

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5pm Wednesday 12 July 2023 – Meeting held at Hay Point VTS Administration Building

Chair:

Chair NQBP Acting CEO, Belinda Kenny

Attendees:

<p>Community Representatives Marilyn Maher Peter Douglass Cathy Fredericks Tom Andrews Tom Liddell Christopher Schloss George Stace</p> <p>Business Representatives Maree Sturdy Judy Langdon</p> <p>Environmental Representatives N/A</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council Representative Cr Karen May</p>	<p>Port Industry Representatives DBCTM - Steve Rae</p> <p>NQBP Representatives Belinda Kenny Darren Brownsey Odette Langham Emilie Power</p> <p>MSQ Representative Matthew Cummings</p> <p>Invited Guests N/A</p> <p>Yuwi Native Title Holder Representative N/A</p>
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Apologies: Tim Lewis, Kev Kane, Yuwi representative, Brett Ross, Jason Britton, Katie Evetts, Peter Wotherspoon, Gareth Large, Kerry Flynn

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting opened at 5.05pm • Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair/NQBP Acting CEO, Belinda Kenny. • An Acknowledgment of Country was provided by Belinda. • Formal apologies were received from Tim Lewis, Kev Kane, Yuwi representative, Brett Ross, Jason Britton, Katie Evetts, Peter Wotherspoon, Gareth Large and Kerry Flynn. • Belinda acknowledged the appointment of new BMA representative Brett Ross and resignation of NQBP's Lorelei van Dalen. Lorelei was thanked for her contribution to the CRG over the past four years and members wished her well in her new role with Energy Queensland. 	
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>Correspondence received from DBCT requesting that the CRG consider a matter which was raised at their recent CWG. The CRG members were asked for their feedback regarding use of vacant land (near Hector Hall) at Louisa Creek for short term use for RV parking.</p> <p>Consensus of the group was this was not supported, with the following feedback noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's a good idea but Louisa Creek is not the right location. • Concerns around responsibility for management of bookings, maintenance, and rubbish. Rubbish is already a concern in the area. • There are no dump points located close by. • The roads leading into Louisa Creek may not be suitable for that type of regular traffic. • Historically, campers did stay at Hector Hall, however Council issued residents with a letter many years ago to say that this type of activity is not approved for the area. • Management and logistics for NQBP would provide difficulties. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion that a better location might be the old caravan park site at Half Tide, although noting that closest toilet blocks would be across the road, this may not be suitable for use after hours. • Development applications / approvals would be needed through Council if the blocks are currently classed as residential. If they are Strategic Port Land, this might not be required. • NOTE: It has been confirmed by title search that this land actually forms part of Hector Park Lot 109 CP CI3470 which is held in trust by Mackay Regional Council through the State and currently zoned as 'Open Space' under Councils Planning Scheme. This lot is not designated as Strategic Port Land. It is located within the Environmental Management Precinct under TMR's draft Master Plan, so this use would not be consistent with this zoning. <p>Actions Register Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Action Items Register for further details. No further updates from MSQ at this stage. BMA construction is still underway so there has been no progression on the restricted zones / safe passage actions. 	
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 the launch of NQBP's second Reconciliation Action Plan during National Reconciliation Week was provided. Hard copies of the RAP were made available to members. • Three long serving employees of NQBP were recently acknowledged through the naming of new plant (two vessels and a truck). • An engineering internship was awarded recently with a third-year undergraduate civil engineering student commencing at NQBP on 26 June. • A brief update on the priority port master planning public consultation for the North Queensland ports of Hay Point/Mackay was provided. • A snapshot of NQBP's work being undertaken by the Safety team was given. <p>Comment – New RAP artwork is great.</p> <p>Discussion occurred around the community's frustration with TMR's consultation process for the Master Planning. Consensus of the members was that it was not well handled and did not meet the community's expectations of genuine community engagement.</p>	

<p>5. NQBP Trade Update</p>	<p>Presented by General Manager Commercial, Darren Brownsey Trade statistics update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total throughput for Port of Hay Point on track for ~99 million tonnes (Mt) for the FY. • June throughput was 9.86mt, reflective of strong production heading to the end of the financial year. Monthly average for FY23 has been 8mt. • Widespread wet weather in Jan-Feb impacted the coal supply chain during the period. • Australian coal sales to China resumed in February with China importing a total of 5.4mt from Australia in May, with over 90% of that thermal coal. • Met coal prices have remained steady at ~\$230/t, thermal ~\$120/t. <p>Trade strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darren presented on how NQBP's trade focus is linked to strategy, objectives and KPIs. • An overview of the need for diversification was given and a snapshot of renewable targets / funding announcements / opportunities for NQBP in the future was outlined. 	
<p>6. NQBP Infrastructure Update</p>	<p>Presented by Manager Environment Odette Langham on behalf of General Manager Infrastructure, Tim Lewis Maintenance and projects update</p> <p>Half Tide Tug Harbour maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrographic surveys are now underway. Will guide upcoming seabed levelling. • Seabed levelling will take place over the coming months, for around a few weeks. <p>Question – Will you also be bed levelling at the public boat ramp? The sediment build up is the worst it's ever been and is causing safety issues. Response – <i>TMR own the boat ramp and hold relevant approvals to maintain the access channel to the boat ramp,. NQBP can undertake maintenance at the request of / on behalf of TMR. NQBP is currently in discussions with TMR on the issues with the public boat ramp. Use of the bed leveller or an alternative approach may be required. .</i></p> <p>Question – Do TMR have regular maintenance requirements? Response –<i>HTTH is maintained via regular bed levelling of operational areas; however, for the boat ramp it may now be at a point where this needs to be taken further via dredging. This is to be discussed with TMR.</i></p> <p>Question – Will the public be able to access laydown area back as overflow boat ramp car parking once BMA's construction is finished?</p>	<p>ACTION – NQBP to continue discussions with TMR around siltation concerns at Half Tide public boat ramp and provide resolution</p> <p>ACTION – NQBP to investigate public access to laydown area at Half Tide Tug Harbour once BMA construction is completed</p>

	<i>Response – NQBP to discuss with BMA and consider.</i>	
7. Sustainability and Environment Update	<p>Presented by Manager Environment Odette Langham</p> <p>JCU partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odette outlined the scholarships, internships and prizes recently awarded to marine science students. • NQBP recently delivered a 3-day masters intensive subject to 30 students on ‘Coastal management from a port perspective’ which was the first of its kind and very successful. <p>Environmental audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP again achieved 100% in annual audit of our Environmental Management System under the ISO 14001:2015 international standard. No non-compliances or areas for improvement identified which is a great outcome. <p>Louisa Creek revegetation proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP sought feedback from CRG members on a proposal to revegetate vacant lots at the north-eastern end of Edmunds Avenue, Louisa Creek. The potential site is 9,000m² and could be revegetated with around 11,000 native groundcovers and trees. <p>Consensus of the group was this was not supported, with the following feedback noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRG members did not request this revegetation to occur. • Concerns around maintenance of the land, as there is already a lot of leaf litter and fallen branches etc. • Concerns around pests, snakes and weed management. • Visitors to the area comment on how nice the open spaces are, and Louisa Creek residents would like to see this maintained. • The current understanding established with Louisa Creek house demolition process is NQBP will continue to maintain the vacant lots as if there were houses still there (as residential blocks) and residents would like to see this agreement honoured. • If NQBP has future use for the land, there is no need to revegetate. • Once all the residents have vacated Louisa Creek, the area will be able to return to nature organically. • Previous attempts by PCQ to undertake this type of work has been unsuccessful, with weeds taking over, and the area needing to be completely removed from vegetation. 	

<p>8. Community update</p>	<p>Presented by Community & Stakeholder Advisor, Emilie Power</p> <p>NQBP Sponsorships and Donations Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great response to NQBP Community Fund – 56 applications received again this year, evaluation process currently underway. • NQBP's 2022-23 corporate sponsorships included Cruisin' the Coast Fun Run, Resource Industry Network, Stella Maris seafarers support and Alligator Creek Learn to Swim program. • NQBP also supported a number of community events including the Half Tide ANZAC Day Dawn service and other events held in Mackay. <p>Media coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent media coverage for NQBP included the launch of NQBP's Reconciliation Action Plan, NQBP's Community Fund, and some of our environmental initiatives. 	
<p>9. General Business</p>	<p>DBCT representative, Steve Rae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update to provide. • Question – Is DBCT's feasibility study for expansion on track? • <i>Response – This is currently considered on hold.</i> <p>MSQ representative, Matthew Cumming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of Frontier Unity incident learnings the port procedures manuals are being reviewed and amended. There has been some tightening of restrictions for immobilisation works, and inclusion of mandatory reporting for diving operations. <p>Comment – George Stace – George wanted to reiterate the need to sort out the siltation issues at the Half Tide public boat ramp. He was involved in the recent response to an incident where a boat became lodged in the silt. Urged NQBP to discuss this urgently with TMR to resolve.</p> <p>Comment – There are African Tulip trees flowering on NQBP land. These are toxic to native bees and should be removed. <i>Response – NQBP will investigate this further and report back.</i></p> <p>Comment – The potholes on the road into the Half Tide Tug Harbour and along the top of the breakwater needs to be filled in as they are a safety concern for people who use this road as a walking track.</p>	<p>ACTION – NQBP to investigate African Tulip trees concerns.</p> <p>ACTION – NQBP to investigate potholes at HTTH.</p>

	<p><i>Response – NQBP will investigate this further and report back.</i></p> <p>Meeting closed at 6.13pm.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on 15 November 2023.</p>	
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