

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5pm Wednesday 8 March 2023 – Meeting held at Hay Point VTS Administration Building

Chair:

Chair NQBP Acting CEO, Belinda Kenny

Attendees:

<p>Community Representatives Marilyn Maher Kerry Flynn Peter Douglass Cathy Fredericks Tom Andrews Tom Liddell</p> <p>Business Representative Maree Sturdy Judy Langdon</p> <p>Environmental Representatives -</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council Representative Cr Karen May</p>	<p>Port Industry Representatives DBI – Peter Wotherspoon BMA - Crispian Mallise BMA – Gareth Large</p> <p>NQBP Representatives Belinda Kenny Tim Lewis Kev Kane Lorelei van Dalen</p> <p>MSQ Representative Jason Britton</p> <p>Invited Guests N/A</p> <p>Yuwi Native Title Holder Representative -</p>
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Apologies: Steve Rae, George Stace, Katrina Dent, Christopher Schloss, Katie Evetts, Yuwi representative

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting opened at 5pm Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair/NQBP Acting CEO, Belinda Kenny. An acknowledgment of Country was provided by Belinda. Apologies were received from Steve Rae, George Stace, Katrina Dent, Christopher Schloss, Katie Evetts. Belinda introduced herself to the CRG and provided a background on her career. 	
2. Disclosure of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion around disclosure of interest was held and Disclosure of Interest register reviewed. No concerns were raised. No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting. 	
3. CRG Correspondence, Questions and Actions Register	<p>No correspondence received.</p> <p>Actions Register Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Action Items Register for further details. 	
4. NQBP Update	<p>Presented by Acting CEO (Chair), Belinda Kenny</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of NQBP's Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic Themes was provided. An overview of recent Frontier Unity response was provided, with recognition of the collaborative efforts of MSQ, NQBP personnel, BMA, and other port stakeholders. A brief update on the priority port master planning public consultation for the North Queensland ports of Hay Point/Mackay and Abbot Point was provided. A summary of recent recruitment was given. <p>Comment - Jason Britton (MSQ representative) provided further information on MSQ's Frontier Unity response including lessons learned and thanked NQBP and others involved for their support.</p>	
5. NQBP Trade Update	<p>Presented by General Manager Infrastructure, Tim Lewis on behalf of General Manager Commercial, Darren Brownsey</p> <p>Trade update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total throughput for Port of Hay Point was ~56.3 million tonnes (Mt) for the financial year to date as at 31 January 2023. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 2023 throughput was ~7Mt – 19% below budget for the month. • Cyclone Ellie caused major disruptions to the coal supply chain during the period. • Demand for Australian coal may increase with recent easing of China’s informal ban but not at volumes seen before trade dispute. • Latest trade data is also available on NQBP website. • Major milestone for Hay Point shipping also recognised – 30-year anniversary of Dynamic Under Keel Clearance (DUKCC®) at Port of Hay Point. • DUKCC® calculates the under-keel clearance of each ship in real-time as it transits through a channel, using ship modelling and real-time tidal information. • Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increased sailing drafts and sailing windows while reducing navigational risk. A deeper draft equals more coal on each vessel; ○ Prevented groundings; and ○ Reduced dredging, fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions. 	
<p>6. NQBP Infrastructure Update</p>	<p>Presented by General Manager Infrastructure, Tim Lewis <i>Maintenance and projects update</i> Half Tide Tug Harbour cyclone mooring works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jetty strengthening and additional tug cyclone mooring infrastructure installed. • Three mooring buoys, blocks and chain installed for two line boats. • Project coordinated in close consultation with Hay Point towage and terminal operators. <p>Hay Point Admin Building public lookout signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to replace aged information signage planned for Mar/Apr 	
<p>7. Sustainability and Environment Update</p>	<p>Presented by Acting Senior Manager Sustainability & Environment, Kevin Kane NQBP’s 2023 Environment interns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two JCU Bachelor of Marine Science students recently gained real-world experience at NQBP’s Hay Point, Mackay and Abbot Point ports. • Opportunity offered to future marine scientists each year through partnership with JCU and TropWATER Centre. <p>Seagrass restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JCU TropWATER scientists, NQBP, and Ports North leading one of Australia’s most promising seagrass restoration projects. • To research ways to restore key tropical seagrass species and design tool for coastal 	

	<p>managers to rapidly restore seagrass meadows in high-priority areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four-year project. • Also funded by Federal Government Australian Research Council. <p>Question - Where is seagrass? Response - offshore from the ports. Locations change each year. There are also a couple of inshore grass areas.</p>	
<p>8. Community update</p>	<p>Presented by Community & Stakeholder Advisor, Lorelei van Dalen</p> <p>CRG survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the survey results was provided. <p>NQBP Sponsorships and Donations Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great response to inaugural year of NQBP Community Fund – 56 applications received with 9 initiatives supported. • Strong alignment with NQBP’s values of Excellence, Unity, Respect, and Integrity. • Sarina State School a 2022-23 recipient - \$9.5k sponsorship provided to support purchase of school science kits. • 2023-24 Community Fund to open Apr/May. • Stella Maris also recently supported; NQBP, DBCT and BMA provided funding for purchase of new 22-seater bus. • NQBP’s 2022-23 corporate sponsorships to date include Alligator Creek State School’s Learn-to-Swim program (held late 2022) and 2023 Cruisin’ the Coast Fun Run (to be held on 21 May). <p>Media coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent media coverage for NQBP included the launch of the NQBP/JCU marine science scholarships, the announcement of NQBP Community Fund recipients, and the recruitment of horticulture apprentices and trainee. <p>Comment – Peter Douglass thanked NQBP and Dalrymple Bay Infrastructure (DBI) for their recent sponsorship of Sarina State High School’s science/physics kits and presented a certificate of thanks to both NQBP and DBI on the school’s behalf. A certificate of thanks was also presented to NQBP for its support of Sarina State school’s purchase of science/physics kits through its 2022-23 Community Fund.</p> <p>Comment – Tom Andrews encouraged members to attend the Half Tide ANZAC Day Dawn Service.</p>	

	<p>The event will acknowledge local community members and ex-servicemen, Lee Gallagher and Bill Cooke, who sadly passed over the last year. Both Lee and Bill were long-standing supporters of the Half Tide Radio Shack and Memorial Wall. The ceremony will include the unveiling of two plaques in memory of Lee and Bill.</p>	
<p>9. General Business</p>	<p>BMA representative, Crispian Mallise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works in berths have continued over last few months. • Crispian announced his resignation and advised that a new BMA representative would be advised soon. <p>Comment – CEO/Chair, Belinda Kenny, thanked Crispian for his contribution to the CRG and wished him well.</p> <p>DBI representative, Peter Wotherspoon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assessment for 8X Expansion completed. • More capacity modelling determined proposed scope would produce a greater throughput than anticipated. • Environmental approvals obtained. • Descoped project to reduce works. • Project still some time off from commencing – likely mid-2024. • Soon to commence Shiploader 1 and stacker reclaimer replacement design works. <p>MSQ representative, Jason Britton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed local vessel incidents that occurred during recent floods. • MSQ has increased on-water presence to enhance safety management. • New directional light was recently installed at Half Tide Tug Harbour. <p>Comment – concerns regarding recent misuse of Half Tide Tug Harbour and impact on other users and the condition of ramp (rocks and oysters). <i>Response - MSQ will look into the compliance issue and NQBP will investigate the condition of the ramp and undertake any necessary maintenance.</i></p> <p>Comment – concerns/dissatisfaction with TMR master planning meetings held at Louisa Creek. More attention is needed regarding ongoing road safety issues on Hay Point Road. Comment – illegal dumping continues to be an issue in Louisa Creek. <i>Response – CRG members were reminded to contact NQBP with any concerns regarding illegal dumping on NQBP land. For other areas not owned by NQBP, members should contact Council.</i></p>	<p>ACTION – MSQ to look at compliance issue within Half Tide Tug Harbour and NQBP to investigate condition of ramp</p>

	<p>Comment – Cr Karen May – Council has agreed to rename/correct the spelling of ‘McCarthy Street’ to ‘MacCarthy Street’.</p> <p>Comment – residents of street will be impacted – will be required to update their address with service providers. Council will also need to update emergency services.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 6.32pm. Next meeting to be held on 12 July 2023.</p>	
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