

Mackay Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Thursday 10 June 2021 – Mantra Mackay

Chair:

A/Chair NQBP General Manager Infrastructure and Land Operations, Tim Lewis

Attendees:

<p>Community representatives Elizabeth Warren Edan Stolberg Neville Duncan Neale Proctor</p> <p>Yuwi Native Title Holder representative Deb Clark</p> <p>Recreational Group representatives Alison Jones Lindsay Richardson</p> <p>Business representatives Geoff Berger Mick DePinto</p> <p>Environmental representative Katrina Dent</p>	<p>Port Industry/PAG representatives Rachael Haycock – Viva Energy Justin Durant – GAC Shipping Glenn Anderson - Chevron</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council representative Cr Pauline Townsend</p> <p>NQBP representatives Tim Lewis Amanda Blines Emilie Power</p> <p>MSQ representative Jason Britton</p> <p>Invited Guests Adam Jones – DTMR Grant Gaston – DTMR</p>
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Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting opened at 5.29pm • Community Reference Group members were welcomed by A/Chair NQBP General Manager Infrastructure and Land Operations, Tim Lewis. • Yuwi Native Title Holder representative Deb Clark conducted a Welcome to Country to open the meeting. • Formal apologies received Nicolas Fertin, Charlie Morgan, Brendan Webb, Kevin Kane, Simona Trimarchi and Shane Hamilton. • All members introduced themselves to the group, shared what they sought from the group and what they hoped to contribute. <p>CRG membership/appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalised list of representatives was provided to the CRG. • This list, with the group photos, will be published on the NQBP website. <p>Overview of NQBP and CRG purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of NQBP and the CRG's purpose was provided to the members. <p>Terms of Reference/Code of Conduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were asked to ensure they have completed their Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms and provided them to NQBP. 	
2. Conflict of interest	No conflicts of interest declared.	
3. CRG Correspondence, Questions and Actions Register	<p>CRG correspondence and questions received since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was one request to add cruise ships to the agenda which will be addressed in General Business. <p>Actions register update:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Refer to Actions Items Register for further details. ○ NQBP to invite DTMR District Office to attend a CRG meeting. ○ Signage on the Southern Breakwater – A full signage audit for the Port of Mackay and Hay Point will be completed which will encompass the Southern Breakwater signage. 	
4. Priority Port Master Planning	<p>Presented by Adam Jones, A/Director (Sustainable Ports Planning) and Grant Gaston, A/Executive Director (Governance, Freight and Partnerships)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam outlined the Priority port master planning process for the Port of Hay Point / Mackay and how CRG members can be involved in stakeholder engagement (see presentation). • Register interest by emailing HayPointMackayPortMasterPlan@tmr.qld.gov.au • More information can be found on the DTMR website. 	ACTION – Link to DTMR website to be sent to CRG members.
5. NQBP Projects	<p>Presented by A/Chair General Manager Infrastructure and Land Operations, Tim Lewis</p> <p><i>Port projects update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.5 million Wharf 1 project is almost complete. Will allow facilitation of longer cargo. Contract awarded to Davbridge Constructions. • \$8.5 million project tug berths project is underway. Will include berths for up to two tugs including a gangway and floating pontoon. Design and construction contract awarded to Pacific Marine Group, supporting ~20 jobs during project peak. Estimated completion September 2021. Pilot vessel will remain where it is, but existing tugs will relocate from the Mackay Marina to the new berths. • Mount Bassett water reservoir demolition completed. Access to the general public has been restored. Final landscaping still to be undertaken. • Southern Breakwater streetlight replacement completed in March 2021. No issues or concerns received around temporary closures. • Southern Breakwater 10,000 project, signs have been designed, ordered and delivered. An installation schedule is being organised with the NQBP Maintenance team. • Southern Breakwater – safety barrier replacement project will be undertaken in the next few months. <p>• Question – <i>Is there something in the works for the nib wall inside the Marina to stop the issue with the Northerlies?</i> Answer – There has been some work on this issue but we are unable to discuss at this time.</p>	

	<p>Future projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water network upgrade – aims to rectify issues with water pressure within the Port. • Fuel pipeline relocation. • Wharf 5 upgrade. <p>• Question – <i>Will the water network upgrade effect the network for residents of the Mackay Harbour/Marina?</i> Answer – No, this project is only working to fix some issues with backflow devices inside the Port that connect with the Mackay Regional Council infrastructure.</p>	
<p>6. General Business</p>	<p>Jason Britton, Regional Harbour Master, Maritime Safety Queensland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 600 crew changes have been completed in Mackay since July 2020. • Stella Maris have been assisting with support as a registered quarantine transport provider. • Aquatic event – Stand-up Paddle Board event 10 July at Mackay Marina / North Wall. • Navy visit in July as part of an exercise. • Barge within the Port is assisting with the new tug berth facility – please avoid interaction. • Maritime workers are classified as 1A and 1B under vaccination program and there has been a good uptake from the industry. Jason encouraged those to take part in the program when they have the opportunity. <p>• Question – <i>How can we let recreational boaties know about Navy vessel visit?</i> Answer – Jason will investigate and get back to CRG members. VTS does communicate all shipping movements via Channel 16.</p> <p>General business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cruise ships • Question - <i>To what extent has the Port had involvement in cruise ships in the past, and what could be or is being done to accommodate them in the future?</i> Answer – Port of Mackay has hosted cruise ships in the past, and it is possible to bring smaller cruise ships into the Port of Mackay. NQBP have had discussions with Mackay Tourism to ensure potential proponents know Mackay's port is ready, willing and able to welcome cruise ships. Jason Britton – The first cruise ship since COVID-19 restrictions were implemented has recently departed Cairns – Caledonian Sky. Current rule is less than 100 people are allowed onboard. The focus on cruising is only within Australia at the moment. There is also a 	<p>ACTION – MSQ to investigate communication around Navy visit.</p>

	<p>growing market in white boats (private pleasure boats). Mackay does need the land-side cultural experiences to support the cruise ship visitors and MSQ has been discussing this with Mackay Tourism and Yuwi Aboriginal Corporation.</p> <p>Meeting closed 6.45pm.</p>	
7. Proposed next meeting date	<p>Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday 9 September 2021</p> <p>Discussion on future port tour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members would like a tour of the Port of Mackay. 	ACTION – Port tour to be organised.