

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5pm Wednesday 12 November 2025 – Meeting held at Hay Point Vessel Traffic Service Administration Building

Chair:

Chair NQBP CEO, Brendan Webb

Attendees:

Community Representatives Kerry Flynn Tom Liddell Marilyn Maher Cathy Fredericks Daryl Townson David Mifsud Peter Dallas Tony Heath Business Representatives Maree Sturdy – Chamber of Commerce Environmental Representatives Imogen Lindenberg	Mackay Regional Council Representative N/A Port Industry Representatives Dalrymple Bay Infrastructure – Peter Wotherspoon (via Teams) BHP Mitsubishi Alliance - Brett Ross NQBP Representatives CEO Brendan Webb Senior Advisor Community Relationships Emilie Power General Manager Infrastructure and Operations Tim Lewis Community Relationship Advisor Ange Julian Acting General Manager Commercial & Maritime Services Ian McGoldrick Maritime Safety Queensland Representative Craig Longmuir Yuwi Native Title Holder Representative N/A Guests Senior Sergeant/Officer in Charge Erin John Eyears, Sarina Police
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DRAFT Minutes of Hay Point CRG meeting held on 12 November 2025

and Jeff Riddel

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Welcome to Country, Meeting open, agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting opened at 5.04pm• Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair/NQBP CEO, Brendan Webb.• An Acknowledgment of Country was provided by Brendan.	
2. Welcome and introductions	<p>Presented by CEO (Chair), Brendan Webb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to our guest tonight from Queensland Police Service - Senior Sergeant / Officer in Charge Erin John Eyears from the Sarina station.• Welcome to Ian McGoldrick who is acting General Manager Commercial and Maritime Services on behalf of Darren Brownsey.• We also welcome our new Community Relations Advisor Ange Julian to her first CRG meeting.• Apologies recorded from NQBP's Odette Langham, Yuwi representative Madeline Jones, Stephen Schaper, Cr Karen May – Mackay Regional Council and Jeff Riddel	
3. Guest Attendee	<p>20 Minute Q&A with Senior Sergeant/Officer in Charge Erin John Eyears from Sarina Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarina Police now staffed with 16 officers (previously 8), including trainees progressing to second year.• Station operates 6am–2am; on-call support outside hours with Mackay assistance for serious incidents. <p>Issues raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hoons on Salonika Beach: Police can enforce speeding but cannot restrict beach access.	<p>ACTION – NQBP to request follow up information from QPS.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting drivers on beach: Likely local council responsibility; confirmation required. • Speed cameras: Mobile cameras to be rostered more regularly on Hay Point Road; potential placement at Salonika Beach. • Speed limit reduction: Will follow up on suggestion to reduce speed limit on Hay Point Road using Sarina Beach Road as an example. 	
4. Conflict of interest	<p>Presented by CEO (Chair), Brendan Webb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around conflicts of interest was held and Conflict of Interest register reviewed. • No concerns were raised. • No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting. 	
5. Actions Register	<p>Presented by CEO (Chair), Brendan Webb</p> <p>Actions Register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 14 actions from the previous meeting and of these 10 have been closed. • All the other actions we will touch on during our meeting tonight. 	
6. CEO Update	<p>Presented by CEO (Chair), Brendan Webb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bendan advised of appointment of Grant Gilfillan as Board Chair of NQBP and new Board Directors; Melinda Hashimoto, Lachlan Millar and Kelly Newton as Directors (3 October). • Brendan welcomed new Directors and continuing Director Monica McKendry. • Acknowledged outgoing Chair Jane McTaggart and outgoing Directors Andrea Ranson, Tony Mooney, Lynn Smart and Jorgen Gullestrup. 	

<p>7. NQBP Infrastructure and Operations</p>	<p>Presented by General Manager Infrastructure and Operations, Tim Lewis</p> <p>Half Tide public access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk assessment completed for Lease Area D; access targeted for early 2026 after safety requirements addressed. Access will be removed when site leased for operations. • Temporary fencing proposed for Lease Area 3 to allow additional car parking; access will be removed when site leased for operations. <p>Comment - Suggestion to angle car park expansion to allow crane movement.</p> <p>Quarantine Waste Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade underway. • NQBP has invested \$170k for shed refurbishment and equipment removal. • JJ Richards has invested \$1.3M for new autoclave replacing two smaller units; new contract in place with NQBP to operate/maintain. • Autoclave sterilises biosecurity waste using steam and pressure before landfill disposal. 	
<p>8. NQBP Environment update</p>	<p>Presented by CEO (Chair), Brendan Webb</p> <p>Half Tide & Hay Point Beaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alluvium review completed, awaiting draft report. • Initial insights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groynes: Existing structures functioning as designed; recommend construction of 4th groyne (design approved in 2001). New approvals and consultation required. • Coastal Assessment: Rock presence and sand availability are natural and cyclical; no link to port operations. • Draft recommendations: periodic monitoring, consult local council on beach access management (e.g., mats, clearing rocks). <p>Maintenance Dredging</p>	<p>ACTION – NQBP to deliver report at next CRG meeting</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video on maintenance dredging showed to CRG members. • Link - Dredging: Trailing Suction Hopper Dredgers - How does it work? <p>Question (Peter): Why can't dredge spoil be taken further away to avoid rocks washing up on beach?</p> <p>Response: <i>Maintenance dredge spoil location is determined by State and Federal environmental approval conditions; Environmental studies show that the maintenance dredge spoil consists of silt and mud, not rock.</i></p> <p>JCU Marine Science Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched next phase of \$7.5M, five-year partnership with James Cook University for marine science, monitoring, habitat restoration, and Traditional Owner engagement. <p>Louisa Creek vegetation management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 trees planted during National Tree Day event with DBCT, Sarina Landcare, MRC, Yuwi, and DBI support. • Minor vegetation clearing planned around Hay Point monitoring station to maintain accuracy of dust/noise data. 	
9. Community update	<p>Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relationship, Emilie Power</p> <p>Recent sponsorships and donations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent successful applications / events include the 2025 Cruisin the Coast fun run and the 2025 Stella Maris Christmas Care Package Program. • Applications for 2026-27 CRG sponsorship allocation will reopen for another round of funding in early 2026. <p>Community Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEC conducted survey of 600 Mackay residents (May–June 2025) with 95% confidence level. • Awareness: NQBP 63%, Mackay Port 59%, Hay Point 58%. • 94% expect NQBP to undertake community initiatives; 79% support boosting coal trade; 19% concerned about port impacts. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key issues: roads (27%), housing (21%), infrastructure (15%), recreation (15%), cost of living (14%). • Opportunities identified for targeted engagement with younger demographics, women, and new residents. • Social media critical for communication; low recall of traditional media (13%). • Results of the report gives NQBP a better understanding of our community, areas of strength within our community engagement strategy, and a roadmap for improvements to be considered. <p>NQBP Community Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 70 applications received for FY25–26, a 30% increase on previous years; supports projects across NQBP ports aligned with strategic themes and diversity goals. Successful applicants announced late Nov. <p>CRG Feedback Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November meeting is final for 2025; surveys to be sent post-meeting to inform 2026 content and Terms of Reference 	
10. General Business	<p><i>DBI – Peter Wotherspoon</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L4 – deliveries to site already occurring. Substructure delivery scheduled for before Christmas – will be an escorted load. To be built onsite in first half of 2026 • SL – on schedule. Fabrication complete, being assembled in WA and completed by February 2026. Heavy lift ship due to arrive in September 2026. <p><i>BMA – Brett Ross</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shiploader 3 scaffolding removal underway; back online before Christmas. <p><i>CR – Kerry Flynn</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide load text alerts appreciated, early morning timing effective. <p><i>MSQ – Craig Longmuir</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyclone season reminder; QLD disaster dashboard available online. <p><i>DBCT - Steve Rae</i></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update provided. <p>General business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubbish on beach has reduced since vessels wait further offshore. Thanks expressed for HTTH boat ramp maintenance; new bin setup reducing illegal dumping. Concern raised about truck stop rubbish at Horyu Maru Drive; advice provided to report concerns to TMR. 	
11.	Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 March 2026	
12.	Meeting closed at 6.55pm	