

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Thursday 6 February 2020

Chair (Acting):

NQBP General Manager Trade and Marine Operations, Brendan Webb

Attendees:

<p>Community Representatives Marilyn Maher Tom Andrews Stan McDonnell Cathy Fredericks Tom Liddell Kerry Flynn Peta Drummond</p> <p>Business Representative Judy Langdon</p>	<p>Port Industry Representatives DBCT – Steve Rae DBCTM – Peter Wotherspoon</p> <p>NQBP Representatives Amanda Blines Tim Lewis Kevin Kane Lorelei van Dalen</p> <p>Invited Guests MSQ – Jason Britton</p>
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Apologies:

Chair/CEO NQBP, Nicolas Fertin
Community representative, George Stace
Mackay Regional Council representative, Cr Karen May
Aboriginal Party representative, Deb Netuschil
Aurizon - Katie Evetts
DBCTM – Tim Frost
BMA – Dan Grech
BMA - Darryl Sweet
BMA – Amanda Walker

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Acting Chair - NQBP General Manager Trade and Marine Operations, Brendan Webb. • An Acknowledgement to Country was delivered by Brendan Webb in the absence of Aboriginal Party representative, Deb Netuschil • Chair welcomed MSQ Harbour Master, Jason Britton • Apologies • Housekeeping, including emergency exits. <p>No conflicts of interest raised.</p>	NA
2. CRG Correspondence, Questions and Actions Register	<p>CRG correspondence and questions received:</p> <p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The signage at the turn off into Horyu Maru Drive is in need of replacement. Do we have any input into the beach use and abuse re motorbikes etc.? • Response – <i>NQBP can confirm the signage will be replaced in the coming weeks. With regards to the beach use and motorbikes, we encourage you to contact Council with your concerns.</i> • Cr Karen May has advised she will be stepping down from her position on the Community Reference Group, effective at the close of this meeting, due to the Local Government Election being held on 28 March 2020. <p>Actions register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment – Exclusion zone awareness is an ongoing issue. • Question - How about crews fishing from vessels? • Response – <i>(MSQ representative) MSQ will investigate and address with vessels/crew.</i> 	<p>ACTION – NQBP to notify CRG of exclusion zone details once confirmed. MSQ to investigate fishing from vessels and address with vessels/crew.</p> <p>ACTION – NQBP to</p>

	<p>Actions register update: Most of the actions from the last meeting have been completed. Refer to Action Items Register for further details.</p> <p>No comments on previous minutes.</p>	confirm contact re Hay Point road issues going forward.
3. NQBP Overview	<p>Presented by General Manager Trade and Land Operations, Brendan Webb (Acting Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP has updated its corporate values. An extensive consultation process took place internally with senior management and an employee working group. • New values are integrity, excellence, unity and respect. 	
4. NQBP Trade and Marine Operations	<p>Presented by General Manager Trade and Land Operations, Brendan Webb (Acting Chair)</p> <p>Trade performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December/January trade data was presented, highlighting record figures achieved at the Port of Mackay. <p><i>MSQ representative, Jason Britton, discussed MSQ's response to Novel Coronavirus.</i></p>	
5. NQBP Projects and Land Operations	<p>Presented by NQBP General Manager Projects and Land Operations, Tim Lewis</p> <p>Port infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gudyara Road was officially named on 22 January. This is the first road in the Port of Mackay with an Indigenous name. Gudyara means 'Sea' in Yuwi language. <p>Hay Point maintenance program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP is conducting various maintenance activities throughout Hay Point, including vegetation management at Half Tide Tug Harbour, signage replacement at entrance to Horyu Maru Drive, and Half Tide Harbour groyne (rock marine structures) sediment removal. • An annual survey of the Half Tide Tug Harbour seabed and breakwater was completed in November 2019 to understand sedimentation rates and patterns, 	

	<p>current depths, and identify any voids created by displaced rocks.</p> <p>Emergency management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP joined Mackay Marina, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Mackay Regional Council and MSQ to undertake pollution incident exercise in December 2019. Additional whole-of-state exercise to be organised by MSQ at the Port of Mackay in late February 2020. • NQBP's Maintenance team has been following cyclone-preparedness procedures, with several actions taken over December-January. 	
6. Environmental update	<p>Presented by Director Environment, Kevin Kane</p> <p>Collaborative partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP is proudly involved with the Project Catalyst Annual Forum, which brings together growers, Natural Resource Management (NRM) groups, the Australian Government, WWF-Australia and The Coca-Cola Foundation. Project Catalyst aims to identify ways in which to improve water quality management for the Great Barrier Reef. • NQBP recently hosted a James Cook University (JCU) student as part of its TropWATER's partnership. Through the partnership, JCU students are provided a week-long internship at NQBP - a one-of-a-kind opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career in marine science. 	
7. Community update	<p>Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relations, Amanda Blines</p> <p>Media report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional coverage of the Gudyara Road naming event in January. <p>Sponsorships and donations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of NQBP's support of community groups and organisations for 2018-19 was presented. • NQBP provided more than \$200,000 given to over 40 community organisations, events and initiatives to benefit the wider community. <p>Community engagement</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A list of sponsorships and events NQBP will support/coordinate in January – March 2020. 	
8. General Business	<p>MSQ update/discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSQ update (including introduction to new Harbour Master) was provided. QPS unable to attend meeting to provide update. Community member – CRG members and the community are invited to attend a dedication ceremony at Half Tide beach (Memorial Wall) on 4 April – 4.30pm for 5pm start. The ceremony will commemorate members of the community who served and died in war and on operational service past and present. A barbecue will be held after the ceremony (please RSVP to attend this event). Local businesses and community members are supporting project. DBCTM representative provided an operational update. Comment – there doesn't appear to be any signs for turning along Horyu Maru Drive. Response – <i>NQBP will follow up on this matter and report back findings/outcome to Community Representative.</i> Comment – There is a build-up of vegetation near water tanks – near car park (Council land) – potential fire hazard. Response – <i>NQBP will discuss this matter with Mackay Regional Council.</i> Comment – The former caravan park site, at Half Tide, requires vegetation/weed management. Comment – The lay down area near tug berth not watered enough, requires better dust management. <p>Meeting closed at 7.05pm.</p>	<p>ACTION – QPS to be invited to next meeting to provide update.</p> <p>ACTION – NQBP to review signage on Horyu Maru Drive.</p> <p>ACTION – NQBP to discuss vegetation management of water tanks site with Mackay Regional Council. ACTION – NQBP to review/undertake vegetation management of former caravan park site. ACTION – NQBP to discuss management of tug berth lay down area site with lease holder.</p>
9. Proposed next meeting dates	Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 13 May 2020	