

Mackay Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Thursday 10 March 2022 – via Zoom

Chair:

Chair NQBP Chief Executive Officer, Nicolas Fertin

Attendees:

<p>Community representatives Neale Proctor Shane Hamilton Neville Duncan</p> <p>Yuwi Native Title Holder representative N/A</p> <p>Recreational Group representatives Alison Jones Lindsay Richardson</p> <p>Business representatives Geoff Berger</p> <p>Environmental representative Katrina Dent</p>	<p>Port Industry/PAG representatives Justin Durant – GAC Shipping Rachael Haycock – Viva Energy Aaron Wood – Smit Lamnalco</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council representative Cr Pauline Townsend</p> <p>NQBP representatives Tim Lewis Ash Sinha Kevin Kane Emilie Power</p> <p>MSQ representative Jason Britton</p>
--	--

Apologies: Simona Trimarchi, Mick DePinto, Charlie Morgan, Edan Stolberg, Elizabeth Warren and Patricia Corrie

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting opened at 5.32pm • Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair NQBP Chief Executive Officer, Nicolas Fertin. • Group discussed Queensland Health requirements around meeting attendance and vaccinations. • Suggestion put forward that Emilie contact CRG members to seek vaccination status / preferred method of meeting (online, face-to-face or hybrid) for the June meeting. • No concerns were raised by any members. • A resignation from the CRG was received from Deb Clark the Traditional Owner representative. Nicolas wished Deb well in her move to Brisbane and thanked her for her contributions. NQBP reached out to Yuwi Aboriginal Corporation and are pleased to welcome Patricia Corrie to the CRG as the new representative. • Nicolas provided an Acknowledgement of Country to open the meeting. • Nicolas welcomed new port industry representative Aaron Wood from Smit Lamnalco to the CRG. Aaron has filled the vacancy left by Glenn Anderson at the end of last year. Aaron provided a short introduction. • Apologies were received from Simona Trimarchi, Mick DePinto, Charlie Morgan, Edan Stolberg, Elizabeth Warren and Patricia Corrie. 	ACTION – Emilie to contact members around vaccination status and preference for meeting method
2. Disclosures of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around disclosure of interest was held. • All members have disclosed their interests. The register will be presented at the beginning of each meeting, giving members the opportunity to manage appropriately. • No concerns were raised by any members. • No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting. 	
3. CRG Correspondence, Questions and Actions Register	<p>CRG correspondence and questions received since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have had a request for information around the maintenance schedule of fuel tanks at the Port. • The maintenance is heavily regulated by Workplace Health and Safety as well as Petrol and Gas Regulations. Each terminal operator has to maintain their tanks and equipment in accordance with their own companies R&I process as well as all legislative requirements. • Nicolas suggested that NQBP's cumulative risk investigations could be presented to the CRG at a future meeting. 	

	<p>Actions register update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Refer to Actions Items Register for further details. 	
4. NQBP update	<p>Presented by Chair and NQBP CEO Nicolas Fertin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of NQBP's recent organisational structure was given. • Reduction of the Executive Leadership Team members from five to four with a realignment of departmental reports. 	
5. NQBP trade update	<p>Presented by A/General Manager Commercial Ash Sinha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total throughput for the Port of Mackay is at 2.44 million to date. This is comparable with previous years and is an indication of the stable trade at the Port. • NQBP focusing on continuing flexibility at the Port with one bulk tanker recently visiting all three of the wharves capable of receiving fuel. • Proposed hydrogen trade at Port of Hay Point is continuing to progress with a funding agreement for feasibility studies associated with the development of Dalrymple Bay Hydrogen Project recently announced. 	
6. NQBP infrastructure update	<p>Presented by General Manager Infrastructure, Tim Lewis</p> <p>Port projects update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$8.5 million project tug berths project is progressing. Main scope of works has been completed (tug pontoon and gangway). Additional pilot boat berths delayed. Expected completion mid-2022. • \$1.7 million water network upgrade underway – aims to rectify issues with water pressure within the Port. New water booster pump station will also be installed. • Wharf 5 upgrade, western access trestle will be replaced. \$4.2 million project, contract awarded to V2R Projects. Some fabrication works occurring in Paget, supporting local jobs. • Southern Breakwater – safety barrier replacement underway and should be completed in the next few days. Breakwater has been closed to vehicles during the works. 	
7. Sustainability and environment update	<p>Presented by Director Environment, Kevin Kane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kev gave an overview of NQBP's partnership with James Cook University (JCU). • Applications for our JCU scholarships closed and pending award announcement. Applications were open to school leavers commencing their first year in a Bachelor of Marine Science at JCU. • Biodiversity assessment going well. Preliminary data has revealed interesting insights into 	

	fish behaviour, and oyster/coral habitats.	
8. Community update	<p>Presented by Community and Stakeholder Advisor Emilie Power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent media for NQBP at Mackay included International Women’s Day profiles and reactive media on sand mining and Louisa Creek housing. NQBP social media has profiled the Port of Mackay over the past few months, encourage members to engage with NQBP on social media platforms. Recent and upcoming sponsorships and donations in the Mackay community include Mackay Marina Run Twilight Run, LeadIn Conference, Laura’s Triathlon, Resource Industry Network and PCYC Bicycle Education program. CRG members were provided with shortlisted CRG grants. Voting will take place over email. Suggestion that funds could be split between project. NQBP’s Port Communities Program is under review and will be re-engineering to more closely align NQBP’s core values while embracing principles of diversity and inclusion. Changes will be communicated to the CRG in due course. An overview on recent job opportunities and recruitment at NQBP was provided. 	ACTION – CRG members to vote on preferred grant option
9. General Business	<p>Jason Britton, Regional Harbour Master, Maritime Safety Queensland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation provided to CRG members on BMA SABR project. Over 1000% increase in small vessel traffic at the Port of Hay Point due to the project. Update provided on Hay Point VTS building refurbishment. MSQ are focused on education and compliance with several local initiatives underway. A review of all 6 knots signage in the area will be completed as a result of a 6-knot area recently implemented at Abel Point and Mandalay Bay in Airlie Beach. The 6 knot signs at the Mackay Marina will be included in this review (Refer to Action Items Register). <p>General business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>Meeting closed 6.45pm.</p>	
10. Next meeting date	Scheduled for 16 June 2022. May be rescheduled due to clash with Mackay Show Day.	