

8 87General Information			
Meeting:	Port Community Consultation Committee Meeting		
Meeting No:	2/2026		
Location:	Southern Ports – Albany Eclipse Meeting Room		
Date:	20/05/2026	Time Open:	5:00pm
		Time Close:	6:15pm
Attendees			
Name	Title	Name	Title
Ian Moss	PCCC Chair	Paul McSweeney	General Manager Great Southern
Angela Ritchie	Committee Member	Paul Mackey	Environment Manager
Edwin McLean	Committee Member	Shannan Beal	Community Relations & Partnerships Manager
Tina Queale	Committee Member	Iain Robertson	Interim Chief Infrastructure and Projects Officer
		Marcus Rooney	Study Manager Planning and Development
		Denise Fisher	Office Coordinator
Andrew Sharp	City of Albany Representative		
Online Attendees:			
		Wiebke Ebeling	SP Board Representative
Apologies:			
Geraldine Ennis	Committee Member	Keith Wilks	SP CEO
Michael Hunter	Committee Member		
Tony Harrison	Committee Member		
Minutes of Discussions			
1. Opening, Present and Apologies			
Meeting was opened at 5:00pm by Chair Ian Moss. It was noted that this would be Edwin McLean and Tina Queale’s final meeting, following their resignation from the PCCC. The committee expressed its appreciation to both members for your dedication and contributions to the meetings, and in particular Tina for her valuable contributions to the CIP committee. Apologies were noted.			
2. Declaration of Interest from Committee Members			
None			
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting			
The minutes from the previous committee meeting held 29 October 2025 were noted as approved via circular resolution, the circular resolution was ratified by the committee.			
4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes			
None			
5. Business for Discussion			

Iain Robertson, Interim Chief Infrastructure and Projects Officer

Marcus Rooney, Study Manager Planning and Development

Iain and Marcus presented to the PCCC on Southern Ports proposed project for the replacement General Purpose Berth in Albany. Points taken from the presentation include:

- Current General Purpose Berths 1 and 2 support fertiliser import, small amount of grain export, cruise ships, navy and fuel. The berths are 75 years old, and in a deteriorated condition. The berths were built for vessels from 1950s with lengths 130m with 7,500 gross tonnages. Today's vessels have length 220m with 26,000 - 44,000 gross tonnage. Berths 1 and 2 are shallower than the other berths.
- Berth 3 supports grain export and mineral sand by CBH ship loader.
- Berth 6 is a dolphin berth where woodchips are exported. It is not suitable for general purpose with a central ship loader, where ships are required to warp to load the hatches.
- The consequence of not replacing Berths 1 and 2 is that the trade will be required to relocate to Berth 3. This would likely result in loss of trade, as Berth 3 is already heavily utilised for grain operations and this could cause increased berth congestion.
- Proposed timeline:
 - Currently in project development phase, focusing on the business case, submitting environment approvals and early design.
 - Business case to be finalised and submitted for Board and Government approval in the FY28 Stage budget.

PCCC questions and comments

- Once the business case is prepared and submitted to the government, would we have the same probability and success as other ports business cases for example iron ore ports?

SP has a sound business case which is primarily based on the economic value of the proposed asset to the region, the business case acknowledges the important role of the port to service the region over the last 200 years in Albany.

6. Southern Ports Albany Update

Paul McSweeney, General Manager Great Southern

- Albany Port trade has remained very busy with December, January and February recording the biggest for those months in Port history. The current forecast is for 5.6 MT, placing the Port on track for a record year.
- The Port continues to operate safely. This week is National Road Safety week. Road travel is a significant part of our operations, with employees regularly travelling between ports. To support this message, we will be holding a road safety session this week.
- The cruise ship season finished on 10th April, the day before PortFest. This season, 13 cruise vessels were scheduled, although unfortunately one visit was cancelled due to weather conditions at departure.

Cruise visits provide significant benefits for the local and state economy. Southern Ports are continuing to work with stakeholders including Tourism WA, CoA, ACCI, Australian Cruise Association and local tourism operators.
- Maintenance works continue on Berth 3 with blast and paint under the berth, while contractors also work on the upper deck and soffit. SIMOPS are working really well, with Berth 3 still operational with grain exports throughout the works.
- The Pilot Cottage project is progressing, with the construction contract close to being awarded.
- PortFest held on the 11th April was a fantastic day, with approximately 4,500 people attending throughout the day.

- SP are working closing with ABH/Qube with how they may modify their ship loader to handle additional commodities at Berth 6. Currently Berth 6 is utilised for woodchips only.
- SPA are also working with Ampol to understand how the site may be repurposed. Ampol owns all the infrastructure on the site, which will require some work before becoming operational again.
- Paul showed the gift from the CoA in recognition of the collaboration between agencies in facilitating the Southern Ocean Surf Reef project.

7. Environmental Management Update

Paul Mackey, Environmental Manager

- Paul provided an update on the forward works on the bush regeneration project along Brunswick Road East, including bank establishment.
- Introduced the Maintenance schedule to remove 2 large, limb dropping Eucalypts that pose a danger to public/staff safety. Neither tree is endemic to the Albany region. Bolt Terrace will be shut next Monday and Tuesday next week to allow the works.

8. Corporate Affairs Update

Shannan Beale, Community Relations & Partnerships Manager

- The final round of Community Investment Program (CIP) for the year is now finished, with 15 groups across the great southern were supported through a total of \$55,000 funding.
- SPA are currently working on a refresh of CIP, including an online system. Dates for the next financial year are being finalised.
- The cruise ship season brings \$6.5 million to the regional economy for the financial year. Seven ships made their maiden call to Albany last season. Princess cruises have signed an agreement with Fremantle Port as a home port. This supports more cruise to the regions.
- Last week SPA team members attended the budget breakfast.
- Celebrating the bicentenary, Albany 200 years the Pilot Stations and Port of Albany were featured on Destinations WA. The Stakeholder Function was held on 10 April 2026 followed by PortFest on 11 April 2026. 45 staff members from across all SPA sites volunteered at the open day, with 4,500 community members attending.
- It is Reconciliation Week next week, with SPA attending events, and there will be cultural awareness training for leaders.

PCCC questions and comments

- The history posters at PortFest did not mention the Great Southern Railway which was built in the 1880s. The railway is still used today bringing in grain.

9. Member Discussion, Feedback and community questions

- No further discussion.

10. Any other Business

- Paul McSweeney advised the PCCC with SPA structure changes recently announced. Paul's position has been retitled to General Manager, Great Southern with the Albany Maintenance and Marine teams now reporting to him.

Chief Infrastructure and Projects Officer role has been created with Iain Robertson in role in an interim capacity.

PCCC Membership

- At the last PCCC meeting it was advised the Deputy Chair position was vacant. Unfortunately, no one has volunteered for the role, so it will remain vacant for now. If anyone is considering the role, please contact Denise.
- The Charter requires the PCCC to have a minimum of 5 members with a maximum of 13 members. There is a strategy moving forward to recruit new members getting a good cross section and diversity on the committee.
- Three members terms expire at the end of June. Tonight, will be Tina Queale and Edwin McLeans last meeting. Tony Harrison has indicated he will be renominating. With Tina retiring from the PCCC, this will leave her position with the Community Investment Program vacant. If any of the PCCC members wish to nominate for the position, please contact Denise.
- Paul acknowledged Edwin McLeans and Tina Queale's contributions to the PCCC. Tina Queale has been a member of the PCCC and CIP committee for 5 years.

11. Items for future discussion

- Wave X Project
- CBH rationalisation of receival points across the state, being the largest export of commodity from Albany Port.
- Request for Francis Galarce, Marine Pilot, to learn about his training background and experience. The pathway he has taken to get where he is.

Next Meeting

Date: 26/08/2026

Time: 5:00pm