

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Thursday 7 February 2019

Chair:

NQBP General Manager Trade and Operations Brendan Webb

Attendees:

<p>Community Representatives 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 Aurizon – Katie Evetts</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council Representative Cr Karen May</p> <p>NQBP Representatives Nicolas Fertin Amanda Blines Kevin Kane Kirsty Mugridge John Hinschen</p>
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Apology:

BMA representative Darryl Sweet
Community representative Cathy Fredericks
NQBP presenter Tim Lewis

Item	Discussion	Action
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. Apologies were also passed on for Tim Lewis and Cathy Fredericks.</p> <p>Chair noted NQBP had invited Office in Charge at Sarina, Mick Jones but he was unavailable for this meeting.</p> <p>Chair welcomed Aurizon representative Katie Evetts to the group.</p> <p>Also noted NQBP Principal Asset Manager John Hinschen was in attendance.</p>	NA
2. CRG Correspondence and Questions	<p>Chair noted the correspondence had been received:</p> <p>Council representative – To remind everyone regarding the removal of the burnt-out vessels in the area. It might be worth disseminating this information as this matter doesn't come under the Council's or NQBP's jurisdiction – but please call MSQ.</p> <p>Chair noted that there was a State Government funded undertaking to rid the area of abandoned vessels.</p> <p>Community representative raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The park area adjacent to Hay Point Hotel needs spraying of goatshead weeds. Chair noted this had been undertaken and a longer-term solution for goatshead weeds would be sought by NQBP. - Minutes of the last meeting have not been displayed on noticeboards. NQBP External Affairs has rectified this. - Requests from boat users to have the Hay Point boat ramp pressure cleaned on low tide as the ramp. The community member thanked NQBP for the quick action on all of these issues. <p>A Louisa Creek community member raised several community complaints asking for them to be tabled at this CRG. The Chair noted these will be managed through the NQBP complaints process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CRG information sharing needs to be improved. We explained where the information was available. 	NQBP to source a longer term solution to goatshead weeds.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Louisa Creek maintenance contract – complaint about the break over Christmas. Explained maintenance is back in effect pending weather. - Louisa Creek resident concerned with pesticides used for weed management. - Complaint received about dust coming from the terminal. - A request for logs to be placed around vacant blocks in Louisa Creek to stop people from driving through blocks. 	
<p>3. NQBP Operations</p>	<p>Presented by General Manager Trade and Operations Brendan Webb (Chair) The Chair provided an overview of the Port of Hay Point including 2018 coal throughput for both terminals and how coal trade is reflected in the Queensland economy.</p> <p>Exclusion zones and boat ramp access update</p> <p>The Chair provided a history of exclusion zones provided for the group, along with levels the port currently sits at. The Chair explained NQBP’s role as port manager meant responsibility for safety and security of the port.</p> <p>The Chair noted the important discussions CRG members had at previous meeting when it became clear a large increase in exclusion zones would heavily impact access from Louisa Creek.</p> <p>The Chair pledged to keep CRG members up-to-date and assured the group the topic was still open to discussion.</p> <p>One community representative asked about landside restrictions outside of the port gates. The Chair assured the group discussions were only considering vessel interactions.</p> <p>A community representative noted it was a small number of people doing the wrong thing and most people were doing the right thing.</p> <p>The Chair noted NQBP was aiming to create an environment where there was less incentive to break the law. We must balance the needs of our port operators, the community and the rest.</p> <p>A suggestion was made by a community representative to put buoys or beacons out on boundaries of where restricted zones were and increase signage. The Chair said options</p>	<p>NQBP to create map for the group to understand who is responsible for what area.</p> <p>NQBP to bring buoy picture and maps and fixed signs to make it easier to distinguish restricted areas – options to be discussed at next meeting.</p>

	could be further discussed at the next meeting.	
4. NQBP Projects	<p>Presented by NQBP Principal Asset Manager John Hinschen</p> <p>Topics covered included Half Tide Tug Harbour steps, Half Tide floating walkway update, CCTV camera project, and the VTS building upgrade.</p> <p>John Hinschen noted NQBP had to work outside of barge footprint/operation needs and the floating walkway footprint to balance operation requirements and community requests for steps. NQBP is starting investigations and looking to complete the project in the next financial year. There would also be permits required for these works which would take time.</p> <p>The floating walkway sustained significant damage to the underside following a ute being parked underneath - but not sufficient damage to not be able to get it re-opened. Final checks the next day. As long as the checks went well it will be re-opened. Community needs to be aware two sections will need to be replaced which will require times of disruption to users.</p> <p>John Hinschen noted the members' complaints of rocks to the end of the boat ramp and beach leftover from the floating walkway construction. He said NQBP would look into it and report back to the group.</p> <p>The CCTV cameras are being installed to address security across our ports. Contract has been awarded. Group told to be aware if there were any issues, QPS could request images from cameras but had to be within 30 days.</p> <p>VTS building renovations expected to start April/May 2019. There will be some disruptions to lookout access but expected to be minimal. VTS is remaining in building.</p> <p>An update on Hay Point Maintenance Dredging project was provided to the group, and further communication materials would be sent around closer to the start date. Anticipated start date is late March with the project lasting for 40 days.</p> <p>One member asked where is the dredge spoil was being placed. John Hinschen explained it was going to the approved location, which had previously been used.</p>	<p>NQBP to invite a select group of interested CRG members to look at options for Half Tide stairs.</p> <p>NQBP to look into the rocks in front of the beach at boat ramp to remove and report back to the group.</p>

<p>5. Environmental update</p>	<p>Presented by Senior Manager Environment and Planning Kevin Kane Kevin Kane provided an overview of the Hay Point maintenance dredging environmental management.</p> <p>Question from community member regarding potential activism. NQBP acknowledged potential for activism and said all involved were aware of the risk.</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>6. Community update</p>	<p>Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relations Amanda Blines Amanda Blines provided an overview of the media report of past months and future expectations, community engagement planned for 2019, sponsorship and donations program and looking forward.</p> <p>Amanda Blines reminded the CRG members of \$5000 available for a sponsorship elected by the group. She said the Terms of Reference outlined requirements for sponsorships. Members were requested to have ideas submitted by May 31 for a decision to be made at the next meeting.</p> <p>Community representative thanked NQBP's contribution to the 2018 Half Tide Dawn Service.</p> <p>The Chair noted an opportunity to tour and view the RORO vessel arriving in Mackay in February.</p>	<p>CRG members to send sponsorship ideas by May 31 to be discussed and decided at next meeting.</p> <p>NQBP to provide CRG members with more information on the RORO vessel arrival.</p>
<p>7. General Business</p>	<p>One community member requested maps of Hay Point and to include the Bally Keel boundaries. The Chair agreed to this.</p> <p>Community member asked about signs to BMA lookout. BHP representative said the signs had been ordered and would be in place shortly.</p> <p>Community member asked terminal representatives if there had been further examples of fishermen getting under the jetties. Terminal representatives said not that they were aware of, potentially due to poor weather conditions.</p> <p>Council representative told the group Grasstree Beach would be getting a new boat ramp and pontoon.</p> <p>Business representative noted the heavy vehicle ruts along Hay Point Road, on the</p>	<p>NQBP to provide map session showing boundaries and accountabilities.</p> <p>NQBP to add entry signage to action register.</p>

	<p>western side of Williams Road, had been causing some hassles.</p> <p>The Council representative said some of the roads were in really bad condition following the heavy rains. Despite the roads being patched, there were some big pot holes which keep opening up due to heavy rain and heavy traffic. Representative encouraged members to drive to conditions.</p>	
8. Proposed next meeting dates	Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday June 6, 2019	
9. Meeting close		