

Mackay Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Thursday 11 November 2021 – VMR base, Mackay Harbour

Chair:

Chair NQBP Chief Executive Officer, Nicolas Fertin

Attendees:

<p>Community representatives Neale Proctor Edan Stolberg</p> <p>Yuwi Native Title Holder representative Deb Clark</p> <p>Recreational Group representatives Alison Jones Lindsay Richardson</p> <p>Business representatives Michael DePinto Geoff Berger</p> <p>Environmental representative Katrina Dent</p>	<p>Port Industry/PAG representatives Justin Durant – GAC Shipping Dave Mann (proxy) – Viva Energy</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council representative Cr Pauline Townsend</p> <p>NQBP representatives Tim Lewis Kevin Kane Emilie Power</p> <p>MSQ representative Jason Britton</p>
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Apologies: Brendan Webb, Simona Trimarchi, Charlie Morgan, Rachael Haycock, Glenn Anderson, Shane Hamilton, Elizabeth Warren and Neville Duncan

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting opened at 5.33pm • Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair NQBP Chief Executive Officer, Nicolas Fertin. • Deb Clark delivered the Welcome to Country to open the meeting. • An acknowledgement of Remembrance Day was also delivered with a minute's silence. • Formal apologies were received from Elizabeth Warren, Shane Hamilton, Brendan Webb, Simona Trimarchi, Charlie Morgan, Rachael Haycock, Glenn Anderson and Neville Duncan. • Dave Mann was welcomed as a proxy for Rachael Haycock. 	
2. Conflict of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around conflicts of interest was held. • Our Terms of Reference states that CRG members must disclose if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are a member, partner, or an employee of NQBP ○ Have some other specified interest relating to NQBP or their operations ○ Have a financial or vested interest in a matter being considered by the CRG • The Chair asked members to consider their own interests and to work with Emilie to update their forms to reflect their current conflicts and how they will be managed if need be. • The Chair suggested that the conflict of interest register be shared during each meeting to serve as a reminder and give members a chance to take appropriate action during the meeting. • No concerns were raised by any members. • No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting. 	ACTION – Emilie to contact members and update conflicts forms and register
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 an enquiry received around noise on the Southern Breakwater to be raised as part of General Business. • A resignation from the CRG has been received from Glenn Anderson, one of our port industry representatives. Unfortunately, Glenn is unable to be with us tonight for his last meeting, but we wish him well for his new role over in Western Australia and thank him for his contributions <p>Actions register update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Refer to Actions Items Register for further details. ○ Changes to the due dates on Action 4 and 5 were recorded. 	

4. NQBP update	<p>Presented by Chair and NQBP CEO Nicolas Fertin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder of NQBP’s Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic Themes was delivered. • An overview of 2021 global export data in steelmaking and electricity-making coal was outlined, including NQBP’s share of these exports. • An overview of how climate change is impacting NQBP functions and operations both directly and indirectly was shared. 	
5. NQBP trade and marine operations update	<p>Presented by Chair and NQBP CEO Nicolas Fertin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent activity of note at the Port of Mackay – 13 yachts were imported from Asia and were transferred to the Mackay Marina. These yachts were then transferred to the Whitsundays for the use in tourism. • Hoegh Autoliners have expanded their regular route to include the Port of Mackay as a port of load for the Hoegh Trooper v191. This means that mining equipment can be shipped direct from the Bowen Basin to Western Australia. • 2020-21 was a record year from breakbulk through the Port of Mackay 	
6. NQBP infrastructure and land operations update	<p>Presented by General Manager Infrastructure and Land Operations, Tim Lewis</p> <p><i>Port projects update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$8.5 million project tug berths project is progressing. Pile driving works have recently been completed. Floating pontoon and gangway will arrive at the Port over the next few weeks. An additional \$375,000 has been approved by the NQBP Board for two additional pilot boat berths. Expected completion early 2022. • \$1.7 million water network upgrade starts this month – aims to rectify issues with water pressure within the Port. Roebuck Civil has been awarded the contract. • Future projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wharf 5 upgrade, western access trestle will be replaced. \$4.2 million project, contract award is imminent. ○ Southern Breakwater – safety barrier replacement project has been delayed due to material supply issues. Will be undertaken in the early new year. ○ Fuel pipeline relocation – preliminary design has been completed. Detailed design expected early 2022 following further investigations and user workshops. • Outline was given on NQBP’s emergency management preparedness over the year. NQBP’s new emergency dashboard has been launched and is available at https://emergency.nqbp.com.au • CRG members were also given an overview of the national weather outlook for the next few months and were encouraged to put their own emergency management plans in place. 	

<p>7. Sustainability and environment update</p>	<p>Presented by Director Environment, Kevin Kane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fox detection searches were conducted in October in partnership with Mackay Regional Council. No dens were found. The European red fox threatens native species such as turtles and ground-nesting birds. • JCU internships have now closed and been awarded. Applications for our JCU scholarships are now open. Open to school leavers commencing their first year in a Bachelor of Marine Science at JCU. More information here: https://www.jcu.edu.au/scholarships-@-jcu/search/north-queensland-bulk-ports-marine-science-scholarship 	
<p>8. Community update</p>	<p>Presented by Community and Stakeholder Advisor Emilie Power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent media for NQBP at Mackay included NQBP's annual report results and a profile on marine pilots. • NQBP recently received a media enquiry around sand mining close to North Wall. While NQBP has reserve tenure of the land, the land and resource are owned by the State Government. The permits to extract and sell the sand are issued by Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. The conditions of the sales permit state they to comply with all regulatory requirements issued by the Department of Environment and Science who are responsible for the regulation of the activity. • Recent sponsorships and donations in the Mackay community included a Mackay Surf-Life Saving ski-paddling clinic with Clint Robison, LOTUS in Schools competition and a clean up of the Southern Breakwater with VMR and the Mackay Dive Club. • CRG members were provided with an outline of the CRG grants program process and criteria and were asked to submit ideas by 31 January 2022. • CRG members were encouraged to attend the end of year stakeholder event being held on Tuesday 23 November at the Breakwater Bar and Restaurant. <p>Community representative Edan Stolberg complimented the NQBP Maintenance team on their work at Mount Bassett.</p>	<p>ACTION – CRG members to submit grants ideas by 31 January 2022</p>
<p>9. General Business</p>	<p>Jason Britton, Regional Harbour Master, Maritime Safety Queensland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New standards for commercial operations have been introduced. • CRG members were encouraged to monitor Notice to Mariners – especially in relation to commercial activity and new buoy moorings installed at Hay Point. • Noticeable decrease in incidents between recreational vessels and ships entering/leaving Mackay Marina. 	<p>ACTION – RHM to look into larger 6 knots signs at Mackay Marina entrance</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question – It is very hard to see the 6 knot speed signs as you come into the Marina, as the signs are quite small. Are they able to be replaced with larger signs? • Answer – The signs are most likely standard TMR signs, but Jason will investigate this and see if larger signs can be installed. <p>Noise on Southern Breakwater – Lindsay Richardson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question - With the upgrade of the Southern Breakwater a few years ago, sound now echoes off the higher rock wall section and bounces back to the Marina residents. There have been instances of hooning late at night on the breakwater which significantly increases the noise levels. Whose jurisdiction is it to police this behaviour, and who owns the cameras on the breakwater? • Answer – The Southern Breakwater is owned by NQBP and we also own and operate the cameras. However, these are not speed cameras. They are primarily used to monitor safety and weather conditions. As the road on the Southern Breakwater is publicly accessible, the Queensland Police Service is responsible for enforcing speed limits and public behaviour. CRG members were encouraged to call QPS in the future if more incidents occur and to make note of the time and location. NQBP are able to supply QPS with footage from the cameras on request. <p>General business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested topics for future CRGs – the circular economy and how this fits within NQBP and the Port industry. <p>Meeting closed 6.58pm.</p>	
<p>10. Proposed next meeting date</p>	<p>Next Meeting to be scheduled for 2022.</p>	