

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Thursday 7 November 2019

Chair:

NQBP General Manager Trade and Marine Operations, Brendan Webb

Attendees:

<p>Community Representatives Marilyn Maher Tom Andrews Stan McDonnell Cathy Fredericks Tom Liddell</p> <p>Business Representative Judy Langdon</p>	<p>Port Industry Representatives DBCT – Steve Rae BMA - Darryl Sweet Aurizon - Katie Evetts DBCTM – Tim Frost</p> <p>NQBP Representatives Nicolas Fertin Amanda Blines Tim Lewis Anthony Lee Kevin Kane Lorelei van Dalen</p> <p>Invited Guests QPS - Officer in Charge Sergeant Mick Jones QPS - Sergeant Graeme Pettigrew</p>
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Apologies:

Community representative, George Stace
Mackay Regional Council representative, Cr Karen May
DBCTM representative, Peter Wotherspoon
Aboriginal Party representative, Deb Netuschil
Community representative, Kerry Flynn
Community representative, Peta Drummond
BMA representative, Amanda Walker

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Reference Group members were welcomed by NQBP General Manager Trade and Marine Operations and Chair Brendan Webb. • An Acknowledgement to Country was delivered by Brendan Webb in the absence of Aboriginal Party representative, Deb Netuschil • Chair welcomed Officer in Charge Sergeant Mick Jones and Sergeant Graeme Pettigrew, from the Queensland Police Service and DBCTM's Site Manager, Tim Frost, who was representing DBCTM in Peter Wotherspoon's absence. • Apologies • Housekeeping, including emergency exits. <p>No conflicts of interest raised.</p>	NA
2. CRG Correspondence, Questions and Actions Register	<p>CRG correspondence and questions received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question - A member of the community has raised a concern around an industrial bin located at the top of the boat ramp. It doesn't seem to be getting emptied on a regular basis (maybe every 7-10 days) and, with it being used for fish carcasses, etc., is producing an offensive odour. Who is responsible for this bin and can the bin be emptied more regularly? <p>Response – <i>NQBP can confirm this bin is contracted to be emptied every Thursday. We will monitor the bin's use and waste removal.</i></p> <p>Comment – the problem is, if the carpark is full the truck can't get to the bin to empty it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question - The community member seeking support to install a pedestrian crossing at the CoalPort Store (per Action item No. 12 – re road issues) would like a letter of support from NQBP. Can this please be provided and how do we go about it? <p>Chair responded – The community member has since been advised to email their</p>	<p>ACTION – NQBP to move bin to make access easier for garbage truck.</p> <p>ACTION – NQBP Community Relations team to provide letter of support for pedestrian crossing to community</p>

	<p>request for a letter of support to the NQBP Community Relations team.</p> <p>Actions register update: Most of the actions from the last meeting have been completed. Refer to Actions Items Register for further details.</p> <p>No comments on previous minutes.</p>	<p>member.</p> <p>ACTION – NQBP to report back resolution for long-term green waste management at next meeting.</p>
<p>3. NQBP Overview</p>	<p>Presented by Chief Executive Officer, Nicolas Fertin</p> <p>Highlights from 2018/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report for 2018/19 financial year has been published and placed on website. Hard copies were provided to all CRG members. • Comment – Appreciation for NQBP funding sound system at High Tide. <p>Proposed changes to terms of reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment – I might have misread one of the changes, but it seems more like it is a dissemination of information rather than reciprocal – like you are going to tell us about new projects rather than allowing a conduit for feedback and discussion on issues about existing projects. • Response – <i>The changes were intended to highlight what NQBP is going to bring to the CRG. We wanted to show our commitment to seeking your input if we do a project. CRG members can bring anything relevant to our operations and the community to the meeting for our discussion. We deleted the words ‘two-way’ in ‘two-way community engagement’ in one of the terms, because we already had ‘community engagement’ and this means ‘two-way community engagement’ – perhaps that was what confused you? At each meeting you can raise anything about the Terms of Reference.</i> 	

	<p>Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relations, Amanda Blines CRG annual evaluation survey results Comparison of data shown from last CRG survey completed in 2017 and most recent survey conducted in 2019. Results of CRG survey show improvements in all areas, with the overall sentiment being very positive.</p>	
4. NQBP Trade and Marine Operations	<p>Presented by General Manager Trade and Land Operations, Brendan Webb (Chair)</p> <p>Met coal seaborne trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data presented on % of NQBP imports vs % of other imports of Met coal. <p>Trade throughput overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data presented on trade throughput for 2018/19 for each of NQBP's ports by commodity, by industry and over the past 10 years. Question - When other mines get up and running, will that make an impact? Response – <i>It could change the percentages on the slide.</i> <p>Video - recent big lift, which took place at Port of Mackay.</p>	
5. NQBP Projects and Land Operations	<p>Presented by NQBP General Manager Projects and Land Operations, Tim Lewis</p> <p>Edmund Casey extension update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project is progressing well and is still on track to be completed by early 2020. Traffic management is in place and this will step up in the next few weeks. Community enquiries have been low so far. Comment – It's a shame they didn't make the road along the northern foreshore at Lamberts Beach marry up with this road. Response - <i>NQBP doesn't own this land.</i> <p>Presented by NQBP Emergency Manager, Anthony Lee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions around bushfire management plans and cyclone preparedness plans. CRG members given an emergency kit from the Mackay Regional Council. 	

<p>6. Environmental update</p>	<p>Presented by Director Environment, Kevin Kane</p> <p><i>Whitsunday water quality monitoring</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP have recently initiated a joint partnership with James Cook University and Reef Catchments to undertake water quality monitoring in the Whitsundays. • JCU will be providing certified training courses for tourism operators so that they can own the monitoring program in the future. <p><i>Blue carbon mapping</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science shows seagrass and mangroves stores more carbon than rainforests. • NQBP has calculated that across our four ports there is around 11 million tonnes of carbon stored. • This provides NQBP with opportunities to develop blue carbon management and enhancement as we strive to increase sustainability. <p><i>Marine pest surveillance pilot program</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP is working with Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on a pilot biosecurity surveillance program at the Port of Mackay to focus on early detection of marine pests. • Will test DNA samples in addition to established practise of monitoring marine pest plates. <p><i>International environmental risk guideline</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin was involved in the international PIANC committee working on establishing “A Practical Guide to Environmental Risk Management (ERM) for Navigation Infrastructure Projects”. • Guide was three to four years in the making and was published in October. • The committee visited Mackay and Hay Point as part of the project and were impressed by the work undertaken in Australia. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question – What about doing a case study on Lake Barfield? It’s inundated with clay and dirt. Response – <i>We will contact you to discuss this matter further.</i> 	<p>ACTION – NQBP to call Community Representative to discuss Lake Barfield issue further.</p>
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<p>7. Community update</p>	<p>Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relations, Amanda Blines</p> <p>Media report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional coverage of the first heavy lift ship movement and pest pilot program in September. • Industry coverage of the annual report results and Edmund Casey Drive extension in October. <p>Community engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of sponsorships and events for October 2019 – January 2020 were presented. - Question – Are sponsorships and donations out of Port of Hay Point funding? Response – <i>No, sponsorships and donations come from a larger sponsorship and donations program for all ports/communities, and we also have our Cowboys program as well, which is separate.</i> 	
<p>8. General Business</p>	<p>QPS update/discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New police vessel. • Biggest issues impacting operations are wind/weather. • Managing illegal fishing. • Focus now is fire management. <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment – Appreciation for QPS attending meeting. • Comment – Appreciation for NQBP funding of Radio Shack. • CRG member raised concerns for animals on a property. <i>NQBP will follow up on this matter and report back findings/outcome to Community Representative.</i> • Comment – really good information around fire management. Thank you NQBP. • Chief Executive Officer, Nicolas Fertin, advised that Brendan will be stepping down as Chair and that he will be chairing each CRG meeting going forward. He thanked Brendan for his commitment to the CRG. • Comment - Thank you NQBP and Brendan. 	<p>ACTION – QPS to present at next meeting to provide update and clarify fishing zones/restrictions.</p>

	Meeting closed at 7.14pm.	
9. Proposed next meeting dates	Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday 6 February 2020	