

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Wednesday 10 November 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</p> <p>Environmental Representatives</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council Representative</p>	<p>Port Industry Representatives DBI – Peter Wotherspoon DBCT - Steve Rae BMA – Crispian Mallise</p> <p>NQBP Representatives Nicolas Fertin Tim Lewis Kevin Kane Lorelei van Dalen</p> <p>MSQ Representative Jason Britton</p> <p>Invited Guests Sarina Police Officer in Charge Luke Jackson</p> <p>Yuwi Native Title Holder Representative N/A</p>
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Apologies: Brendan Webb, Simona Trimarchi, Cr Karen May, Christopher Schloss, Charlie Morgan, Gareth Large, George Stace, Katie Evetts, Judy Langdon, Katrina Dent

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting opened at 5.32pm • Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair NQBP CEO, Nicolas Fertin. • An acknowledgment of Country from Nicolas. • Formal apologies were received from Brendan Webb, Simona Trimarchi, Cr Karen May, Christopher Schloss, Charlie Morgan, Gareth Large, George Stace, Katie Evetts, Judy Langdon, Katrina Dent. 	
2. Conflict of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around conflicts of interest was held. • Our Terms of Reference states that CRG members must disclose if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are a member, partner, or an employee of NQBP ○ Have some other specified interest relating to NQBP or their operations ○ Have a financial or vested interest in a matter being considered by the CRG • The Chair asked members to consider their own interests and to work with Lorelei to update their forms to reflect their current conflicts and how they will be managed if need be. • The Chair suggested that the conflict of interest register be shared during each meeting to serve as a reminder and give members a chance to take appropriate action during the meeting. • No concerns were raised by any members. • No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting. 	ACTION - NQBP to contact CRG members and update conflicts forms and register
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. • Chair, Nicolas Fertin thanked BMA for providing a tour for CRG members earlier that day (10 November). • MSQ's Regional Harbour Master, Jason Britton to provide an update action items later in the meeting. 	
4. NQBP Overview	<p>Presented by CEO (Chair), Nicolas Fertin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion on NQBP's Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic Themes was held. • An overview of 2021 global export data in steelmaking and electricity-making coal was outlined, including NQBP's share of these exports. • An overview of how climate change is impacting NQBP functions and operations both directly and indirectly was shared. 	

<p>5. NQBP Trade and Marine Operation</p>	<p>Presented by Chair and CEO Nicolas Fertin on behalf of General Manager Trade and Marine Operations, Brendan Webb Trade update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade results for the Port of Hay Point were discussed. • Recognition of Hay Point Coal Terminal's 50th anniversary. <p>Question - If there is a spike in coal, does the port get any extra revenue? Response - <i>No, no extra benefit to NQBP if price rises.</i></p>	
<p>6. NQBP Infrastructure and Land Operations</p>	<p>Presented by General Manager Infrastructure and Land Operations, Tim Lewis</p> <p>Maintenance and projects update</p> <p>Louisa Creek property demolition works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP has called for tenders for the demolition of 8 NQBP-owned properties. • Works to commence in early 2022, weather permitting. • Per property demolition policy - property demolitions are determined on the condition of each property upon inspection at least once every 2 years or at the end of their lease agreements (depending on when the last inspection has occurred). • Potential for additional properties to be included in works; pending future inspections and/or tenancies. • Louisa Creek residents will be kept informed of the works via letterbox drop and CRG meetings. <p>Hay Point administration building upgrade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project has experienced delays. • Vessel Traffic Services area upgrade is now underway and is expected to be completed by early 2022, weather permitting. • Public access to the lookout area has been impacted over recent weeks, in the interest of safety. • Stakeholders have been kept informed of lookout closures. <p>Hydrographic and terrestrial survey at Half Tide Tug Harbour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrographic and terrestrial survey of the Port of Hay Point Marine Offloading Facility (MOF) and Half Tide Tug Harbour Breakwater to be conducted on 9-19 November. • The vessel Amara Kimberley will be used for the hydrographic survey and a drone used for the terrestrial survey. 	<p>ACTION – NQBP to send members link to NQBP disaster management dashboard</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No impact to Half Tide Tug Harbour access/use. <p>Emergency management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline was given on NQBP's emergency management preparedness over the year. NQBP's new emergency dashboard has been launched and is available at https://emergency.nqbp.com.au CRG members were also given an overview of the national weather outlook for the next few months and were encouraged to put their own emergency management plans in place. <p>Comment – Tenants are afraid to report maintenance issues. Response – <i>Safety is paramount to NQBP. As mentioned at our previous meeting, please encourage tenants to report any maintenance items to ensure their safety.</i> Question – Will a timeline for the demolition works be provided to residents? Response – <i>yes – as outlined in the recent letter to residents regarding the call for tenders for the works, an estimated schedule will be provided to all residents with the next letter. This will be distributed once the works contract has been awarded and a timeline has been determined with the contractor.</i></p>	
7. Environmental Update	<p>Presented by Director Environment, Kevin Kane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fox detection searches were conducted in October in partnership with Mackay Regional Council. No dens were found. The European red fox threatens native species such as turtles and ground-nesting birds. JCU internships have now closed and been awarded. Applications for our JCU scholarships are now open. Open to school leavers commencing their first year in a Bachelor of Marine Science at JCU. More information here: https://www.jcu.edu.au/scholarships-@-jcu/search/north-queensland-bulk-ports-marine-science-scholarship 	
8. Community update	<p>Presented by Community & Stakeholder Advisor, Lorelei van Dalen Media report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent media coverage for NQBP included NQBP's annual report results, which were discussed at September CRG meeting, and a profile on marine pilots. NQBP recently received a media enquiry around sand mining north of the Port of Mackay. NQBP's response: NQBP doesn't own the sand quarry or have any role in the sand extraction activities. The land and the resource is owned by the State Government. The quarry permit to 	ACTION - CRG members to submit CRG grants applications by 31 January 2022

	<p>extract and sell the sand is issued by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF). The conditions of the sales permit state they need development approval etc. and to comply with all regulatory requirements. The environmental regulation is issued by Department of Environment and Science (DES), and they are also responsible for regulation of the activity. NQBP is not responsible for the compliance of these permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent sponsorship included the Sarina Beach Coconut Festival, which was held on 18 September. • CRG members were provided with an outline of the CRG grants program process and criteria and were asked to submit ideas by 31 January 2022. • CRG members were encouraged to attend the end of year stakeholder event being held on Tuesday 23 November at the Breakwater Bar and Restaurant. <p>Comment – a billboard to promote Half Tide would be a good project to support. Potential to collaborate with Mackay Tourism and local industry. <i>Response – please submit this concept for the CRG's consideration at our March 2022 meeting.</i></p>	
<p>9. General Business</p>	<p>Invited guest, Sarina Police Officer in Charge, Luke Jackson discussed road safety issues with group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to reduce whole of Hay Point to 80km and Sarina Beach Road to 80km. • Members were encouraged to report safety issues to QPS. • Members should make complaints regarding speeding to both QPS and the Department of Transport. QPS has very little control over setting speed limits – they just enforce it. <p>Comment – Police station needed at Hay Point. <i>Response - Queensland government makes these decisions. Please speak with your local member.</i> Comment – the wide loads are successfully operating on Hay Point roads now.</p> <p>MSQ's Regional Harbour Master, Jason Britton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on action regarding fishing vessels – communications regarding illegal fishing will be sent to all ships coming into ports. • Update on action regarding under jetty access – process is delayed. Terminals are still considering safety and security risks. <p>Comment - Very disappointed with having no access. <i>Response: It is not abandoned – it requires considerable due diligence due to potential safety and security risks.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A standard for marine operations was recently introduced to guide terminal operators. 	<p>ACTION – NQBP to send link to MSQ's new standard documentation to CRG members</p>

	<p>Available on MSQ website. CRG members were encouraged to monitor Notices to Mariners at https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/hay-point-notices-to-mariners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beacon just off Half Tide will soon be replaced. • BMA SABR project – day moorings to be installed for project (east of Half Tide). They will be illuminated. • Cyclone moorings to be installed east to south east of Victor Island. <p>BMA representative, Crispian Mallise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SABR – starts March 2022 – will take about 18 months. • Number of vehicles Parking in HPX carpark increasing – lots of resources coming to site for current shutdowns and SABR upgrade. • Shiploader 1 taken down yesterday for month-long shutdown. • Tourist road closed – security manning 24/7 to prevent protestor access. • Shiploader cab project – cab to be mounted on machine. Transported to site on 21 November; please expect wide load movement at this time. <p>DBCT representative, Steve Rae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No update <p>DBI representative, Peter Wotherspoon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still working on 8x Expansion feasibility study – expected to finish in Aug 2022. ○ Will keep the CRG informed. <p>General business Comment – thank you NQBP and BMA for the tour of Hay Point Coal Terminal, provided today (10 November).</p> <p>Meeting closed at 6.58pm. Next meeting will be held on 9 March 2022.</p>	
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