

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Wednesday 10 March 2021 – Meeting held at Hector Hall, Louisa Creek

Chair:

NQBP CEO, Nicolas Fertin

Attendees:

<p>Community Representatives Marilyn Maher Tom Andrews Catherine Fredericks Tom Liddell Peta Drummond</p> <p>Business Representative Judy Langdon</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council Representative Cr Karen May</p> <p>Aboriginal Party Representative Deb Clark (Netuschil)</p>	<p>Port Industry Representatives DBIM – Tim Ffrost DBCT - Steve Rae</p> <p>NQBP Representatives Nicolas Fertin Tim Lewis Kevin Kane Amanda Blines Lorelei van Dalen</p> <p>Invited Guests Jason Britton</p>
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Apologies: Peter Wotherspoon, Brendan Webb, Katie Evetts, Stan McDonnell, Kerry Flynn, and George Stace.

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. • A Welcome to Country was delivered by Aboriginal Party representative, Deb Clark. • Apologies received from Brendan Webb, Peter Wotherspoon, and Katie Evetts. <p>No conflicts of interest raised.</p>	
2. 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. <p>Comment – Goat Head Weed needs to be managed at former Caravan Park site.</p>	ACTION – Discuss weed management with NQBP Maintenance team.
3. NQBP Overview	<p>Presented by CEO (Chair), Nicolas Fertin</p> <p>International Women's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicolas acknowledged International Women's Day and the various activities taking place at NQBP work sites and across the region. • There is progress in gender diversity and equality being made at NQBP and across the port industry. • For example, there were no female CEOs in the Australian port industry five years ago. Today, among the 22 Port Authority CEO's, two are female. • At NQBP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Three out of five Board directors are women. ○ In the last two years, the 22 Executive and Senior Manager positions saw the number of female leaders triple from 2 to 6. ○ Across the entire business, NQBP has approximately 40% representation of female employees in various positions and a growing number of women in historically male-dominated roles. 	

	<p>Acknowledgement of CRG members – 2018-21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP acknowledges all Port of Hay Point CRG volunteer representatives for their time, commitment and contribution to building awareness and understanding of Port operations and activities over the last three years. • NQBP also recognises their contribution to the wellbeing of Port communities through CRG awarded grants as part of the Port Communities Program. • Certificates were presented to members. • Nicolas discussed response to recruitment campaign for 2021-24 CRG term. • New CRG members to be announced in June. 	
4. NQBP Trade and Marine Operations	<p>Presented by CEO, Nicolas Fertin</p> <p>Trade update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current throughout figures and trade impacts were discussed. • Port infrastructure projects expected to benefit trade and local economy include Port of Mackay's Wharf 1 extension and new tug berth facility. • An LNG-powered bulk carrier 'HL Eco' berthed at Port of Hay Point during maiden voyage from Newcastle to Korea in February 2021. World's largest LNG-powered carrier. Expected to produce 30% less greenhouse gases than fuel-powered ship. 	
5. NQBP Infrastructure and Land Operations	<p>Presented by General Manager Infrastructure and Land Operations, Tim Lewis</p> <p>Projects update</p> <p>Hay Point Administration Building Upgrade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP announced awarded contract in December 2020. • Works commenced in January 2021 and will take 9 months to complete, weather permitting. Currently on track. • Includes refurbishment and upgrade of the interior fit outs and utilities. • Key stakeholders will be kept informed of any updates. <p>Half Tide Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works commenced in January 2021 and are expected to be completed by end of March 2021, weather permitting. 	

<p>6. Environmental Update</p>	<p>Presented by Director Environment, Kevin Kane</p> <p><i>JCU partnership</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First undergraduate scholarship was recently awarded. • Intern program - three students have worked alongside Environment team in 2021. • Work experience included marine pest DNA retrieval, Traditional Owner stakeholder engagement in Bowen and legislation and environmental management-associated practices. • NQBP is working with JCU to shape future intern program alongside JCU Marine Science Masters graduate, a past intern. 	
<p>7. Community update</p>	<p>Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relations, Amanda Blines</p> <p><i>Media report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall media - Pleasing media coverage re Hay Point Administration Building Upgrade. • Environment media - New marine science scholarship. • Community media – Community Reference Groups membership campaign. <p><i>Cowboys Community Partnership – 2021 program launch</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP has kick-started its ground-breaking community partnership for 2021. • Bulk Port Blitzes at the port communities of Mackay (March), Bowen (May), Weipa (August) and Sarina in 2021. • Mackay Bulk Port Blitz saw community and business leaders celebrating women in leadership at a special event hosted by CEO Nicolas Fertin on International Women’s Day on Monday 8 March. <p><i>Half Tide Cenotaph</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project completed. • Dedication Ceremony – 22 May 2021 (5pm). • Half Tide Memorial Wall representative, Tom Andrews, thanked NQBP and other local industry for support of project. 	
<p>8. General Business</p>	<p>MSQ’s Regional Harbour Master, Jason Britton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion zones are still under review; MSQ is working with various involved parties to resolve the matter. • Fishing from vessels – Will discuss matter with Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. • Safe passage – still in discussions with various involved parties. Speed limits to be 	

	<p>implemented also.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air traffic control system was recently upgraded. • Speed restrictions recently enforced for ships to improve safety and environmental management. • Removing a Half Tide beacon as it is at end of life. In consultation with tug operators, MSQ is upgrading No.1 beacon this year. • Jason also acknowledged the recent passing of Edward (Ted) Ramsamy and his active involvement in the marine industry. <p>Comment – Congratulations to NQBP on a successful event (Women in Leadership) on Monday night.</p> <p>Comment/question – Cars speeding along Hay Point Road (road/area believed to be owned by BMA) pose a safety risk to other road users (bike riders and walkers). Can NQBP assist with this matter?</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.01pm.</p>	<p>ACTION – NQBP to discuss safety issue with BMA.</p>
<p>9. Proposed next meeting dates</p>	<p>Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 9 June 2021</p>	