

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Thursday 8 November 2018

Chair:

NQBP General Manager Trade and Operations Brendan Webb

Attendees:

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| <p>Community Representatives Cathy Fredericks Marylin Maher Tom Liddell Tom Andrews Kerry Flynn Peta Drummond Stan McDonnell George Stace</p> <p>Aboriginal Party Representative Deb Netuschil</p> <p>Business Representative Judy Langdon</p> | <p>Port Industry Representative BMA – Dan Grech DBCTM – Peter Wotherspoon DBCT – Steve Rae</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council Representative Cr Karen May</p> <p>NQBP Representatives Nicolas Fertin Amanda Blines Kevin Kane Tim Lewis Kirsty Mugridge</p> |
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Apology:

BMA representative Darryl Sweet.

Absent:

Aurizon Representative Sharon Tang.

| Item | Discussion | Action |
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| 1. Meeting open and apologies | <p>Community Reference Group members were welcomed by NQBP General Manager Trade and Operations and Chair Brendan Webb.</p> <p>A Welcome to Country was delivered by Yuibera traditional descendant Deb Netuschil.</p> <p>Chair noted apology from BMA representative Darryl Sweet, and Dan Grech attending in his place.</p> | NA |
| 2. CRG Correspondence and Questions | <p>Chair acknowledged correspondence from CRG members that would be addressed during the meeting and that draft minutes will be distributed to CRG members before being made public on NQBP website.</p> | NA |
| 3. Terms of Reference | <p>Chair provided an overview of CRG purpose and CRG representative roles and responsibilities.</p> | NA |
| 4. NQBP Overview | <p>Presented by NQBP CEO Nicolas Fertin</p> <p>Nicolas Fertin provided an overview of NQBP's vision, mission, role and corporate strategy. Highlighted NQBP throughput by port, commodities, financial performance and his priorities.</p> | NA |
| 5. NQBP Operations | <p>Presented by General Manager Trade and Operations Brendan Webb (Chair)</p> <p>The Chair provided an overview of the Port of Hay Point including 2017-18 throughput and improvements made to enhance port productivity.</p> | NA |
| 6. NQBP Projects | <p>Presented by Acting General Manager Engineering and Development Tim Lewis</p> <p>Tim Lewis provided an overview of projected recently completed including the Half Tide Tug Harbour floating walkway, the Half Tide Tug Harbour repair works following Tropical Cyclone Debbie and beautification works at the former caravan park site.</p> <p>A question was raised whether the floating walkway was for recreational or commercial users as recently it was closed to recreational users while a company used the facility for training. NQBP responded it was for recreational and commercial use. It was understood that commercial entities wanting to use the facility and close to recreational use must</p> | <p>NQBP to investigate options for steps at Half Tide Tug Harbour.</p> <p>NQBP to look into permit process to ensure notification goes to community if boat ramp is inaccessible.</p> |

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| | <p>apply for a permit. A request was made for notification to the community when there is a closure to recreational users. NQBP confirmed it would investigate including as part of conditions of the permit process to require notification.</p> <p>A question was raised about security at the Half Tide car park noting incidents of theft. NQBP confirmed that there was a new project to put CCTV cameras close to the site and that CCTV footage can be provided to the Queensland Police. It was noted that it was important to educate the public to notify QPS of any incidents, so they are followed up and discourage further theft.</p> <p>A few issues were raised regarding the floating walkway and boat ramp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottle neck created due to the pontoon and the rocks placed at the end affecting access rather than the former beach. <p>NQBP explained the rocks are a revetment, to provide protection and to maintain a two-lane boat ramp there had to be a revetment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A CRG Member raised that the finished project didn't match the drawings people were shown. <p>NQBP confirmed the drawings were accurate apart from the number of piles. The are less and larger sized piles to make them better for conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion was made to put in cement stairs up to beach to increase access particularly for small boat users. <p>NQBP confirmed that they would look at that option.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding a pile of rocks on land near the Louisa Creek turnoff. NQBP explained the rocks are there as an emergency stockpile.</p> | |
| 7. Environmental update | <p>Presented by Senior Manager Environment and Planning Kevin Kane Kevin Kane provided an overview of the environmental monitoring at the Port of Hay Point, the proposed maintenance dredging at the Port of Hay Point, the research undertaken prior to the permit application process and the public comment process undertaken.</p> | NA |

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| 8. Community update | <p>Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relations Amanda Blines Amanda Blines provided an overview of the role of the External Affairs team includes media relations, community engagement, complaints handling, corporate communications and more. Presentation included the media report of past months and future expectations, community engagement from 2018, sponsorship and donations program and looking forward.</p> <p>There was discussion around opportunities for tourism in the area in relation to whale watching.</p> | NQBP to look into delivery process for PortLife in Hay Point (two members hadn't received copies). |
| 9. DBCTM Masterplan | <p>Presented by Peter Wotherspoon of DBCTM Peter Wotherspoon provided an overview and update on the DBCTM Master Plan 2019. He provided background to the master planning process, a market update, what is being updated and that the master plan is expected to be submitted for approval in early 2019.</p> | NA |
| 10. General Business | <p>Questions from previous correspondence:</p> <p>A question was raised in relation to back burning of a property at Diggings Road (towards Bally Keel). NQBP confirmed that the lessee had put in an application for a controlled fire and was planning to or had already put in place a firebreak. The Chair also noted that NQBP had appointed an emergency manager who will be creating a fire fuel management plan.</p> <p>A question was raised in relation to the de-leased area adjacent to the Half Tide Tug Harbour which used to be open to fishermen to fish from the land. NQBP confirmed that due to safety reasons there are no plans to re-open that site.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding signage past the HPCT entrance and down to BMA's lookout. BMA confirmed an action has been undertaken in relation to this to show the lookout is open to the public.</p> <p>A request was made for signage along the Hay Point Road similar to signage at Paget – "Slow down my Daddy works here." Cr May took it as an action to look into similar signage in Paget and who had put that there. It was noted as part of the discussion that depending on location of signage it may need multiple approvals.</p> | <p>NQBP to engage with the Port Advisory Group on exclusion zones and report back to February CRG Meeting.</p> <p>NQBP to invite QPS to the next CRG meeting to discuss the issue further.</p> <p>Cr May to look into signage at Paget.</p> <p>NQBP committed to engaging with the Port Advisory Group and then the CRG on exclusion zones before a decision was made to</p> |

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| | <p>A question was raised whether the exclusion zones around the port were going to be increased.</p> <p>NQBP confirmed there was consideration to increase the exclusion zones from 50 to 250 metres.</p> <p>BMA explained over the last 4-5 months there had been a significant increase of commercial fishers under the berths and jetties and that it was a key safety issue. There are tension lines that people are trying to go underneath. The only fatality at the terminal was a taut rope snapping, it's a very high risk. DBCT also raised it as a key safety issue.</p> <p>It was raised by multiple CRG community members that increasing the exclusion zones would have a major impact on the local fishing community – particularly local, small boaters that are unable to get out to the islands and depend on the bay. The discussion acknowledged that most people do the right thing and that the few were ruining for the rest. A CRG member raised if increasing the exclusion zones would be effective to people already breaking the rules.</p> <p>A CRG Member raised the need for a police station including water police at Hay Point to stop the people breaking the rules and ruining it for the rest.</p> <p>DBCT explained their policy is to ask people fishing inside the exclusion zone to leave and if they don't, then they are reported to the police.</p> <p>There was discussion around how to manage the issue through port security, liaising with the Queensland Police Service, ensuring the rule breakers are fined and potentially having an awareness campaign around the potential rule change if people continue to fish inside the exclusion zones.</p> <p>NQBP acknowledged the discussion around the exclusion zones was valuable and committed to engaging with the Port Advisory Group and then the CRG again before a decision was made. NQBP suggested inviting the QPS to the next CRG meeting to discuss the issue further.</p> <p>A CRG Member thanked DBCT for upgrading CH80 system and another CRG member acknowledged the work undertaken on the trees at the former caravan park site.</p> | <p>increase zones.</p> <p>NQBP to invite the QPS to the next CRG meeting to discuss the issue further.</p> |
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| | <p>A suggestion was made to discuss at a future meeting how to stop the rubbish and littering along the roadsides into the community, particularly rubbish thrown by motorists out of the window on the way to work.</p> <p>Agenda items proposed:</p> <p>NQBP noted any other agenda items can be provided to communications@nqbp.com.au up to four weeks before the next meeting. A reminder will be sent out. There is always an opportunity to keep in contact between meetings, particularly with urgent matters or complaints.</p> | |
| <p>11. Proposed next meeting dates</p> | <p>Next Meeting scheduled for 7 February 2019</p> | |