

Hay Point Community Reference Group Meeting Minutes

5pm Wednesday 12 October 2022 – Meeting held at Hay Point VTS Administration Building

Chair:

Chair NQBP CEO, Nicolas Fertin

Attendees:

<p>Community Representatives Marilyn Maher Kerry Flynn Peter Douglass Christopher Schloss Crispian Mallise</p> <p>Business Representative Maree Sturdy</p> <p>Environmental Representatives -</p> <p>Mackay Regional Council Representative Cr Karen May</p>	<p>Port Industry Representatives DBI – Peter Wotherspoon (via Teams)</p> <p>NQBP Representatives Nicolas Fertin Tim Lewis Darren Brownsey Lorelei van Dalen</p> <p>MSQ Representative Matthew Cummings</p> <p>Invited Guests N/A</p> <p>Yuwi Native Title Holder Representative -</p>
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Apologies: Steve Rae, George Stace, Jason Britton, Gareth Large, Katie Evetts, Charlie Morgan, Katrina Dent, Simona Trimarchi, Kevin Kane, Cathy Fredericks, Tom Andrews, Tom Liddell, Judy Langdon

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Meeting open and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting opened at 5pm • Community Reference Group members were welcomed by Chair/NQBP CEO, Nicolas Fertin. • An acknowledgment of Country was provided by Nicolas. • Formal apologies were received from Steve Rae, George Stace, Jason Britton, Gareth Large, Katie Evetts, Charlie Morgan, Katrina Dent, Simona Trimarchi, Kevin Kane, Cathy Fredericks, Tom Andrews, Tom Liddell, and Judy Langdon. • Nicolas announced Charlie Morgan's resignation from the CRG and acknowledged her contribution. • Nicolas welcomed new CRG members Matthew Cummings (Maritime Safety Queensland) and Darren Brownsey (NQBP General Manager Commercial). 	
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. 	
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. • An overview of NQBP's FY 2021-22 highlights including throughput totals and economic contribution was provided. • A brief update on the 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>ACTION – NQBP to share apprenticeship/traineeship opportunities with Sarina State High School and Chamber of Commerce representative to share with Mackay schools.</p>

	<p>Comment – It would be good to share the apprenticeship/traineeship opportunities directly with Sarina State High School.</p> <p><i>Response – NQBP Community & Stakeholder Advisor committed to sending detail re apprenticeship/traineeship opportunities to Sarina State High School, and Chamber of Commerce representative committed to sharing opportunities with Mackay schools.</i></p>	
5. NQBP Trade Update	<p>Presented by CEO (Chair), Nicolas Fertin</p> <p>Trade update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total throughput for Port of Hay Point is 24.6 million tonnes (Mt) for the financial year to date. • Strong coal trade results for the month of September – 9.3Mt. • Trade results are due to solid Indian and Asian markets and growing European markets. • Latest trade data is 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"> • Works were completed in August; residents were notified via letterbox drop and CRG members were informed via email. • Total of 9 properties and one swimming pool were demolished. • Vacant sites to be maintained as part of NQBP’s ongoing maintenance program. <p>Half Tide Tug Harbour cyclone mooring works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to install an additional cyclone mooring commence next week (W/E 21 Oct). • All works will be in the port secure zone. • No impact on public access to boat ramp or car park area. • Project is being coordinated in close consultation with Hay Point towage and terminal operators. • Works are expected to be completed by end of 2022. <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. 	

	<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 & Stakeholder Advisor, Lorelei van Dalen</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. A summary of activities recently supported by NQBP was provided; events included the Greater Whitsunday Regional Projects Forum, local NAIDOC events, and the Sarina Landcare Catchment Management's Louisa Creek community event – <i>Fox, what fox?</i> 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. <p>Question – could you please send me the information on the Sarina Landcare Catchment Management's Louisa Creek community event? Response – NQBP Community & Stakeholder Advisor agreed to send information.</p>	ACTION – NQBP to send information regarding Sarina Landcare Catchment Management's Louisa Creek community event to CRG member.
9. General Business	<p>BMA representative, Crispian Mallise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SABR project continues. Six wide load movements are planned for the coming months. <p>Comment – the Hay Point signs displaying information about upcoming wide load movements are very helpful for locals and other road users.</p> <p>DBI representative, Peter Wotherspoon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 8x Expansion technical feasibility study will be completed by the end of this year. 	

	<p>Commitment to commence the project is not expected before the first quarter of 2024.</p> <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>A concern regarding Louisa Creek property demolition works was raised – i.e. materials left on cleared NQBP properties situated on Louisa Creek Road and actions undertaken/planned by NQBP were discussed.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 5.57pm.</p> <p>Next meeting is expected to be held in the first quarter of 2023; date to be confirmed.</p>	
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