

Mackay Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.15pm Thursday 18 July 2024 – Volunteer Marine Rescue Base

Chair:

Chair NQBP Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Webb

Attendees:

<p>Community representatives Neville Duncan Edan Stolberg Neale Proctor</p> <p>Yuwi Native Title Holder representative N/A</p> <p>Recreational Group representative Alison Jones</p> <p>Business representatives Michael DePinto Maree Sturdy</p> <p>Environmental representative Katrina Dent Steve Fisher</p>	<p>Port Industry/PAG representatives Rachael Haycock – Viva Energy (Online)</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council representative N/A</p> <p>NQBP representatives Darren Brownsey Emilie Power Nick McDougall Kev Kane</p> <p>MSQ representative N/A</p> <p>Guests Anjali Avgeris- Senior Advisor Business and Engagement – Bowen Wharf</p>
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Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting opened at 5.12pm • Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair NQBP Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Webb. • Acknowledgement Country to open the meeting. • Guests welcomed – Anjali Avgeris NQBP • Apologies recorded from Elizabeth Warren, Aaron Wood, Tim Lewis, Jason Sweetman, Wayne Tonga – Daltugs, Aaron Wood – Smit Lamnalco, Patricia Corrie, Lindsay Richarson, Shane Hamilton 	
2. Disclosures of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members have disclosed their interests. • The register was presented, giving members the opportunity to manage appropriately. • Katrina Dent raised a potential conflict with DTMR as her husband is an employee. 	
3. CRG Correspondence, Questions and Actions Register	<p>Actions register update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some actions still outstanding but all are in various stages of progression. Will remain on register until completed. Refer to Actions Items Register for further details. • Action 5, 6,7, 8 will be addressed in tonight's presentation. • Action 10, Invite Stella Maris to present at a future CRG meeting, scheduled for the November meeting. 	<p>ACTION: NQBP to request a written update from DTMR on the Mackay Ring Road.</p> <p>ACTION: NQBP to provide update on Port Access Road/ Mackay Ring Road at the November meeting.</p>
4. NQBP update	<p>Presented by Chair and NQBP CEO Brendan Webb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRG updated on NQBP's new values, Care, Connection, Courage and Curiosity. • NQBP's Vision and Mission outlined. • Stakeholder survey results provided. 	

<p>5. NQBP trade update</p>	<p>Presented by General Manager Commercial and Maritime Services - Darren Brownsey</p> <p>Trade update Update on Port of Hay Point and Port of Mackay trade statistics provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mackay on track for another strong year of ~3.6 MT. • Driven by strong grain and sugar exports. • Hay Point 86mt YTD across HPCT and DBCT, with HPCT tracking lower than previous years. <p><i>Question (ND) – Why do the RORO vessels not come into Mackay anymore?</i> Response – Due do a number of reasons including post-COVID issues, internal issues within the shipping company, global issues – decision was made to rationalise number of routes with Mackay take off the route.</p> <p><i>Question (ND) – Why didn't the Clarke Creek wind farms come through Mackay?</i> Response – There was consideration between Gladstone and Mackay however Gladstone was preferred by TMR due to road & bridge access, port offering was comparable.</p> <p>Cruise ships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mackay Isaac Tourism (MIT) continues to lead a cruise ship working group. NQBP provided MIT with a grant (\$10k) to assist with engagement of expert consultants. • Aim: Assess feasibility of cruise ships for the Mackay Region and if feasible develop a long-term strategy. • NQBP has provided input into the draft strategy. • POM does have some limitations. • Final draft of strategy to be completed soon. • NQBP will be hosting a tour of the Port of Mackay several cruise operators to highlight the benefits of using the port as the cruise ship destination. 	
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<p>6. NQBP infrastructure update /</p>	<p>Presented by Senior Manager Sustainability and Environment Kevin Kane</p> <p>North Wall improvement project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1M investment to improve recreational area. Supports continued community access and protection of environmental values. • Key stakeholders – Yuwi Traditional Owners, Mackay and District Turtle Watch and CRG members. • Layout being finalised. • Project (including construction) to be completed by early 2025. • Community survey completed and feedback reviewed. • 60 responses received. • CRG discussed the plan for toilets at North Wall, with differing opinions both for and against. Brendan Webb advised that the final design had not been completed and NQBP are working through the car parking and toilets. It was asked if NQBP would consider implementing the toilets in a second stage once the initial car park construction had been completed and Brendan said he would take this on notice and investigate. As well as and investigating security measures to manage afterhours access and behaviours. <p>Port of Mackay roads project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4 million in a package of road works. • Five (5) roads both within and outside the port secure area are being resurfaced. • Inside the port: Ken White Avenue, George Bell Drive and Hamilton Drive • Outside the port: Edmund Casey Drive and Spiller Avenue • Local Mackay-based companies RPQ Mackay and Boral Resources (QLD) were awarded construction contracts. <p>Wharf 1 extension study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP has commissioned consultants to review extension of Wharf 1. Aim to improve capabilities to handle wind blades, containers and specialised project cargo. • Wind, solar and pumped hydro are key sources of renewable energy recognised in Queensland’s renewable energy plan. • Port of Mackay will play a significant role in servicing the large renewable energy projects in the region. • Study is progressing, aiming to complete by late 2024. • Project delivery planned over 3- 4 years, once approvals received to proceed. 	<p>ACTION – NQBP to investigate options for toilets at North Wall. As well as and investigating security measures to manage afterhours access and behaviours.</p>
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	<p>Other port projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inner Northern Breakwater rehabilitation is progressing. • Middle Breakwater common user pipeline support replacement, tender awarded with site works to commence soon. <p>Southern Breakwater review update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline of review and associated works provided to CRG with cost estimates. • First draft of noise monitoring report has been completed by consultants, NQBP is currently reviewing the draft report. • Road safety audit is also complete. • Procurement underway for the AI camera installation. • Traffic engineering assessment procurement is underway and complaints review is ongoing. <p><i>Question (ES) - Slide 25 is a good breakdown of the time and investment NQBP has completed on this project so far. Can this be shared publicly?</i></p> <p>Response – Yes, when the CRG minutes and presentations are made live on the website, we encourage CRG members to share these with interested community members.</p> <p>Hay Point maintenance dredging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP is undertaking maintenance dredging at the Port of Hay Point and Half Tide Tug Harbour in August/September 2024. • The relevant permits are in place. • NQBP will also undertake maintenance at the public boat ramp on behalf of TMR (asset owner). • Temporary short-term closures of the public boat ramp will be required. <p>Port Land Use Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Master Plan for the priority ports of Hay Point/Mackay and Abbot Point were adopted in late 2023. • NQBP is now drafting new Land Use Plans for each Port – these must be consistent with the Master Plan and port overlays. • Land Use Plans are developed in accordance with the process set by the <i>Transport Infrastructure Act 1994</i> and require Ministerial Approval. • There will be two rounds of community consultation as part of the Land Use Plan 	<p>ACTION: NQBP to present the findings of the Noise Monitoring Study at November CRG meeting.</p>
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	<p>development, one during the development of Statement of Proposals, and another on the Draft Land Use Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP is currently preparing the Statement of Proposal documents and will seek public comment in late 2024. • The whole process is expected to take around two years to complete (final Land Use Plans expected in 2026). 	
<p>7. NQBP Sustainability Environment Update</p>	<p>Presented by Senior Manager Sustainability and Environment Kevin Kane</p> <p>Shoreline Erosion Management Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender awarded to Alluvium Consulting Australia. • Extensive experience developing SEMP's for Mackay Regional Council. • First site visit held today Thursday 18 July. • Invite extended to CRG members with thanks to those who attended. • SEMP development will include community engagement component – steering committee to be established involving Yuwi Traditional Owners, MDTW and CRG members. <p>Habitat reef modules deployment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reef Catchments deployed 30 Habitat Reef (HR) modules in Mackay's coastal waters. • Aim to restore fish habitats, providing foundation for vibrant and diverse reef communities. 	
<p>8. Community update</p>	<p>Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relationship Emilie Power</p> <p>NQBP Sponsorships and Donations Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for announcement of next round of Community Fund underway. • \$100k in funding will be available. • Increase of funds from previous years (\$60k). • Target is non-profit groups & organisations. • Extensive marketing campaign to be rolled out. • The Hay Point CRG has requested NQBP to investigate reinstating CRG community funding allocation, this would also be offered to the Mackay CRG if reinstated. 	<p>ACTION: NQBP to investigate CRG community funding allocation</p>

	<p><i>Question (AJ): Would the CRG allocation come out of the 100K Community fund?</i> Response: The CRG allocation will be investigated however initial thought would be no.</p> <p>Corporate sponsorships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Industry Network 2024 corporate partnership • Stella Maris Seafarers support • 2024 Mackay Marina Run <p>Upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Coast to Mackay Yacht Race • Mackay Road Runners Magic Mile • Variety Bash <p>Media coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent media coverage for NQBP included <p>Welcome New CRG Member - Mackay and District Turtle Watch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Fisher gave an update on the work and importance of Mackay and District Turtle Watch. 	
<p>9. General Business</p>	<p>Maree Sturdy – Provided an update from Mackay Regional Chamber of Commerce. Encouraged members to consider sponsorship of upcoming business awards, and promotion of Orange Sky.</p> <p>Question (MDP) – Could you please investigate location of dog bag dispensers at North Wall beach, can be hard to see. Response – NQBP Maintenance team will investigate and address.</p> <p>Comment (NP) – Thank you to NQBP Pilotage team for recent experience on bulk carrier into the Port of Mackay.</p> <p>Meeting closed 7.25pm.</p>	<p>ACTION – NQBP to address dog bag dispenser location at North Wall.</p>
<p>10. Next meeting date</p>	<p>Next meeting is Thursday 7 November 2024.</p>	

