

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Monday 27 June 2022 – Meeting held at Hay Point VTS Administration Building and via Teams

Chair:

Chair NQBP CEO, Nicolas Fertin

Attendees:

<p>Community Representatives Marilyn Maher Cathy Fredericks Tom Andrews Tom Liddell Kerry Flynn Peter Douglass Gareth Large Christopher Schloss</p> <p>Business Representative Maree Sturdy Judy Langdon</p> <p>Environmental Representatives -</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council Representative Cr Karen May</p>	<p>Port Industry Representatives DBCT – Steve Rae DBI – Peter Wotherspoon (via Teams)</p> <p>NQBP Representatives Nicolas Fertin Tim Lewis Kevin Kane Lorelei van Dalen</p> <p>MSQ Representative -</p> <p>Invited Guests N/A</p> <p>Yuwi Native Title Holder Representative -</p>
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Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting opened at 5.31pm Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair/NQBP CEO, Nicolas Fertin. Nicolas announced Geoff Berger's resignation from the Chamber of Commerce position and welcomed Maree Sturdy as replacement Chamber representative. Nicolas acknowledged Geoff's contribution to the CRG. An acknowledgment of Country was provided by Nicolas. Formal apologies were received from George Stace, Jason Britton, Crispian Mallise, Gareth Large, Katie Evetts, Charlie Morgan, Katrina Dent, Ash Sinha, Simona Trimarchi. 	
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>No correspondence received.</p> <p>Actions Register Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Action Items Register for further details. <p>Question – can we start the meetings at 5pm instead of 5.30pm? <i>Response - Nicolas asked the Group if all members were happy to change the meeting time to 5pm – all attendees were in favour.</i></p> <p>Question – Have Hay Point Road issues (traffic) ever been discussed at CRG meetings? <i>Response – Yes – road issues have been discussed and QPS has previously attended meetings to discuss these issues at the invitation of NQBP. The QPS representative that attended the November 2021 meeting advised members/residents to report issues directly to QPS and the Department of Transport. Cr Karen May advised members to also report issues to her so she can raise at Council's Traffic Advisory Committee meetings.</i></p>	<p>ACTION – CRG to meet at 5pm for all future meetings, effective from October meeting; NQBP to update CRG materials and communicate change to all members.</p> <p>ACTION – NQBP to forward copy of minutes from November 2021 CRG meeting (containing discussion with QPS) to CRG.</p>

4. NQBP Update	<p>Presented by CEO (Chair), Nicolas Fertin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of NQBP’s vision, mission, values, and strategic themes was provided. • After recent consideration of the CRG Terms of Reference and frequency of CRG meetings, the decision was made to hold three meetings each year from this year onwards. The next meeting will be held in October. • An overview of NQBP’s strengths and challenges was provided. • High-level results from the stakeholder survey were discussed. <p>Question – has land with concrete plant been acquired by NQBP? Response – No</p>	
5. NQBP Trade Update	<p>Presented by CEO (Chair), Nicolas Fertin on behalf of Acting General Manager Commercial, Ash Sinha</p> <p>Trade update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total throughput for Port of Hay Point is 88 million tonnes (Mt) for financial year to date. • Strong coal trade results. • Throughput for May was 8.72Mt – above trend for the year. • Trade results continue to be influenced by various global issues. • Record trade at Port of Mackay - More than 3Mt of cargo handled at Port of Mackay for FYTD (as of May) - 24% more than last year. Queensland Premier announced results during visit to Port. Breakbulk cargo volumes for FYTD were also 25% higher than the same period for 2021. The Port is on track for best-ever record > 3.3Mt. • Latest trade data also available on NQBP website. 	
6. NQBP Infrastructure Update	<p>Presented by General Manager Infrastructure, Tim Lewis</p> <p>Maintenance and projects update</p> <p>Louisa Creek property demolition works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary works commenced in late March. Involved utility service disconnections and removal of asbestos-containing materials from properties. • Demolition works commenced in late May. Inclement weather impacted works schedule. • Property at 29 Louisa Creek Road since added to works program. • Total of 9 properties (and one swimming pool) to be demolished. • Works to be completed by mid-August, weather permitting. • Louisa Creek residents kept informed of works via letterbox drop, emails to CRG members, and CRG meetings. • Positive feedback re management of works received. 	ACTION – NQBP to inform CRG of the number of NQBP-owned properties that will remain after the demolition works as well as the number of private residences.

	<p>Question – how many houses are left there? Response – <i>Approximately 23-25 NQBP properties prior to the works but we will confirm the number of properties that will remain after the works as well as private residences and come back to the Group via email after the meeting.</i></p> <p>Hydrographic surveys and seabed levelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrographic surveys to take place over June-July, weather permitting. • Seabed levelling scheduled for August / September, weather permitting. Survey vessel to assist. 	
7. Sustainability and Environment Update	<p>Presented by Director Environment, Kevin Kane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on NQBP’s partnership with James Cook University (JCU) and various programs was provided. • Inaugural ‘Ayling prize in Marine Science’ and NQBP scholarship awarded to JCU graduate, Caitlin Kelly, in April. • Two JCU interns and one scholar currently undertaking placements at NQBP. • Report on Mackay/Hay Point seagrass monitoring (conducted in late 2021) shows seagrass is in good condition. Data also available on NQBP website. • Water quality loggers recently upgraded to further increase reliability and confidence in water quality data. 	
8. Community update	<p>Presented by Community & Stakeholder Advisor, Lorelei van Dalen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent media coverage for NQBP included Premier’s visit to Port of Mackay and announcement of projects and record trade. • NQBP recognised National Reconciliation Week with employee events held in Mackay and Brisbane. • NQBP proudly participated in ANZAC Day service at Half Tide War Memorial. • Recent sponsorship included the 2022 Cruisin’ the Coast Fun Run; six NQBP employees and their families proudly participated in the event. • Update on CRG grants was provided with promotion of initiatives planned for July/August. • NQBP’s Port Communities Program is still under review with new program to be launched in coming months. CRG members will be kept informed of launch plans/announcement, with full update to be provided at October meeting. 	
9. General Business	<p>DBI representative, Peter Wotherspoon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBI won’t be issuing a master plan this year – the focus is on 8x Expansion feasibility study. Results are expected by end of the year. Decision on project approach expected in early-mid 2023. 	

Question – When Louisa Creek property demolition works have finished and houses are gone what can we do to control illegal dumping?

Response - NQBP will maintain the land as per its existing maintenance program and will monitor for any illegal dumping, with the necessary actions taken by NQBP if/when it occurs. Members should report any illegal dumping concerns to NQBP so the matter can be investigated and addressed promptly as we have done previously.

Question - What is the long-term plan for Louisa Creek?

Response – we must go through the current master plan process with DTMR to develop a vision for the area. As you're aware – the master planning involves a formal public consultation phase. The planning scheme for the area in the DTMR Master Plan is currently a buffer zone - this will remain unchanged.

Question - Will Council continue providing services if there is only one resident left? What about rubbish collection?

Response (Cr Karen May) - Yes. Council will continue to maintain it and collect rubbish. MRC does this for remote residents. This will be no different even when there is only one left.

Question – Will NQBP turn the vacant lots into one big parcel of land?

Response – NQBP needs to consider this and will develop a strategy in close consultation with Council.

Question – What about the last few residents? Will they just be paid out?

Response - No. NQBP's voluntary purchase program was established many years ago and there are no plans to change it.

Comment - We love the open grass spaces. We don't want trees everywhere.

Comment – There are currently bright lights (from SABR project) at Half Tide Tug Harbour impacting users of boat ramp. I've reported this to BMA also.

Response – Please continue to report any concerns regarding the SABR project directly to BMA. Additionally, please send us details regarding the matter and we will follow it up with the BMA CRG representative.

Meeting closed at 6.40pm.

Next meeting will be held on 12 October 2022.

