

Mackay Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Wednesday 6 February 2019

Chair:

NQBP CEO Nicolas Fertin

Attendees:

<p>Community Representatives Charlie Camilleri Elizabeth Warren Edan Stolberg</p> <p>Aboriginal Party Representative Deb Netuschil</p> <p>Recreational Group Representatives Alison Jones Jack McDougall</p> <p>Business Representative Mike de Pinto Stacey Quinn</p>	<p>Port Industry Representative Viva Energy - Dave Mann</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council Representative Cr Justin Englert</p> <p>NQBP Representatives Amanda Blines Kevin Kane Tim Lewis Brendan Webb Emilie Power</p>
--	---

Apology:

Community Representatives: Di Hatfield and Neville Duncan

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Reference Group members were welcomed by NQBP CEO and Chair Nicolas Fertin. • A Welcome to Country was delivered by Yuibera traditional descendant Deb Netuschil. • Chair acknowledged apologies received from Di Hatfield and Neville Duncan. • No conflicts of interest raised – although Charlie did mention that he is the land owner of the Yacht Club. 	
2. CRG Correspondence, Questions and Actions Register	<p>CRG Correspondence and questions received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Follow up on the fertiliser dust complaint raised</i>– this complaint has been followed up and will be discussed later in this meeting. • <i>Add an agenda items to discuss beautification of Ron Searle Drive</i>–this road is managed by Mackay Regional Council as a road reserve (refer to boundaries map presented later in this meeting). • <i>Accept the resignation of CRG Port Industry member of Maurie Fatnowna as he moves on from Viva Energy to take up the CEO position at the Mackay Cutters</i> – we accepted Maurie’s resignation and will look to re-appoint this position. • <i>Add an agenda item to discuss fishing facilities, boat/trailer parking and fishing platforms at the Mackay Marina</i>– we discussed a number of these items during the port tour last week and we will touch on them again this evening when we look at the Boundaries presentation. We will also discuss fishing platforms when we go through the Actions Register from the last meeting. In relation to the request for car parking in Northern Mulherin Park, we would like to reiterate that at this stage we are not able to support car/trailer park expansion on this land as this is scarce strategic port land close to port waters and facilities. • <i>We received a requested from a member of Volunteer Marine Rescue to have a position on the CRG</i> – we explained to the member that the community positions for the current CRG term have been allocated but encouraged them to consider applying for the next term and committed to discussing any issues with the member outside of the CRG. <p>Actions register update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost all actions from the last meeting have been completed or will be completed during this meeting. • Two open items include NQBP to look at fishing platforms (an agenda item for our 	

	<p>September meeting) and a presentation on sand erosion (which is pending further information from a CRG member).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair highlighted that there are 4 new action items out of the Port Tour: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss overflow car parking signage with Mackay Regional Council (better signage at the ramp and car park) Approach MSQ to update faded signage at boat ramp Line-mark extra car parking bays at the end of the Southern Breakwater Confirm rules around fishing in the Mackay Marina thoroughfare 	
3. NQBP Overview	<p>Presented by Chair Nicolas Fertin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRG presented Boundaries presentation Question – How difficult would it be to balance potential cruise ships with port security requirements? Answer – <i>While the cruise ships themselves look after a lot of the security (passports etc), yes security plans could be adapted to handle cruise ship passengers.</i> 	
4. NQBP Operations	<p>Presented by General Manager Trade and Operations Brendan Webb</p> <p>Trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In December 2018, Mackay imported 215.3 million litres of fuel, the highest monthly throughput figure since June last year. The first-half of this financial year is also at a record of 988 million litres. <p>Break bulk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New common-user handling area available in the Port of Mackay. Where NQBP can, we seek to make more areas available to take advantage of trade. Höegh Trapper (Ro-Ro vessel) due on 27 February (subject to change), largest vessel of its type by volume. Provides NQBP with an exciting opportunity to provide import, export and coastal shipping all in one shipment. NQBP set a target for three RORO vessels by the end of this financial year and currently we have seven planned. Ships coming directly from America to Mackay (instead of Brisbane) Eliminates oversize convoys travelling 1,300km from Brisbane (traditional heavy logistics route). 	<p>NQBP to send CRG members the time and date for Hoegh Trapper when it's confirmed.</p> <p>NQBP to invite Department of Transport and Main Roads to discuss Ring Road stages at a later meeting.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question – Could the Port of Mackay handle cars? <i>Answer – Yes, however we would need different types of infrastructure to facilitate (including facility to adapt cars once they are discharged from the vessels).</i> • Question – Does NQBP have issues with Quarantine clearance taking longer than usual? <i>Answer – In the past there have been a few issues, however NQBP has been working with provider of the wash-down facility to improve services.</i> • Question - Will 2nd stage of Ring Road get trucks off Harbour Road? <i>Answer – While Ring Road stage 2 will help with trucks off the highway, Ring Road stage 3 will be the key for the Port of Mackay (multi-corridor).</i> 	
5. NQBP Projects	<p>Presented by Acting General Manager Engineering and Development Tim Lewis <i>Southern Breakwater</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reopened December 2018 following slight delay due to poor weather. • There have been a few temporary closures since then due to weather. • Speed bumps on the breakwater have been designed to a standard profile as per Department of Transport and Main Roads specifications. • The number and spacing of the speed bumps are set to the relevant standard for the speed limit in the area (40km/hr). • The speed limit is needed to reduce likelihood of incidents. <p><i>CCTV project</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of NQBP’s CCTV capacity at Mackay and Hay Point is planned to address security requirements across both ports. • New cameras will be installed at Mt Bassett and on the Southern Breakwater • At the request of the community NQBP will also install a surf camera for North Wall beach which will be able to be viewed by the public via NQBP’s website • Question – Does NQBP have CCTV footage of the recent incident at the Half Tide Boat Ramp at Hay Point? <i>Answer – Unfortunately, no, new cameras are not yet in place to film this location.</i> • Question – What is the timeframe for all the new cameras to be installed? <i>Answer – All the cameras should be installed by the end of the current financial year.</i> <p><i>Northern Access Road</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP is exploring the construction of a road connecting Spiller Avenue to Slade Point 	

	<p>Road which will provide a secondary Port emergency evacuation route and improve safety of traffic along Spiller Avenue. It will be a two-directional road that will also allow access from Slade Point Road into North Wall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will also allow NQBP to develop commercial lots in Area 1. • Currently in design phase. • Question - Will there be a roundabout as part of these works? <i>Answer – We have completed traffic monitoring and looking at these current statistics and the future traffic projections it's unlikely that a roundabout will be needed, however we are awaiting the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advice.</i> • Question – What is the timeframe for this project? <i>Answer – We hope to go out to tender in a few months' time depending on approval process with TMR. Potentially looking at construction by the end of this year.</i> • Question – When will the long-term development plan for the Port be released for public consultation? <i>Answer – In the next 6 to 8 months NQBP will start to work on long term plans. The planning process is controlled by TMR and we are just starting conversations with them. The TMR process includes community consultation. We expect the plan will be ready in the next 12 months (March 2020).</i> 	
<p>6. Environmental update</p>	<p>Presented by Senior Manager Environment and Planning Kevin Kane</p> <p><i>Indigenous engagement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP has worked with the Yuwibara Native Title party to develop a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for all Strategic Port Land at Mackay and Hay Point. • Conduct cultural heritage reconnaissance surveys of the northern reserve at the Port of Mackay • We are currently working together to develop management and mitigation measures for future development and investigate opportunities for future activities • Question – does NQBP work with indigenous businesses? <i>Yes, in Bowen with Juru Enterprises, but not at this stage in Mackay.</i> • Question - Do you have a reconciliation action plan? <i>Answer – No, we have components of a RAP but it's not a complete document. NQBP is currently working on this for all of our ports with our Sustainability team.</i> • Request from Deb to have a separate meeting with Kevin about how NQBP could work with indigenous businesses in the Mackay area. 	<p>A separate meeting to be organised between Deb and Kevin to discuss indigenous business opportunities.</p> <p>Send CRG link to real time live water quality monitoring for Hay Point maintenance dredging when ready.</p>

Kommo Toera Trail

- The Kommo Toera Trail (located on Keely's Road) was originally part of a wider regional plan.
- Mackay Port Authority commissioned concept plans in August 2002 through LandPlan.
- Multiple option concept plans developed.
- \$245,000 committed by MPA and State Government (Heartland Community Development Employment Program for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islanders).
- TO rep Gary Mooney assisted with selection and management.
- The KTT was officially opened on 19 September 2003.
- There are no current plans for NQBP to extend the KTT.

Dust complaint

- Community complaint received around fertiliser dust late last year.
- NQBP's Environment team investigated.
- Increase in dust may have occurred due to fertiliser ships using Wharf 1 because of upgrade works at Wharf 5 (although wind patterns show wind blowing in opposite direction to the Marina at the time).
- Usual practise will resume once Wharf 5 works are complete.
- Environment team is also investigating implementing load covering on trucks within the Port as an additional dust minimisation practice.
- Air quality data is live on NQBP's website – (www.nqbp.com.au/sustainability/air-quality).
- NQBP is looking to standardise all dust monitors across its Ports.
- Question – Does NQBP monitor noise? *Answer - No, we generally don't get many noise complaints, however we do monitor when we have specific projects e.g. Southern Breakwater.*

Hay Point Maintenance Dredging

- Last maintenance dredging at Port of Hay Point conducted in 2010.
- Commonwealth permits (Marine Park Permit and Sea Dumping Permit) received 23 January 2019.
- Technical Advisory and Consultative Committee (TACC) to meet mid-February 2019.
- Maintenance dredging planned Port of Hay Point 30 March 2019 for approximately 40

	<p>days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live data to be provided on NQBP website during maintenance program. • NQBP has had a very good water monitoring program for the last 4 years with help from James Cook University. • Committed to not changing our natural water conditions – if changes begin to occur, we will change our dredging management approach. • 350,000m³ this year and approximately 200,000m³ every 5 years. 	
7. Community update	<p>Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relations Amanda Blines</p> <p>Media report Recent media includes new common user area, record fuel for Port of Mackay and a profile on NQBP and new CEO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future media will include RORO shipment in February, NQBP Bulk Ports Blitz in March, and update on groundwater site investigation. • Question – Is the groundwater information related to PFAS? <i>Yes, all the current information is available on our website - https://ngbp.com.au/our-ports/mackay/ground-and-surface-water-testing2</i> <p>Community engagement Port Tour held for CRG members on 31 January.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRG meetings for Mackay and Hay Point. • Laura’s Triathlon in May, Mackay Marina Run in June. <p>Sponsorships and donations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently approved sponsorships include the Slade Point Water Tower project and Zonta’s International Women’s Day event. • Each CRG has a sponsorship and donations budget of \$5,000. • Members of the CRG to suggest opportunities by 31 May 2019 and can discuss at the next CRG meeting in June. • Criteria for the opportunity is either an environmental, social or cultural benefit to the community affected by and surrounding the Port. Question – Does NQBP know that the memorial chair at North Wall has been vandalised? <i>No, but this will be investigated.</i> 	<p>CRG to send sponsorship ideas to Emilie by 31 May.</p> <p>Emilie to look into vandalism of memorial chair.</p>

<p>8. General Business</p>	<p>Agenda items proposed:</p> <p><i>Items for June meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Northern Clean Up – how can the CRG and NQBP get involved • Emergency response, communication and evacuation zones <p><i>Items for September</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP corporate strategy • Fishing platforms (including seating) 	<p>A separate workshop to be hosted by Tim to discuss potential fishing platform locations with interested CRG members before September meeting.</p>
<p>9. Proposed next meeting dates</p>	<p>Next Meeting scheduled for 5 June 2019</p>	