

Mackay Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.15pm Thursday 13 October 2022 – Mackay Surf Life Saving Club / Microsoft Teams

Chair:

Chair NQBP Chief Executive Officer, Nicolas Fertin

Attendees:

<p>Community representatives Shane Hamilton Neville Duncan Lindsay Richardson</p> <p>Yuwi Native Title Holder representative N/A</p> <p>Recreational Group representatives Alison Jones</p> <p>Business representatives Michael DePinto (via Teams) Maree Sturdy</p> <p>Environmental representative N/A</p>	<p>Port Industry/PAG representatives Rachael Haycock – Viva Energy Wayne Tonga - Daltugs</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council representative N/A</p> <p>NQBP representatives Tim Lewis Darren Brownsey Emilie Power</p> <p>MSQ representative Matthew Cummings</p>
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Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting opened at 5.24pm • Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair NQBP Chief Executive Officer, Nicolas Fertin. • Nicolas provided an Acknowledgement to Country to open the meeting. • Apologies were received from Simona Trimarchi, Neale Proctor, Elizabeth Warren, Katrina Dent, Patricia Corrie, Charlie Morgan, Jason Britton, Aaron Wood, Cr Pauline Townsend and Edan Stolberg. • Nicolas welcomed new CRG members Wayne Tonga (port industry representative), Matthew Cummings (Maritime Safety Queensland) and Darren Brownsey (NQBP General Manager Commercial). • Nicolas also announced environmental representative Charlie Morgan has resigned from the CRG. Nicolas thanked Charlie for her contributions and wished her well for the future. NQBP will look to re-recruit to this position. 	
2. Disclosures of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members have disclosed their interests. • The register was presented, giving members the opportunity to manage appropriately. • No concerns were raised by any members. • No conflicts of interest were declared for this meeting. 	
3. CRG Correspondence, Questions and Actions Register	<p>CRG correspondence and questions received since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP have received a request to discuss Maritime Safety Queensland's Recreational Boating Facilities Study. This will be discussed later in the meeting. • NQBP have received another email from a community member (the same member as previous) raising concerns around the Southern Breakwater and requesting that the CRG discuss the possibility of closing the Southern Breakwater to vehicles permanently. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQBP has been discussing this request internally and is investigating further. • CRG members discussed that since the higher section of breakwater wall was built, there is a significant echo that bounces around the Marina at night, and residents are forced to keep 	<p>NQBP to look into signage asking for noise to be kept to a minimum and providing a number for the community to report noise complaints to.</p> <p>NQBP to provide a report of speed</p>

	<p>their doors/windows closed. It is causing angst, possibly devaluing properties and needs to be addressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRG members suggested that around 90% of people are doing the right thing and driving compliantly which doesn't lead to additional noise. It is only a small minority who are causing issues by doing the wrong thing and revving their engines or speeding which causes the excess noise. • CRG members discussed the need to call QPS every time that the noise is occurring. The complaints need to be lodged consistently so QPS can identify the area as a 'hot spot' which in turn triggers compliance blitzes. • Question – How many complaints does NQBP receive regarding noise on the Southern Breakwater? • <i>Response – NQBP doesn't receive regular complaints on this issue.</i> • Question – Is NQBP able to provide footage to QPS? • <i>Response – Yes, NQBP has done this recently. A speed monitoring awareness camera has recently been installed on the Southern Breakwater, and we have reported one instance of excessive speed to QPS. Unfortunately, CCTV footage is not always available/clear, especially at night due to lighting.</i> • NQBP indicated that its current operation of the southern breakwater is to find a balance for all the community members who use the breakwater (cyclists, pedestrians, motorists, those with disabilities, residents etc). NQBP does not want to divide the community. • CRG members agreed and wish to support NQBP in finding the right balance between all the community members who use the breakwater. • CRG members suggested NQBP look into signage asking for noise to be kept to a minimum and providing a number for the community to report noise complaints to (as not everyone is aware of who to lodge complaints with). • CRG members discussed the possibility of a night curfew of 10pm. • CRG members requested that NQBP extrapolates the data from the speed monitoring cameras, showing how many vehicles access the southern breakwater, how many access the breakwater after 10pm and the speeds recorded during these times. This can then be used to consider future options such as a night curfew. • CRG members also requested that QPS representative attend the next CRG meeting. • NQBP advised any suggested changes to the existing access would need an extensive public consultation process, including with key stakeholders such as Mackay Regional Council and Mackay Tourism, before any changes were implemented. • All members acknowledged this is a difficult issue with no clear solutions and agreed to 	<p>monitoring camera data results to next CRG meeting.</p> <p>NQBP to invite QPS to next CRG meeting.</p>
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	<p>support NQBP and balance all community's needs as best as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request from CRG member Lindsay Richardson to discuss Mackay Marina nib wall project. To be discussed later in the meeting. <p>Actions register update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTMR Ring Road – the department has been in contact with NQBP to source information, so the project is progressing. A larger 6 knot sign has been put up in the Mackay Marina with another 4 to come. The flashing sign has now been removed. Refer to Actions Items Register for further details. 	
4. NQBP update	<p>Presented by Chair and NQBP CEO Nicolas Fertin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of NQBP's Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic Themes was provided. An overview of NQBP's FY 2021-22 highlights including throughput totals and economic contribution was provided. An update on the Department of Transport and Main Roads upcoming priority port master planning public consultation for the North Queensland ports of Hay Point/Mackay and Abbot Point was provided. A summary of recent recruitment and current apprenticeship/traineeship opportunities was given. <p>Comment from CRG member Alison Jones – Encouraged CRG members to get involved in the Master Planning process to have their say for future generations.</p> <p>Request from CRG member Shane Hamilton – Could NQBP share some information on its safety statistics at the next CRG meeting? <i>Response – Yes, that can be provided.</i></p>	<p>ACTION – NQBP to send DTMR Master Planning information to members</p> <p>ACTION – NQBP to present a Safety update to next CRG meeting</p>
5. NQBP trade update	<p>Presented by Chair and NQBP CEO Nicolas Fertin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port of Mackay broke the trade record for last FY, facilitating over 3.6 million tonnes. 12.7% increase on last FY Petroleum, sugar and grain all strong performers. Results for this FY are shaping up to be another strong year of over 3 million tonnes. Latest trade data also available on NQBP website. 	

<p>6. NQBP infrastructure update</p>	<p>Presented by General Manager Infrastructure, Tim Lewis</p> <p>Port projects update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4 million Wharf 5 upgrade has been completed by V2R projects. Supported 60 jobs. Media and video to come soon. • \$1.7 million water network upgrade (first stage) completed by Roebuck Civil. New water booster pump station (second stage) is under construction by Fergus Builders. Backflow prevention devices (third stage) requires further investigations. • New project – Middle Breakwater common user pipeline support replacement. Budget ~\$7 million. • New project – Middle Breakwater Road upgrade. Budget ~\$1.9 million. <p>Port Binnli nib wall project</p> <p>Port Binnli intends to build a nib wall within the Mackay Marina. It will be built off NQBP's Southern Breakwater, so there may be disruptions to public access. NQBP will forward information to the CRG as it comes to hand.</p> <p>Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) public consultation on boating facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey regarding Queensland recreational boating facilities is currently underway. • Survey closes 12pm Friday 14 October 2022. • Link to online survey emailed to members on 5 October. • NQBP encourages CRG members to have their say. • NQBP met with MSQ's consultants last week to discuss. <p>Question from CRG member Alison Jones - Recreational fishing groups have met with MSQ consultants and discussed the issues with the Mackay Marina boat ramp. One of the members raised the possibility of a new boat ramp at North Wall. It's a naturally deep area with existing public parking and access. The groups are talking about petitioning Government if MSQ plans don't address the issues. Would NQBP consider this as an option as the landowners at North Wall?</p> <p><i>Response – This area is important land for future port development, maybe not in the short term, but certainly for future generations. It is a very deep and exposed area which may not be compatible with a boat ramp. We encourage CRG members to take part in the Master Planning process to put their views forward.</i></p>	<p>ACTION – NQBP to send Annual Report link to members</p>
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	<p>Emergency management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRG members were given an overview of the national weather outlook for the next few months and were reminded to put their own emergency management plans in place in readiness for Summer weather events – i.e. bushfires and cyclones. 	
7. Sustainability and environment update	<p>Presented by Tim Lewis on behalf of Director Environment, Kevin Kane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on NQBP's biosecurity risks and monitoring activities was provided. 	
8. Community update	<p>Presented by Community and Stakeholder Advisor Emilie Power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of the recently launched NQBP Community Fund was provided with CRG members reminded to share the funding opportunity with local community groups and organisations. CRG grants will no longer be available; instead, CRG members are encouraged to work with their community to identify initiatives and apply for funding via the new Community Fund. A total of \$60,000 in funding is available. Picnic furniture for North Wall has been installed with a plaque recognising the CRG's contribution. A photo opportunity will be arranged soon. A summary of activities recently supported by NQBP was provided; events included the Greater Whitsunday Regional Projects Forum, local NAIDOC events, and a number of sporting events on the Southern Breakwater. Recent media coverage for NQBP included the NQBP Community Fund launch, NQBP's annual performance (2021-22), and the Port of Mackay's contribution to local trade and jobs. NQBP's end of year stakeholder event will be held on Tuesday 22 November from 5.30pm at the Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club. 	
9. General Business	<p>MSQ representative, Matthew Cummings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on MSQ activities was provided including safety statistics reporting for 2021-22, cyclone preparations, and the recent 'Wear a Life Jacket to Work Week', which served as a reminder of the importance of wearing life jackets when out on the water. <p>Firefighting response Question from CRG member Neville Duncan – Could NQBP provide an overview of their firefighting capabilities and emergency evacuation procedures in the event of a fuel tank explosion? Particularly in relation to marina residents. <i>Response – A presentation will be provided at the next meeting.</i></p>	<p>ACTION – NQBP to add firefighting to agenda for next meeting</p> <p>ACTION – NQBP to follow up maintenance team on Southern Breakwater bins</p>

	<p>Southern Breakwater - bins Request from CRG member Lindsay Richardson for NQBP to ensure the first bin along the first bend of the Southern Breakwater is emptied regularly – full of dog waste. <i>Response – Will follow up with NQBP’s maintenance team.</i></p> <p>Local buying programs Request from CRG members Shane Hamilton and Maree Sturdy for NQBP to provide an overview at the next meeting on how local companies can tender / engage with NQBP on upcoming projects. <i>Response – An overview will be provided. Tim Lewis recently presented at the Whitsunday Regional Projects forum. NQBP as a GOC uses QTenders to advertise open tenders.</i></p> <p>Electric vehicles Question - Will there be a charging station located at the Mackay Harbour? <i>Response (Alison Jones) – Mackay Regional Council is working on a plan for electric charging stations.</i></p> <p>Other items of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This month is Indigenous Business Month, there will be a meet the buyer event on 20 October 3pm – 6pm at the MECC - A meeting on Urannah Dam has been arranged for Mackay recreational fishing groups on 19 October at 7pm at the old library building to discuss infrastructure / facilities. <p>Meeting closed 7.11pm.</p>	<p>ACTION – NQBP to provide local buying overview at next meeting</p>
<p>10. Next meeting date</p>	<p>Next meeting is expected to be held in the first quarter of 2023; date to be confirmed.</p>	