

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5pm Tuesday 14 July 2026 – Meeting held at Hay Point Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Administration Building

Chair:

Chair NQBP Senior Advisor Community Relationships, Emilie Power

Attendees:

Community Representatives Kerry Flynn Peter Dallas Tony Heath Stephen Schaper Tom Liddell Jeff Riddel	Mackay Regional Council Representative Cr Karen May
Business Representatives Maree Sturdy – Chamber of Commerce	Port Industry Representatives Dalrymple Bay Infrastructure – Peter Wotherspoon BHP Mitsubishi Alliance – Brett Ross DBCT – Steve Rae
Environmental Representatives Martin Griffin – Mackay Conservation Group	NQBP Representatives General Manager Infrastructure and Operations Tim Lewis Senior Manager Environment & Sustainability Renee McGlashan Senior Advisor Community Relationships Emilie Power Community Relationship Advisor Ange Julian
	Maritime Safety Queensland Representative Craig Longmuir, Regional Harbour Master
	Yuwi Native Title Holder Representative N/A
	Guests N/A

Apologies: Brendan Webb, Darren Brownsey, Yuwi representative Madeline Jones, Imogen Lindenberg, David Mifsud, Darryl Townson, Marilyn Maher, Cathy Fredericks.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Acknowledgment of Country, Meeting open, agenda	- Meeting opened at 5.00pm - Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair/NQBP Senior Advisor Community Relationships Emilie Power - An Acknowledgment of Country was provided by Emilie	
2. Welcome and introductions	Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relationships (Chair), Emilie Power - Welcome to NQBP's Renee McGlashan and Martin Griffin, proxy for Imogen Lindenberg, Mackay Conservation Group. - Apologies recorded from Brendan Webb, Darren Brownsey, Imogen Lindenberg and David Mifsud, Darryl Townson, Marilyn Maher, Cathy Fredericks.	
3. Conflict of interest	Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relationships (Chair), Emilie Power - No concerns were raised. - No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting.	
4. Actions Register	Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relationships (Chair), Emilie Power Actions Register - All but one action has been closed. - Outstanding action – circulation of coastal assessment report by BMA.	
5. NQBP Infrastructure and Operations	Presented by General Manager Infrastructure and Operations, Tim Lewis Half Tide public access - Additional temporary pedestrian fishing access and car and boat trailer parking at Half Tide are now complete. - NQBP thanked CRG members for their support in delivering the improvements. - The condition of the temporary parking surface was discussed. Minor maintenance will be carried out as required, however no major works are currently planned.	Action – NQBP to review the previous Alluvium report to confirm the recommendations relating to groyne height and design.

	Half Tide Tug Harbour repair works • Contract award is underway, with repair works expected to commence later in 2026. • Works will include use of the public boat ramp at times for construction activities. • Any impacts to public access will be communicated ahead of the works. Hay Point and Louisa Creek Maintenance • Routine maintenance continues at Hay Point and Louisa Creek. • Works are carried out by NQBP's internal team, with contractor support where required. • Mowing schedule confirmed as approximately every two weeks during peak growth season and every four weeks during the low growth season. VTs Administration Building roof replacement • Roof replacement works remain on track for completion before the 2026 cyclone season. • Temporary disruption to the public lookout and car park may be required during construction, with community notifications to be provided if required. Maintenance update • Half Tide MOF maintenance works, and annual groyne maintenance have been completed. • Ongoing monitoring of the groynes will continue, with maintenance undertaken as required. • A land management plan for Louisa Creek and a targeted weed management plan for the former caravan park site are being developed. Comment – Peter Dallas – Raised concerns regarding the height and performance of the Half Tide groynes and referred to Alluvium report recommendations. Response – <i>NQBP advised the groynes are performing as intended and committed to reviewing the Alluvium report to confirm the recommendations.</i> Comment – Members – Requested additional gravel along sections of the new temporary parking area and the access road to improve pedestrian access.	Action – NQBP to investigate management options for African Tulip trees along Horyu Maru Drive.
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6. NQBP Commercial and Maritime Services	Presented by General Manager Infrastructure and Operations, Tim Lewis Container Depot & RORO • Construction is progressing, with completion expected around September/October 2026. • Strong customer interest has been received, including demand for refrigerated containers. • The Höegh Australis RORO vessel is scheduled to visit the Port of Mackay in August. Question – Cr Karen May – Asked whether customers are waiting to use the container depot. Response – <i>Strong interest has been received, with customers waiting for the facility to become operational before finalising commitments.</i> Accelerating Fuel Infrastructure Program • The Ports of Mackay and Abbot Point have been included in the Queensland Government's Accelerating Fuel Infrastructure Program. • Record fuel volumes were recently moved through the Port of Mackay. Vessel Maintenance Facility • Procurement is underway to identify a long-term operator for the Port of Mackay Vessel Maintenance Facility. • The facility would support vessels servicing Mackay, Hay Point and Abbot Point, including tugs, commercial fishing, tourism and superyachts. Question – Cr Karen May – Asked whether the facility would include tug maintenance. Response – <i>NQBP confirmed tug maintenance is a key driver for the proposed facility.</i>	
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7. NQBP Environment update	Presented by Senior Manager Environment & Sustainability Renee McGlashan Half Tide and Hay Point beaches • Six-monthly groyne inspections continue as part of the ongoing monitoring program. • BMA advised the Alluvium's additional report hasn't been finalised, with an update to be provided at a meeting with CRG members to be scheduled. Question – Peter Dallas – Asked whether Alluvium had been provided with all information and community feedback relating to previous expansion projects. Peter expressed an interest in providing additional information for consideration. Response – <i>BMA confirmed Alluvium has been provided with all the available information. Requested that Peter emails through any additional information as soon as possible.</i>	Action – Peter Dallas to email additional information to BMA for consideration in updated Alluvium report.
8. Community update	Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relationship, Emilie Power Recent sponsorships and donations • Recent sponsorship and donation recipients include 2026 Cruisin the Coast 5km Beach Run, 2026 Sarina Show Reptile Display, 2026 Mackay Art Society, 2026 Mackay Marina Run. Community Fund Update • Recipients were announced at NQBP's recognition event in June 2026. • 13 organisations across Mackay, Hay Point, Bowen and Weipa shared in \$100,000. • Funding will support initiatives focused on youth engagement, mental health awareness, environmental education, accessibility and community participation. • This year's program attracted the strongest response ever with 84 applications. CRG Sponsorship Allocation • CRG members have an annual allocation of \$5,000 for community donations and sponsorships. • The 2025-26 recipient was Mackay Redbacks Inline Hockey Club. • Nominations for the 2026-27 sponsorship will open in November.	

	Facility Access - NQBP has launched a new Facility Access page on its website providing real-time updates on the status of ports and community facilities. - The page provides a single source of information on access impacts resulting from weather, operational activity and maintenance works.	
9. General Business	DBI – Peter Wotherspoon - The heavy lift vessel is expected to arrive in September/October 2026. BMA – Brett Ross - No update provided MSQ – Craig Longmuir - Work underway to establish a port welfare committee for Mackay/Hay Point in partnership with BMA, DBCT and Stella Maris. - Pilotage safety initiatives and derelict vessel removals continue across the region. CR – Kerry Flynn - Wide load text alerts appreciated, early morning timing effective. DBCT - Steve Rae - Steve advised his retiring from DBCT towards the end of the year. Steve was thanked for his time and commitment to the CRG during his time. General business: - Security arrangements for the future container depot were discussed. Security measures will increase in line with port requirements. - Kerry Flynn advised a formal request to review the Hay Point Road speed limit would need to be submitted to the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Cr Karen May will submit a request to Mackay Regional Council supporting a formal speed limit review. - Members requested a steel staircase with handrails near the Tug Harbour gate. - There are no current plans to progress the DBCT 9X expansion project.	Action – Cr Karen May to submit request for formal speed limit review of Hay Point Road.

10.	Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 17 November 2026	
11.	Meeting closed at 6.17pm	