

## Mackay Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.45pm Thursday 9 September 2021 – Mantra Mackay

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### Chair:

Chair NQBP Chief Executive Officer, Nicolas Fertin

### Attendees:

<p><b>Community representatives</b> Elizabeth Warren Neville Duncan Neale Proctor Shane Hamilton</p> <p><b>Yuwi Native Title Holder representative</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Recreational Group representatives</b> Alison Jones Lindsay Richardson</p> <p><b>Business representatives</b> Michael DePinto</p> <p><b>Environmental representative</b> Charlie Morgan</p>	<p><b>Port Industry/PAG representatives</b> Justin Durant – GAC Shipping Glenn Anderson - Chevron</p> <p><b>Mackay Regional Council representative</b> Cr Pauline Townsend</p> <p><b>NQBP representatives</b> Tim Lewis Kevin Kane Amanda Blines Emilie Power</p> <p><b>MSQ representative</b> Jason Britton</p>
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Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting opened at 5.55pm</li> <li>• Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair NQBP Chief Executive Officer, Nicolas Fertin.</li> <li>• An Acknowledgment of Country opened the meeting.</li> <li>• Formal apologies were received from Deb Clark, Geoff Berger, Brendan Webb, Simona Trimarchi, Katrina Dent, Rachael Haycock and Edan Stolberg.</li> </ul>	
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"> <li>• There was an enquiry received around car/boat/trailer parking at the Mackay Marina. NQBP are committed to working with stakeholders such as Mackay Regional Council in the shared effort to address demand for access to all-tide recreational fishing facilities in the region. However, NQBP is not able to support a car/trailer park expansion on vacant strategic port land near the Marina boat ramp. The land is earmarked to be used for future trade opportunities.</li> <li>• There was an enquiry received around improving tourism infrastructure around the Mackay Harbour which will be addressed as part of the CRG grants program update later in the meeting. Actions register update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Refer to Actions Items Register for further details.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussions around funding for the Ring Road Stage 2 and confirmation that modelling, and designs are currently underway.</li> <li>• Talisman Sabre (defence exercise) was completed successfully, and a letter of thanks was sent to all involved.</li> </ul>	
4. NQBP update	<p><b>Presented by Chair and NQBP CEO Nicolas Fertin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of NQBP's Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic Themes was provided.</li> <li>• An overview of NQBP's FY 2020-21 highlights including throughput totals was given.</li> <li>• NQBP's recent MOU signing for a feasibility study to export hydrogen from Hay Point discussed.</li> </ul>	

<p>5. NQBP trade and marine operations update</p>	<p><b>Presented by Chair and NQBP CEO Nicolas Fertin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade results for Mackay discussed.</li> <li>• 2020-21 saw massive growth – 70% for break bulk cargo at the Port of Mackay – from 68,138 tonnes in 2021-22 to a total of 164,449.</li> <li>• August was a record trade month for Mackay.</li> </ul>	
<p>6. NQBP infrastructure and land operations update</p>	<p><b>Presented by General Manager Infrastructure and Land Operations, Tim Lewis</b></p> <p><b>Port projects update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2.5 million Wharf 1 project is complete. Will allow facilitation of longer cargo.</li> <li>• \$8.5 million project tug berths project is progressing. Expected completion January 2022.</li> <li>• Mount Bassett landscaping has now been completed.</li> <li>• Future projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water network upgrade – aims to rectify issues with water pressure within the Port.</li> <li>• Fuel pipeline relocation.</li> <li>• Wharf 5 upgrade, western access trestle will be replaced.</li> <li>• Southern Breakwater – safety barrier replacement project will be undertaken in the next few months.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>7. Sustainability and environment update</p>	<p><b>Presented by Director Environment, Kevin Kane</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NQBP and James Cook University (JCU) are conducting biodiversity assessments around NQBP ports. This will enable us to understand the value that port infrastructure provides. For example, how artificial habitats add to regional ecosystems and compare with natural local habitats.</li> <li>• Research underpins a larger biodiversity assessment of port infrastructure being completed in partnership with DBI, BMA and JCU.</li> </ul>	
<p>8. Community update</p>	<p><b>Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relations, Amanda Blines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 10,000 steps project is now complete. Thanks to the CRG members who took part in the unveiling. Aluminium signs have also been installed in addition to the floor stickers to ensure longevity.</li> <li>• Recent media for NQBP at Mackay and Hay Point included the MOU hydrogen announcement, 10,000 steps project and the Wharf 1 completion.</li> <li>• In 2020-21, NQBP has granted more than \$110,000 to 40 initiatives across its four port communities.</li> <li>• Major sponsorships included Mackay Marina Run, Mackay Tourism Visitors Guide and NAIDOC Week.</li> </ul>	<p>ACTION – CRG grants details to be sent to CRG members.</p> <p>ACTION – Send Wharf 1 video link to members.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than \$1.2 million has been invested in this Port Communities Program over the last ten years.</li> <li>• CRG members were provided an outline of the CRG grants program. More information will be sent to CRG members before the next meeting so that members can nominate projects to be considered.</li> </ul>	
9. General Business	<p><b>Jason Britton, Regional Harbour Master, Maritime Safety Queensland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-agency response to deceased birds recently found within the Mackay marina area. There was no oil spill at the Port of Mackay. Investigations continue into the cause.</li> <li>• There have been several safety concerns raised recently around recreational vessel and ship interaction at the Port. MSQ, NQBP and the tug providers Smit Lamnalco are working on an education program for boaties to encourage safe behaviour. Pilots have been using the ship's horns more frequently coming into and out of port if they need to send a warning to recreational vessels in their path. The pilot vessel will now have the ability to operate the traffic lights so they will be turned on and off in real time. Jason encouraged members to spread the safe boating message to their contacts.</li> <li>• Jason encouraged CRG members to consider having their COVID-19 vaccinations and seek advice from their GPs.</li> </ul> <p><b>General business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested topics for future CRGs - Climate change mitigation/adaptation and environmental monitoring.</li> <li>• Discussions around ship numbers at the Port of Mackay and Port of Hay Point. QSHIPS website is an MSQ website which lists all shipping movements for Queensland.</li> <li>• R U OK Day is today, Thursday 9 September and Nicolas asked CRG members to reflect on how their families, neighbours etc are faring in these times and to reach out to them.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting closed 7.10pm.</p>	ACTION – QSHIPS link to be sent to CRG members
10. Proposed next meeting date	<b>Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday 11 November 2021 – location to be advised.</b>	