, industries, regulators and customers.
- Ann-Maree Greaney (TCC) - it was suggested that Ann-Maree could be invited to attend meetings where topics of relevance arise.
- Andy Lewis (Marine Biologist) - it was suggested to invite Andy to meetings based on certain topics of interest/discussions, not specifically as a CLG member.
- Tarquin (NQCC) – the CLG's previous discussions regarding NQCC position on membership was noted. Raneer suggested that it would be beneficial for herself and Kim to meet with the new President and discuss the potential for engagement with the CLG.
- Rachel Allan (Queensland Government Dept Environment and Science) - it was noted that DES are involved in other POTL forums.

Action: Raneer and Kim to meet with NQCC to discuss potential engagement with the CLG.

4. CLG 12 Month forward schedule of Topics

The 12 month schedule which had been circulated to the group was discussed and adopted. CLG members encouraged to send any further suggestions on topics of interest to POTL. It was noted that the next CLG meeting may be hosted on Magnetic Island if the CLG Magnetic Island members are available, if not we will host it in Townsville.

Action: Confirm with Adam and Les if they are available for the November meeting to be held on Magnetic Island.

Action: CLG members to send any further suggested topics for the 2019 schedule to POTL.

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

Environment

- Kim noted there was a recent incident with a missing dust jar from one monitoring station, which suggests someone has gone over the fencing to remove it. POTL is investigating further.
- Biosecurity monitoring-it was noted that Townsville City Council have recently updated the biosecurity plan.
- There is a recent concern with Asian green mussels for all vessels. It was noted that New Zealand introduced laws recently tightening cleaning requirements to enter their waters, Australia may introduce similar laws in future.

Projects:

- Channel Capacity Upgrade - Spyridon has been appointed as Project Manager and a number of other recruitments for the project team are underway.
- Environmental tenders (dolphin baseline survey and marine water quality monitoring) are out to tender, and POTL is working through submissions.
- A CLG member noted a concern that arose from the Gladstone study which was the water quality monitoring stations had been too far away from the concerned area of activity.
- Noted that the selection of ITAC members was in its initial stages and progression of this is dependent on approval of the Coordinator General. POTL will provide more information once approved about those members. The first ITAC meeting is aiming to be held in November which would be open to the public. CLG members will receive further information.

Action: POTL to provide CLG members of details of CCU Project ITAC composition and first meeting once approved by the Coordinator General.

Harbour City

- Federal Government has announced \$15M granted funding for new Ferry Terminal Project, which is moving into detailed proposal stage (anticipated by March 2019).
- Rane noted Sealink/Honeycombes would present to the CLG in future at an appropriate time.

Cruise Ships

- POTL to have the ability to accommodate larger cruise ships from 2021. The size anticipated will be up to 265 metres for cruise vessels, noting the first larger ship (251 metres) has been booked for 2021.

6. General Business

- Adam Smith noted the waters are getting warmer which does raise further coral bleaching concerns. Friendly reminder for all to always look for opportunities to help the environment.
- Green Port Strategy discussion: Kim noted some POTL related environment friendly initiatives including led lighting in car laydown area, enviro-friendly vehicle fleet; several community engagement initiatives. POTL's strategy is a port-wide initiative, to ensure that tangible results are achieved through collaboration of the broader port community (as POTL's footprint itself is very small), and given the strategy is a 30-year plan. Partnerships will be key to making the strategy work in the long-term.

- Concerns about climate change and increased risks were noted.
- Leon enquired about POTL Director appointments. Raneer noted that there are now 4 Directors, with Renita Garard re-appointed as Chair, Mike Reynolds as a Director, Brad Webb as a Director and Shayne Hanran re-appointed as a Director. Megan Heywood was not re-appointed.
- Sharon from CVA noted that there were a number of community events in October.
- Raneer noted POTL's involvement in providing water quality data for the waterway health report card.
- Keith Noble raised the concept of reef credits intended to improve reef quality, which was discussed by the group.

Action: POTL to contact Keith for information on reef credits program.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 28 November 2018 at 5pm, venue/location to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 6:20pm.

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Updates – October 2018

TRADE AND CARGO

Port of Townsville released its 2017/18 Annual Report in early October. Last FY was significant, reaching historic milestones in a number of new sectors, completing the \$40 million Berth 4 upgrade, and securing the green light for the \$1.6 billion 30 year development plan to secure North Queensland's future growth.

The first quarter of the 2018/2019 financial year has started strongly, highlights include:

- Overall imports at Port of Townsville for the year to date are 675,111 tonnes.
 - Mineral concentrate imports drove strong results for imported cargo with year to date volumes at 141,421 tonnes, up 35% on last financial year.
 - Motor vehicle imports are at 6,403 tonnes, tracking slightly below forecast having been impacted by a slight drop in new car sales nation-wide.
 - Bitumen imports are up 37% on last financial year.
- Overall exports at Port of Townsville and Lucinda for the year to date are 1,799,268, up 23% on last financial year.
 - Mineral concentrate exports drove strong results for exported cargo with year to date volumes at 338,632 tonnes up 54 per cent on last financial year.
 - Cattle exports for the year to date are 41,294 tonnes (82,588 head), up 64% on last financial year.
 - General cargo exports for the year to date are 34,981 tonnes, up 9% on last financial year.

The Port of Townsville welcomed the first of six shipments for Townsville City Council's Houghton Pipeline Duplication Project. Almost 600 pipes arrived onboard the ship Eckert Oldendorff. The glass reinforced polyester pipes were unloaded from the vessel onto trucks and transported to a Bohle laydown yard en route to the project area.

We also welcomed container liner, Swire Shipping's, largest multipurpose vessel to berth at Townsville for the first time, and Swire's new local sales representative, Ronald Soo. The Ariana 1812N is a 211m vessel with a maximum carrying capacity of 2700TEU's (twenty foot equivalent units). She carries vital import cargo such as solar equipment, chemicals, fertiliser and stock feed, which contributes to the fastest growing sector of container trade at the Pot of Townsville. The Ariana will make regular calls at the Port of Townsville before departing to Kaohsiung, Taiwan and Shanghai, China.

PORT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROJECTS

Channel Capacity Upgrade (CCU)

- Following the full funding commitment, key preparation works and studies have progressed with onsite works getting under way. From October 2018, the following works on the East Port area (Eastern Reclaim Area) are progressing:

- Movement of existing soil stockpiles from within the East Port area to fill in voids and remaining pond areas to provide for level ground across the key work areas;
- Works to improve ground conditions in rock stockpile areas in preparation for receipt of rock for the revetment wall construction later in the year;
- Construction of the project site office area at the North Eastern corner of East Port, including pad preparation, fencing, site office procurement, light vehicle access road and installation of services (communication, water and sewer);
- Site entranceway works to establish the constructed entry from Sandspit Drive, including sealed driveway and entrance apron, truck queuing lane and a wheel wash; and
- Upgrade of unsealed roads on East Port for heavy vehicle access roads.

In addition to the site works above, the project team has sought open tenders for:

- Marine water quality monitoring, and
- Dolphin baseline surveys.

The project team is expanding, with a number of roles currently open for recruitment in areas relating to safety, project planning, administration and community engagement.

Selection of members and implementation of the Independent Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) is nearing a conclusion, with the first meeting of this committee planned for November.

Berth 4 Cranes & Cargo Terminal Area

The tender for the supply of a new ship-to-shore crane is currently open, closing 22 November. 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 to go out in November and be awarded early next year.

Cargo Laydown Areas

POTL has completed hardstand development of almost 4 HA of additional cargo laydown areas to support increased containers and project cargo and provide all-weather access to additional area near the quayline. Additional bitumen sealing of the imported car laydown area has also been completed, to allow for increased vehicle imports. These laydown area and sealing works (totalling approximately \$2.3M) were completed to a high standard in a timely manner by local suppliers and contractors.

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.

Maintenance Dredging

- TSHD Brisbane will return on 1 November for the second (and final) 2018 maintenance dredging campaign. This is expected to be a shorter duration of approximately 10 days, due to dredging licence volume limits. The focus will be on restoring depths to the inner harbour, the outer harbour, and adjacent channel entrance.

HARBOUR CITY DEVELOPMENT

Strand Ferry Terminal

- The new Ferry Terminal Project is set to gather pace with SeaLink to enter a fresh Process Deed in line with the State Government Market Led Proposal Process. Honeycombes Property Group, SeaLink's preferred developer, has been advised by Regional Development Australia that it will advance to a RFP stage in its application to obtain grant funding for the Townsville Marine Tourism Precinct.

Cultural Centre/Reef HQ Precinct

- The Marine Science Centre redevelopment EOI closed in July and shortlisting has been completed with two local developers - Reef House Investment Group and Honeycombes Property Group - moving forward into the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase. The RFP process commence in November 2018 and will run until March 2019.

Property Strategy

- 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 in the second half of this year.

ENVIRONMENT

Boundary Air Quality Monitoring

- Dashboard for September is available on the website. All monitoring results (metals and general dust) are below Department of Environment and Science guidelines.
- Lennon Drive Equipment is type tested for radiation safety (i.e. meets the requirements) however management plans and paperwork still in process and may take some time.
- Coast guard dust deposition jar was missing from the roof of the compound hence reviewing our surveillance on this site.

Sediment monitoring

- Routine Sediment October sampling round was completed last week, some challenges accessing berths due to a busy shipping schedule but managed to collect all but six samples.

Telemetry Buoy Deployment

- Working with Xylem and IT to get the dashboard accessible and up on the website, working though 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.

Biosecurity

- Biosecurity arrays were replaced removed and reset. These are located at berth 1 and berth 10 and are used for ongoing monitoring for potential marine pests.
- Photos below just show the arrays and the growth in just under 5 months



Berth 10



Berth 1

TOWNSVILLE CRUISE SHIP COMMITTEE

- Met on 10th October. TCC and TEL to update and include additional stop on city loop service.
- Townsville Helicopters conducted a test flight in port area, will operate a tourism service on cruise visits.
- Caledonian Sky, a luxury cruise ship measuring 98m entered the port to utilise the hull cleaning service of Krov. The specialised cleaning system is the only service of its type in Australia. The vessel continued its voyage to New Zealand.
- 5 visits in December and 2 in January – including New Year's Day
 - Thursday 6th December – Seabourn Sojourn
 - Monday 10th December – Viking Orion
 - Saturday 15 December – Seabourn Encore
 - Tuesday 18th December – Pacific Aria
 - Thursday 20th December – Regent Seven Seas
 - Tuesday 1st January – Silver Muse (maiden voyage)
 - Thursday 24th January – Seven Seas Mariner
- HMAS Adelaide visited the port for three days, unloading heavy vehicles, aircraft and provided the personnel with recreational time.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT/COMMUNICATION AND EVENTS

- Port of Townsville Charity Golf Day was held in September, raising more than \$13,000 for The Cure Starts Now
- Cathedral year 9 students toured the port this month, gaining valuable knowledge on supply chains and global interconnections
- Quayside Terminal hosted 8 events over the months of September and October, and in addition 2 cruise visits occurred in September, including the partial turnaround event.