

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 4 February 2026, 2:45 - 5pm
Venue: Peppers Resort, Magnetic Island
Chair: Raneë Crosby, CEO, Port of Townsville

Attendees

1	Raneë Crosby	CEO, Port of Townsville (Chair)
2	Jessica Johnston	Corporate Affairs Lead, Port of Townsville
3	Adam King	Environment Operations Lead, Port of Townsville
4	Shakira Sellen	Corporate Affairs Advisor, Port of Townsville
5	Gabi Boccalatte	Corporate Affairs Officer, Port of Townsville
6	Keith Noble	NQ Dry Tropics Partnership for Healthy Waterways
7	Joe Niven	MICDA Vice President
8	Leon Kippin	Community Representative
9	Heath Hatfield	Community Representative
10	Sara Shaw	Magnetic Island Development Association
11	Alan Armour	Magnetic Island Mens Shed

Apologies

1	Emily Blumson	Community Representative
2	Adam Smith	Reef Ecologic
3	Elaine Glen	A/General Manager Assets & Environment, Port of Townville
4	Adam Hinks	Aquascene
5	Brenton Creed	Community Representative
6	Craig Knight	Community Representative
7	Norm Rains	Community Representative

Actions Summary

Actions from this meeting:

ACTION: Raneë to find out more information about the water stewardship program.

RESPONSE: The Healthy Waterways Partnership presented to Qld Ports Association (QPA) in 2023, however due to other critical priorities for Ports QPA could not include this in the work plan as an industry focus area. It is noted that Qld Ports already provide significant information to feed into the GBRMPA Outlook Assessments, including the one in 2024 and that a Port specific water stewardship framework is not currently under consideration by QPA.

ACTION: Share results of modelling with CLG members when received.

Outstanding actions from previous meetings:

ACTION: Share trade outlook information with CLG members

ACTION: Put feelers out to cruise ship lines to host CLG members aboard a cruise ship at some point next cruise season.

RESPONSE: Port cruise team will approach cruise liners next season (starts November 2026). Noting due to security and border force requirements requests may not be fulfilled.

ACTION: Potential to have CLG members visit project sites around the Port.

RESPONSE: Noted for a future time for an appropriate site visit.

ACTION: Port to present concept designs for Outer Harbour Development plan to CLG at a future meeting.

RESPONSE: Noted for future CLG meeting.

ACTION: Port to present changes to decarbonisation and sustainability standards to CLG at a future meeting.

RESPONSE: Noted for a future CLG meeting.

ACTION: Port to give update on Waterfront Development plan to CLG at a future meeting.

RESPONSE: Noted for a future CLG meeting.

ACTION: Let CLG members know when cruise / tourism forums are happening.

RESPONSE: Port to advise CLG members if known when free, public cruise/tourism forums are happening.

1. Welcome/Apologies

Chair Ranee Crosby welcomed members to the CLG's 47th meeting at 3:00pm.

Ranee began by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are meeting, the Wulgurukaba People, and paid respects to Elders both past and present.

Apologies for the meeting were noted – Adam S, Adam H, Norm, Brenton, Emily, Craig, Elaine.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The draft minutes of the previous meeting were tabled at the meeting.

All actions have been completed or were addressed during the meeting. Some outstanding actions will be covered as part of the agenda for future meetings when relevant updates are available.

Previous meeting's minutes accepted.

3. Port's Plans for the Year Ahead – Ranee Crosby, Port of Townsville

Ranee spoke about the Port's key trade and community achievements throughout 2025, including:

- The first dry bulk chickpea export, in partnership with Sizer and Cogill.
- ANL's new fortnightly shipping service, strengthening trade connectivity.
- Establishment of a strategic partnership with Jet Zero Australia through an MOU signing.
- Resuming phosphate rock exports with PRL Group.
- Marked the completion of the \$251 million Channel Upgrade project with the arrival of the luxury cruise ship Queen Elizabeth.
- Prepared for and delivered one of the most successful cruise seasons on record.
- Awarded recipients of the 2025 Port of Townsville Community Fund.
- Hosted the maiden visit of *Carnival Luminosa* to Townsville.
- Welcomed the largest privately owned residential ship in the world, *The World*, to Townsville.

Trade volumes for the upcoming year are expected to remain steady. The Port's is focussed on trade diversification initiatives including for example containers, motor vehicle, fuels and cruise attraction.

Ranee also outlined the pipeline of major projects underway across the region — including CopperString and Project Ulysses — and highlighted the Port's role in supporting their delivery. She provided an update on the Port's own project schedule for the year as well.

She closed by discussing the cruise ships scheduled to arrive in 2026 and sharing details about upcoming community events.

KEITH: Advised he is happy to be a Community Fund judge this year – judging will take place throughout March.

4. Pre-formal Consultation Brief for Maintenance Dredging Sea Placement Permit – Adam King, Port of Townsville

5. Community Stakeholder Engagement Plan Brief for Maintenance Dredging Sea Placement Permit – Jessica Johnston, Port of Townsville

Adam and Jessica presented to the group on the proposed upcoming consultation to be undertaken for the Port's upcoming 10-year Sea Dumping Permit application.

The meeting was used as a forum to share the nature of information that will be used during the consultation process and to get valued feedback to ensure engagement meets community expectations regarding the transparent sharing of information.

The package explained what we are applying for and why, and proposed consultation touchpoints and associated collateral.

6. Q&A / Group Discussion

CLG members provided suggested feedback and asked a series of questions relating to sediment volumes and movement, DMPA options assessed, future maintenance dredging contract arrangements and dredging equipment options, areas of particular community concern, modelling and monitoring programs and results and how this information is presented / made available, whether submissions would be public,

ACTIONS:

- Ranee to find out more information about the water stewardship program.
- Share results of modelling with CLG members when received.

Members were advised to keep in touch and raise their concerns or suggestions as necessary.

7. JunkFest 2025 – Sara Shaw, Magnetic Island Development Association (MICDA)

We had a great major sustainable event that left minimal waste.

JunkFest was inspired by an event run in Katherin (Northern Territory), and its purpose was to see what people could design with recycled junk.

One of the main aspects was making it a zero-waste event via the five pillars smart sorting.

Another reduce waste factor was 100% BYO bottle culture and all scraps were processed locally to be made into soil conditioner.

Thanks to the Port of Townsville and sponsors, we had \$1750 in cash prizes – it was recommended by Katherine Festival to have cash prizes. Categories included adults, under 16, school groups, people's choice.

We achieved 90% waste reduction.

Video of Junk Fest played.

Thank you to everyone and we hope festivals of the past that create a lot of mess and waste and will start looking at this and how we sustainably put events on.

8. Men's Shed Magnetic Island – Alan Armour

Provided an overview of the history of the Men's Shed on Magnetic Island.

It is now a renovated building, and it became evident that they needed a food preparation area/kitchen. An area was allocated.

We received a grant to purchase kitchen cabinets.

We had a maximum seating capacity of 50 so we needed a kitchen for 50.

Some of our members have catering experience and knew what they wanted and we got a grant of \$7592 for the kitchen in 2024 from the Port of Townsville.

The Men's Shed catered for the sailing community for Magnetic Island Race Week and supplied meals for Musos club. They also cooked for Townsville Eisteddfod.

We were at a new event - the Magnetic Island Mini Moke Muster. It was its 60th year for Mini Mokes and they asked if we could run the national Mini Moke muster anniversary.

We've changed the way we do things which is absolutely amazing.

The Men's Shed meets three days a week and has a great end of year event, free of charge for members. They also have a monthly breakfast.

Another catering activity they do is the Sundowners Club and people can have some nibbles and a beer and a chat. They use their new kitchen for the preparation of this.

They hope to get a laser printer to make a sign for Port of Townsville, also.

9. General Business, Round Table and Update from CLG members

SHARON: Had a meeting with Try Johnson (Leader for Yunbenun Rangers) and suggested the outcomes of the meeting would be good to share with the CLG.

Meeting closed at 5pm

Next CLG Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 6 May 2026.