

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Wednesday 8 September 2021 – Meeting held at Hector Hall, Louisa Creek

Chair:

Chair NQBP CEO, Nicolas Fertin

Attendees:

<p>Community Representatives Marilyn Maher Tom Andrews Catherine Fredericks Tom Liddell Kerry Flynn Peter Douglass</p> <p>Business Representative Judy Langdon</p> <p>Environmental Representatives Katrina Dent</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council Representative Cr Karen May</p>	<p>Port Industry Representatives DBI – Peter Wotherspoon DBCT - Steve Rae BMA – Crispian Mallise</p> <p>NQBP Representatives Nicolas Fertin Brendan Webb John Hinschen Odette Langham Amanda Blines Lorelei van Dalen</p> <p>MSQ Representative Jason Britton</p> <p>Invited Guests N/A</p> <p>Yuwi Native Title Holder Representative N/A</p>
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Apologies: Tim Lewis, Kevin Kane, Simona Trimarchi, Christopher Schloss, Geoff Berger, Charlie Morgan, Gareth Large, George Stace, Katie Evetts

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting opened at 5.31pm. Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair NQBP CEO, Nicolas Fertin. An acknowledgment of Country from Nicolas. Formal apologies were received from Tim Lewis, Kevin Kane, Simona Trimarchi, Christopher Schloss, Geoff Berger, Charlie Morgan, Gareth Large, George Stace, Katie Evetts. 	
2. Conflict of interest	No conflicts of interest raised.	
3. CRG Correspondence, Questions and Actions Register	<p>We received the following enquiries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRG Member Enquiry 1 – Issue – Road vehicle counters Question received - Have under road vehicle counters been placed on the southern side of Hay Point Road either side of Bensons Road turnoff? <i>NQBP response - As this is a State Controlled Road (managed by DTMR) we have put this query to DTMR's District Office and have advised the CRG member that we will report back to them on this item once we know more.</i> <p>Actions Register Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Action Items Register for further details. Chair, Nicolas Fertin thanked DBCT for providing a tour for CRG members on 7 September and advised a tour of BMA's terminal would be arranged in the future. MSQ's Regional Harbour Master, Jason Britton provided an update on fishing vessels and exclusion zones and confirmation that MSQ is working with all parties to address the matter and install signage. MSQ is also investigating the concept of a boat ramp at Louisa Creek; a working group will be organised for the potential project. <p>Comment – Need to consider long term. Eventually Louisa Creek will be part of port land. What about when residents are gone. Also need to consider tides. <i>Response – MSQ has acted on the request of a stakeholder. We have explored it and costed it but there is a lot to work through. It needs a more robust discussion to explore the concept further.</i></p>	ACTION – reopen Action Item 6 – MSQ to provide update at November meeting.
4. NQBP Overview	<p>Presented by CEO (Chair), Nicolas Fertin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of NQBP's Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic Themes was provided. An overview of NQBP's FY 2020-21 highlights including throughput totals was given. NQBP's recent MoU signing for a feasibility study to export hydrogen from Hay Point was discussed. 	

	<p>Question – How is the financial contribution information worked out; what about rail? <i>Response – The tonnage is multiplied by the value of the product.</i> Discussion regarding the recent hydrogen announcement and confirmation that it would be green hydrogen. NQBP and DBI will keep the CRG informed as feasibility studies progress.</p>	
5. NQBP Trade and Marine Operations	<p>Presented by General Manager Trade and Marine Operations, Brendan Webb Trade update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade results for Port of Hay Point discussed. 	
6. NQBP Infrastructure and Land Operations	<p>Presented by Senior Manager Asset Services, John Hinschen Maintenance and projects update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 NQBP-owned properties are identified for demolition; works to be tendered in coming months. Potential for additional properties to be included in works, pending future inspections and/or tenancies. Physical works to commence at end of 2021 or early 2022, weather permitting. Louisa Creek residents will be kept informed of the works via letterbox drop and CRG meetings. <p>Question – How often are NQBP rental properties inspected? <i>Response – I understand it is approximately every 6 months, but we will confirm this with our Property team and report back to the CRG.</i> Comment – Some residents believe the houses NQBP purchases should not be let out – they would prefer they were demolished straight away.</p>	ACTION – NQBP to confirm timing of inspections of NQBP rental properties and provide further detail regarding demolition policy at November meeting.
7. Environmental Update	<p>Presented by Principal Environmental Advisor, Odette Langham Biodiversity assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Research underpins a larger biodiversity assessment of port infrastructure being completed in partnership with DBCT, BMA and JCU. 	
8. Community update	<p>Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relations, Amanda Blines Media report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent media coverage included the announcement regarding NQBP entering a Memorandum of Understanding with global and local partners, ITOCHU Corporation, 	ACTION - CRG grant information to be provided to members ahead of

	<p>Dalrymple Bay Infrastructure Limited and Brookfield Asset Management Inc., for a feasibility study on green hydrogen production and development of a supply chain at the Port of Hay Point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2020-21, NQBP has granted more than \$110,000 to 40 initiatives across its four port communities. • More than \$1.2 million has been invested in this Port Communities Program over the last ten years. • Sponsorships included Alligator Creek State School's Learn-to-Swim program, 2021 Sarina Beach Coconut Festival, Hector Hall sporting equipment, Sarina State High School Awards Evening • An outline of the CRG grants program was provided. More information will be sent to CRG members before the next meeting so they can nominate projects for consideration. 	<p>next meeting.</p>
<p>9. General Business</p>	<p>MSQ's Regional Harbour Master, Jason Britton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 seafarer movements. All personnel conduct operations with a COVID safe attitude. • Thank you to Stella Maris for continuing to provide seafarer welfare packs. • MSQ has introduced speed limits to address issue of speeding vessels in area, with improvements realised over last 18 months. • Jason encouraged CRG members to consider having their COVID-19 vaccinations and seek advice from their GPs. <p>Question – Does a pilot wear PPE (mask, etc.) when they board ships, etc. Response – NQBP employs pilots and ensures they comply to COVID safety measures. NQBP maintains a proactive approach to safety.</p> <p>BMA representative, Crispian Mallise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMA will work with NQBP to arrange a tour of Hay Point terminal ahead of the November CRG meeting. • Shutdowns are planned for shiploaders, dump stations, etc over next few months, ahead of SABR project (March 2022). • Currently experiencing increased site traffic/parking. • SABR project – expected to mobilise on site in November. Shutdown to commence in March 2022 and conclude in August 2023. Equipment will come by water. All equipment manufactured in Australia. Wide loads can be expected over coming months as bucket wheels are transported to site. • In recognition of R U OK Day, the R U OK logo has been placed on bucket wheel, which is visible to public via Hay Point Road. 	<p>ACTION – NQBP to arrange tour of BMA terminal.</p>

	<p>DBCT representative, Steve Rae No further updates</p> <p>DBI representative, Peter Wotherspoon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8x Expansion – Currently in the middle of feasibility study. Ends mid-2022. <p>General business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Flynn congratulated NQBP on the successful management of the recent wide load issue. <i>Comment (Peter Wotherspoon, DBI) - a long-term solution for wide load movements is still to be identified. A working group will be developed to assist in this process.</i> There are comments on social media regarding contractors committing traffic offences. <i>Response - this issue should be raised with QPS. NQBP will invite a local QPS representative to attend the next meeting to discuss this issue.</i> Half Tide Salonika Beach Progress Association AGM will be held on Saturday 19 September. Preparations are well underway for the 2022 Half Tide ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Concern regarding dumped waste from concrete trucks on Hay Point Road <i>Response (Councillor Karen May) – I will have Council investigate this matter.</i> Councillor Karen May advised that Council has decided not to remove the Louisa Creek public toilets. Planning is underway for the refurbishment/replacement of the toilets. Timing for project is yet to be confirmed. <p>Question – are the vacant Louisa Creek homes able to be relocated. <i>Response – due to their condition, the homes have been identified for demolition. We do not believe they would be suitable for removal; however, we will investigate this further and confirm at the next meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marilyn Maher thanked NQBP for supporting the installation of the new basketball and netball hoops. <p>Meeting closed at 7.09pm. Next meeting will be held on 10 November 2021.</p>	<p>ACTION – NQBP to invite local QPS representative to November meeting to discuss road safety issues.</p> <p>ACTION – Mackay Regional Council to investigate dumping of waste on Hay Point Road.</p> <p>ACTION – NQBP to confirm if any of the current vacant houses can be removed instead of demolished.</p>
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