

## Mackay Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5.30pm Wednesday 5 June 2019

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**Chair:**

NQBP CEO Nicolas Fertin

**Attendees:**

<p><b>Community Representatives</b> Charlie Camilleri Di Hatfield Neville Duncan</p> <p><b>Aboriginal Party Representative</b> Deb Netuschil</p> <p><b>Recreational Group Representatives</b> Alison Jones Jack McDougall</p> <p><b>Business Representative</b> N/A</p>	<p><b>Port Industry Representative</b> GAC – Justin Durant</p> <p><b>Mackay Regional Council Representative</b> N/A</p> <p><b>NQBP Representatives</b> Amanda Blines Kevin Kane Tim Lewis Emilie Power</p>
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**Apologies:**

Community Representatives: Edan Stolberg, Brendan Webb, Dave Mann, Michael DePinto.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Reference Group members were welcomed by NQBP CEO and Chair Nicolas Fertin.</li> <li>A Welcome to Country was delivered by Yuibera traditional descendant Deb Netuschil.</li> <li>Chair acknowledged formal apologies received from Edan Stolberg, Brendan Webb, Michael DePinto and Dave Mann.</li> <li>Welcome to new CRG member Justin Durant, GAC shipping agent.</li> <li>Alison Jones raised a conflict of interest around the CRG sponsorship application for Mackay Recreational Fishing Alliance.</li> </ul>	
2. CRG Correspondence, Questions and Actions Register	<p>CRG Correspondence and questions received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We received a requested from CRG member Deb Netuschil for information on a cyclone that hit Mackay in the 1800's – <i>NQBP are looking into historical records and will provide any information found.</i></li> </ul> <p>Actions register update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Almost all actions from the last meeting have been completed.</li> <li>Alison Jones asked for the action item around sand erosion to be closed. No further action required.</li> </ul>	<p>Open items remaining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NQBP to discuss fishing platforms at September meeting</li> <li>NQBP to invite DTMR to discuss Ring Road at September meeting</li> <li>NQBP to discuss overflow car parking signage with Mackay Regional Council</li> <li>NQBP to discuss faded signage at boat ramp with Maritime Safety Queensland</li> </ul>
3. NQBP Overview	<p><b>Presented by Chair Nicolas Fertin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CEO presented slide on NQBP's metallurgical coal import market share.</li> </ul>	
4. NQBP Operations	<p><b>Presented by Chair Nicolas Fertin</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NQBP to organise RoRo tour for</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Break bulk</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three RoRo vessels have visited Mackay since last CRG meeting in February.</li> <li>• Three more are scheduled to visit Mackay in 2019, including the Hoegh Trapper again in July.</li> <li>• Demonstrates the increase in trade through the Port of Mackay.</li> <li>• International shipping company Hoegh has launched strong marketing push to promote its service to Mackay.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question – How many cars are being brought in on the RoRo vessels? Answer – <i>There are no cars being brought in on the RoRo vessels at the moment, only mining machinery at this stage.</i></li> <li>• Question – What happened with the CRG port tour of one of the RoRo vessels? Answer – <i>Unfortunately the tour we had organised had to be cancelled due to several operational requirements and shipping schedule issues. CRG members were updated on this via email. NQBP will aim to provide a tour for CRG members for the Hoegh Trapper shipment in July.</i></li> </ul>	<p>shipment in July.</p>
<p>5. NQBP Projects</p>	<p><b>Presented by General Manager Engineering and Development Tim Lewis</b></p> <p><b>Northern Access Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NQBP will construct a road connecting Spiller Avenue to Slade Point Road which will provide a secondary Port emergency evacuation route and improve safety of traffic along Spiller Avenue. It will be a two-directional road that will also allow access from Slade Point Road into North Wall.</li> <li>• It will also allow NQBP to develop commercial lots in Area 1.</li> <li>• A new water connection will be put in which will give NQBP a secondary point of access for water.</li> <li>• Design for the road has been completed and has been approved by Department of Transport and MainRoads.</li> <li>• A tender process is underway. Currently reviewing the tenders and hoping to award a contract soon.</li> <li>• Question – will speed limit along Slade Point Road remain at 100 km/hr? Answer - <i>Yes at this stage DTMR is recommending that the speed limit be kept at 100 km/hr. This is based on DTMR's current traffic projections. If traffic projections increase, this may</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alison to provide Emilie with all Slade Point social media groups.</li> <li>• Chair requested that DTMR be asked to present on this project at the next CRG meeting.</li> </ul>

	<p><i>change.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question – Will there be a slipway? Answer - <i>No – DTMR advised that a slipway may actually cause more issues. Interactions with trucks and traffic will be managed through behaviours - trucks won't pull out unless it's safe to do so and will primarily use during off-peak times.</i></li> <li>• Question – What communication will be done with Slade Point residents? Will an article be put into PortLife? Answer - <i>A full communication plan will be completed for this project and will include articles in PortLife or a letterbox drop if timing doesn't work.</i></li> <li>• Question – Has consideration been given to a bike lane? Answer – <i>The road has been widened so that it will accommodate the existing bike lane.</i></li> <li>• Question – What is the timeframe for this project? Answer – <i>Pending tender process looking at starting construction in the next few months.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>CCTV project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade of NQBP's CCTV capacity at Mackay and Hay Point is planned to address security requirements across both ports.</li> <li>• New poles and cameras have been installed at Mt Bassett and on the Southern Breakwater</li> <li>• Southern Breakwater was closed for 4 days to allow installation of the 9-metre pole. Communication plan executed. No complaints or issues raised.</li> <li>• At the request of the community NQBP has installed a surf camera for North Wall beach which will be able to be viewed by the public via NQBP's website.</li> <li>• Need to wait until all poles and cameras are installed across the whole project before they can be switched on and before North Wall camera can be turned on. Estimate this will happen by the end of July.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Environmental update</b></p>	<p><b>Presented by Senior Manager Environment and Planning Kevin Kane</b></p> <p><b>Indigenous engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An action out of the last CRG meeting was a meeting was to be organised by NQBP with the Traditional Owners for Port of Mackay.</li> <li>• This was held on 7 May.</li> <li>• Discussed several matters including opportunities for partnerships with NQBP, work NQBP is undertaking in the cultural heritage space.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive and productive and identified some areas that the Traditional Owners would like further information on, including ballast water management, anchorages, environmental monitoring and shipping management.</li> <li>• Group also identified that frequent meetings (quarterly) would be beneficial to engage and exchange information and build relationships.</li> <li>• Next meeting 17 June.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Hay Point Maintenance Dredging</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hay Point Maintenance Dredging program was successfully completed in trying weather conditions.</li> <li>• 33-day program with no issues to report.</li> <li>• Live water quality data was provided on NQBP website during maintenance program. At no stage did the data indicate that the dredging was changing the natural water conditions of the area..</li> <li>• Undertaking post-dredging survey and commence compliance reporting.</li> <li>• Water quality monitoring will remain in place for 28-days post maintenance dredging.</li> <li>• Post-maintenance dredging coral surveys will be completed after 28-days post dredging.</li> <li>• NQBP will host a TACC information session later this year following completion and collation of all monitoring and reporting.</li> <li>• Port of Mackay’s last maintenance dredging program was conducted in 2013.</li> <li>• No immediate need for maintenance dredging in Mackay at this stage.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Seagrass dashboards</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NQBP’s seagrass dashboards for all our Ports are now live.</li> <li>• The next dashboard to be completed is the coral dashboards.</li> </ul>	
7. Community update	<p><b>Presented by Senior Advisor Community Relations Amanda Blines</b></p> <p><b><i>Media report</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent media includes Ring Road announcement of \$70M committed for construction of Stage Two, Slade Point Water Tower, Mackay Marina Run, CCTV project, RoRo vessels and Hay Point maintenance dredging.</li> <li>• Future media will include successful EcoPorts winners, RORO shipment in July, NQBP</li> </ul>	

	<p>Bulk Ports Blitz in June, Port of Mackay 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and update on groundwater site investigation.</p> <p><b>Community engagement</b> Stakeholder perception survey has been conducted for NQBP. Almost 100 stakeholders who have direct contact with NQBP have provided feedback. Survey of 400 households across our port communities.</p> <p>Chair asked for feedback from any CRG members contacted for survey. Feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It took longer than expected and was hard to access via a mobile phone.</li> <li>• Some of the questions were quite difficult to answer.</li> <li>• Tried 5 separate times to log in but an error page with coloured flags kept popping up. Tried to make contact with survey company but didn't receive a response so gave up.</li> </ul> <p>Chair advised he would pass this feedback onto the company who was undertaking the survey on NQBP's behalf.</p> <p><b>CRG sponsorship allocation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alison Jones excused herself from the room for this agenda item.</li> <li>• Two applications were received for consideration for the CRG sponsorship allocation.</li> <li>• Both applications were submitted by Mackay Recreational Fishers Angler Education division.</li> <li>• One of these applications didn't fully satisfy the criteria for the sponsorship.</li> <li>• Criteria for the opportunity is either an environmental, social or cultural benefit to the community affected by and surrounding the Port.</li> <li>• The second fit the criteria quite well – annual angler education program – educate children on sustainable fishing practises.</li> <li>• VOTE: All CRG members voted unanimously to support the Mackay Recreational Fishing Alliance Anglers Education program.</li> <li>• Alison Jones returned to the room and was informed of the result.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sponsorships and donations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of events and sponsorships NQBP is involved in for the next few months was presented to the CRG.</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Included Triple M Give Me 5 for Kids – Suspend the Crew 2 raising funds for Mackay Base Hospital's children's ward. Being held in the Mackay Marina car park on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. General Business</b></p>	<p><b>Di Hatfield:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question – Could NQBP use the Southern Breakwater for a community art project like Port Macquarie? Perhaps this could be done with school children or through indigenous engagement as part of the Port 80<sup>th</sup>?</li> <li>• Answer – <i>NQBP will consider this suggestion.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Alison Jones:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question – Could NQBP mark the length of the breakwater for people who exercise, like the Councils' 10,000 steps project?</li> <li>• Answer – <i>NQBP will consider this suggestion.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Deb Netuschil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question – Could NQBP support the Slade Point SplashFest? An event honouring migration of the whales and used to educate community about turtles, marine litter, seagrass held at Lamberts Beach in September.</li> <li>• Answer – <i>NQBP will consider this request, Deb to confirm date of event when known (ACTION).</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Jack McDougall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question - Council aren't progressing issues with the bins at the Marina boat ramp carpark. Can NQBP just install some?</li> <li>• Answer - <i>Unfortunately, no, NQBP can't install something on someone else's land. Alison will raise at Mackay Recreational Fishing Alliance meeting to see if they can formally support request. Nicolas suggested Jack sending photos to MRC. Jack advised he has but has not received any response.</i></li> </ul>	<p>NQBP to consider suggestions of art project for breakwater.</p> <p>NQBP to consider marking length of breakwater for public exercise.</p> <p>Deb to provide date and details on proposed Splashfest event for NQBP support.</p> <p>NQBP to check if security or Border Force received request for footage in relation to trailer theft.</p> <p>Agenda items for next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results of stakeholder survey</li> <li>• Northern Access</li> <li>• Fishing platforms</li> <li>• Port of Mackay 80<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Emergency response, communication and</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Jack McDougall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question – There was a theft of a boat trailer from outside VMR. Does NQBP have CCTV footage of this?</li> <li>• Answer – <i>Don't believe NQBP's cameras cover this area, but will check with NQBP Port Operations and Australian Border Force (ACTION)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Agenda items proposed for next meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results of stakeholder survey</li> <li>• Northern Access</li> <li>• Fishing platforms</li> <li>• Port of Mackay 80th</li> <li>• Emergency response, communication and evacuation zones (if rest of agenda allows)</li> </ul> <p>Meeting closed at 7.00pm</p>	<p>evacuation zones (if rest of agenda allows)</p>
<p><b>9.</b> Proposed next meeting dates</p>	<p><b>Next Meeting scheduled for 4 September 2019</b></p>	