



Bowen and Abbot Point CRG

13 November 2025

Chair: NQBP CEO Brendan Webb



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation acknowledges the Juru People as the Traditional Owners of the Bowen and Abbot Point region. We also acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia. Acknowledging their continuing cultural and spiritual connection to land and water. We pay respects to their Elders, past, and present.

Agenda

1. Meeting open
 - Acknowledgement of Country
 - Agenda and housekeeping
2. Welcome and introductions
 - Guests and Apologies
3. Conflict of interest
4. Actions register
5. CEO update
6. Infrastructure
7. Maintenance and Operations update
8. Environment update
9. Indigenous Program update
10. Community update
11. General business
12. Next meeting
13. Meeting close

Conflict of Interest

CRG members should disclose if they:

- Are a member, partner, or an employee of NQBP
- Have some other specified interest relating to NQBP or their operations
- Have a financial or vested interest in a matter being considered by the CRG
- Have had a change in circumstance

Conflict of Interest Register



Name	Position	Form received (Yes/No)	Nature and Extent of Interest	Date
Matt Bowkett (Proxy)	Port Industry representative – Engage Marine	Yes	Employed as NQ Regional Manager for Engage Marine in Bowen. Engage Marine holds the towage license for Abbot Point which is issued by NQBP. Member of Bowen Chamber of Commerce.	05/09/2024
Clint Mason	Port Industry representative – Engage Marine	Yes	Port Manager Engage Marine. Engage Marine hold the towage license for the port of Abbot Point. This towage license is issued by NQBP.	18/01/2025
James Gilmour	Port Advisory Group representative – Gilmour Space	Yes	As owner of a number of Gilmour Space Companies, may have conflicts from time to time between the running of Gilmour businesses and membership in the CRG depending on agenda items.	11/09/2024
Alex Cramb	Maritime Safety Queensland representative	Yes	Represent the Department of Transport and Main Roads – Maritime Safety Queensland with a specific interest on matters impacting Bowen Boat Harbour (state managed boat harbour)	19/09/2024
Max Haste	Maritime Safety Queensland representative	Yes	An employee and representative of Maritime Safety Queensland (Dept Transport and Main Roads).	09/09/2024
Bradley Stout	Juru Enterprise Representative	Yes	Chairperson of Juru Enterprise Limited	09/09/2024
Donna Turner	Environmental representative – Dry Tropics	Yes	No conflict declared.	23/09/2024
Mark Smith	NQXT Industry representative	Yes	General Manager of NQXT: NQXT is the long-term lease holder of the North Queensland Export Terminal at the Port of Abbot Point	19/09/2024

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Name	Position	Form received (Yes/No)	Nature and Extent of Interest	Date
David Paddon	Local Business representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	21/09/2024
Emma Stark	Youth Community representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	18/11/2024
Cheryl Bullemor	Recreational representative – NQ Cruising Yacht Club	Yes	No conflict declared.	30/01/2025
Stephanie Cora	Community representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	31/01/2025
Lorraine Maltby	Community representative – Probus Club	Yes	No conflict declared.	11/09/2024
Richard Roberts	Community representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	11/02/2025
Glenda Robertson	Community representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	25/09/2024
Barney Menzies	Bowen Chamber of Commerce			
Damien Dederer (Proxy)	APO Industry representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	30/06/2025
Kate Mee	APO Industry representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	03/10/2024
Mayor Ry Collins	Whitsunday Regional Council	Yes	No conflict declared.	25/03/2024
Johnathan Cutting (Proxy)	Whitsunday Regional Council representative	Yes	No conflict declared.	16/09/2024

Actions Register



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Bowen and Abbot Community Reference Group Actions Register

As at 23 June 2025

Action No	Description	Raised by	Date	Responsible	Due by (CRG meeting)	Actions & Progress Notes	Status	Date Resolved
1	NQBP to distribute draft minutes of meeting for review.	CRG	11/03/25	Communications	July 2025	Emailed to CRG members	Closed	31/03/25
2	NQBP to publish minutes on website and notify CRG members so they can share through their networks.	CRG	11/03/25	Communications	July 2025	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	16/04/25
3	Request for additional agenda items to be sent four weeks prior to next meeting.	CRG	11/03/25	Communications	July 2025	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	13/06/25
4	NQBP to follow up any outstanding Conflict of Interest forms	CRG	11/03/25	Communications	July 2025	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	17/03/25
5	NQBP to send information to CRG members on sponsorship nominations process	CRG	11/03/25	Communications	July 2025	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	17/03/25
6	James Gilmour to send public document to NQBP to share with CRG members.	CRG	11/03/25	Gilmour Space	July 2025	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	17/03/25
7	Jonathan Cutting to share Bowen Foreshore Master Plan community consultation information.	CRG	11/03/25	Whitsunday Regional Council	July 2025	Email sent to CRG members	Closed	17/03/25



CEO Update



Our Chair and Directors



Queensland Government appointments:

- **Grant Gilfillan | Chair**
First appointed 01/10/2025 | Term of office 31/05/2029
- **Melinda Hashimoto**
First appointed 02/10/2025 | Term of office 31/05/2029
- **Lachlan Millar**
First appointed 02/10/2025 | Term of office 31/05/2029
- **Kelly Newton**
First appointed 02/10/2025 | Term of office 31/05/2029
- **Monica McKendry | BBus (Acct) CA GAICD**
First Appointed 01/10/2020 | Term of office 30/09/2027



Connected Leaders



Infrastructure

- Bowen Jetty project
- Towage solution for Abbot Point



Bowen Jetty project

Project Timeline

Construction start: 2027

Completion: Late 2028 *(subject to environmental approvals)*

Current focus

- Conducting baseline environmental studies
 - Seagrass and megafauna surveys
 - Noise and vibration assessments
 - Sediment quality
- Consultancies
 - Reference Design and Engineering Consulting Services tender awarded – work started mid October.
 - Geotechnical Investigation tender awarded – works started 10 November 2025.



Bowen Jetty concept

Bowen Jetty project



Stuart McDonnell
Senior Project Manager
Mackay



Stefanie Palin
Senior Advisor Environment (Projects)
Brisbane

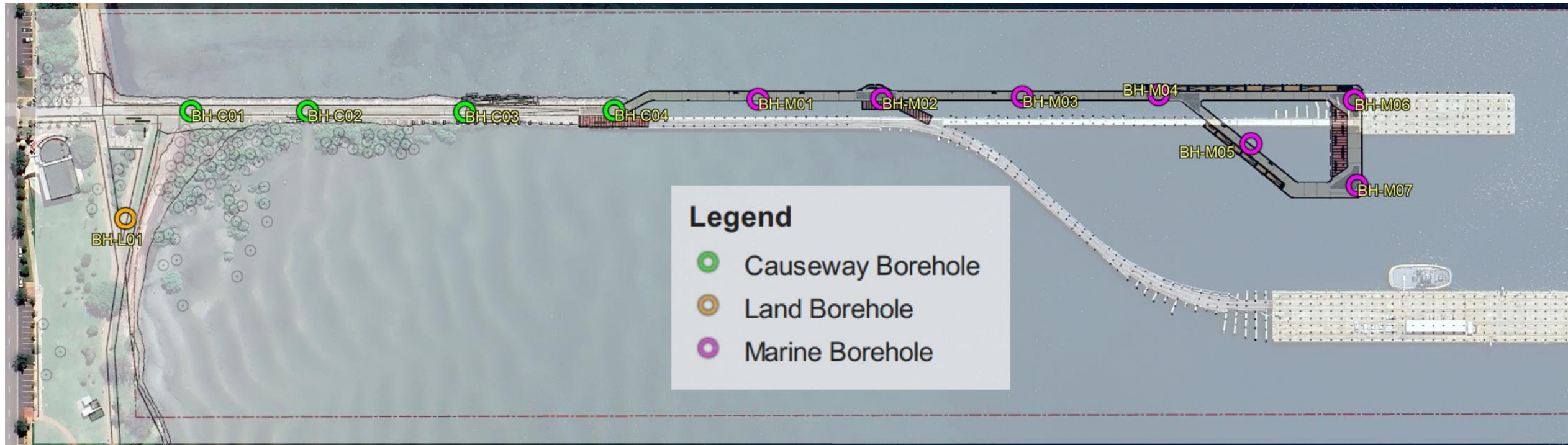
Geotechnical works

Civil Geotechnical Consultants (CGC) geotechnical investigation works will involve borehole drilling on:

- causeway
- wharf and
- barge-accessible areas.

Works are planned to run from Monday **10 November** for approximately one month.

Public access maintained wherever possible, with temporary detours and exclusion zones clearly marked for public safety.



Port of Abbot Point Towage

Currently:

- Three tugs provide towage services for shipping operations required to service the Port of Abbot Point
- Two of these tugs are moored onsite at Abbot Point and one is moored at Bowen Wharf
- All refueling, maintenance, and crew transfers are also conducted at the Bowen Wharf tug facility.

From 2027

- The existing tug wharf at Bowen is scheduled for dismantling as part of the Bowen Jetty Project
- All servicing, crew transfer and provisioning will have to be undertaken elsewhere
- NQBP has a need to identify a solution for the Port of Abbot Point towage operations.
- NQBP is conducting a Business Case aims to identify a sustainable towage solution to support current and future port operations.



Process for business case



Understand the problems and opportunities driving the project



Define the business case

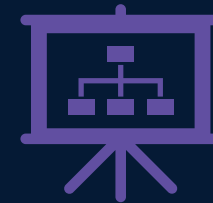


Develop the options to consider



Assess and eliminate options based on criteria

Which options are best based on several key considerations?



Undertake more detailed analysis of preferred option/s to determine feasibility

Is the project feasible and does it deliver benefit?

Maintenance and Operations



Maintenance works

Bowen Wharf maintenance works

- Third stage of deck replacement works has been completed.
- 60 metres of deck new Fibre-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) decking sheets were laid and new FRP edge rail was fitted.
- Fourth and final stage of deck replacement work is being completed this week – Monday 10 Nov to Thursday 13 Nov.
- Updates on the closures can be found on NQBP's Facebook page.



Maintenance and operations

General updates

- Planned burns carried out at Abbot Point with Fireland, Juru Enterprise Limited (JEL) and Abbot Point Operations (APO).
- 8 wild dogs removed during September trapping program.
- Aerial shoot (wild pigs) scheduled for Tuesday 18 November.



Environment

- JCU partnership renewal



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PORT OF WEIPA

PORT OF ABBOT POINT

PORT OF MACKAY

PORT OF HAY POINT

GREAT BARRIER REEF

WORLD HERITAGE AREA

Seagrass

Coral

Water quality

Research

Education
and outreach

Indigenous Program

- Turtle monitoring
- Caring for Country Plan



Turtle monitoring

- Turtle monitoring commenced in late October and will continue through to 18 December 2025.
- Monitoring is undertaken by Juru Enterprises Limited on behalf of NQBP.
- Monitoring along Eastern Beach for green and flatback turtles.
- Tagged two flatback turtles and nine nests to date.
- Nests are marked and protected as required.
- Satellite tag to be placed on a nesting female to track movements away from Abbot Point.



Caring for Country Plan

- Within the Port of Abbot Point Master Plan there is a priority management measure allocated for the management of Kaili Valley Wetland Cultural Values.
- A 'Caring for Country Plan' has been developed in conjunction with the Juru People for long term management.



Community

- New sponsorships and donations
- Community Fund update
- CRG feedback survey



Recent sponsorships and donations



Recent successful applications / events:

- 2025 Don River Dash
- 2025 Bowen Fishing Classic
- Bowen Junior Golf 2026 Sponsorship



NQBP supported the 2025 Don River Dash SES team and medical staff as an in-kind donation (use of ATV).

Community Fund update

- Over **70** applications received for FY 25-26.
- Increase of 30% on previous years.
- Non-profit groups & organisations across NQBP's four ports.
- Supports projects, initiatives, and events that align with NQBP's strategic themes and values.
- Aims to identify partnerships that also embrace diversity and inclusion.
- Announcement of successful applicants – late November 2025.
- Thank you for helping us promote this within our port communities!



2024-25 Community Fund Recipient Bowen Flexi Care – Digging to Dining project

CRG feedback survey

- We review the CRGs on an annual basis and identify opportunities for improvement.
- November 2025 meeting is the last meeting of 2025.
- Surveys will be sent to CRG members after this meeting in preparation for our meetings in 2026.
- Feedback will be used to improve content and effectiveness of the meeting, as well the future Terms of Reference.



General Business

- Gilmour Space
- Whitsunday Regional Council
- Maritime Safety Queensland



Next meeting

- Thursday 5 March 2026
- Please provide suggested agenda items to Ange





Thank you