



**SOUTHERN PORTS AUTHORITY – PORT OF BUNBURY**  
PORT COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 5:00pm WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2017

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>PRESENT</b>	John Saunders (Chairman) Michael Ansell Raymond Jordan Tim Lee Steere Brian Rettinger Matt Granger	Nicolas Fertin (SPA CEO) Darren Lambourn (GM PoB) Duncan Gordon (HSE Mngr) Nathan Piacentini (Mngr Ops & Maint) Peta Rule (SPA Comms) Michelle Wells (Committee Secretary)
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Nicolas Pozniakov Monique Warnock Derek Lee John Higgins	Carolyn Porter (SPA Board) Gary Wood (Director SPA) Neema Premji (Director SPA)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 5:10pm.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

B Rettinger declared his interest in Port Tours. He had submitted a preliminary proposal to D Lambourn but understands the Port is considering its options. The PCLC enquired as to the time frame for port tours. D Lambourn replied that the road works would prevent Port tour and that expressions of interest for providers will be sent around late June.

Gary Wilson (General Manager Marine and Harbour Master) was introduced to the Committee.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 January 2017 were agreed as being a true and correct record of the meeting.

**Moved: Matt Granger**

**Seconded: Tim Lee Steere**

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Corellas** – T Lee Steere enquired as to status of corellas. D Gordon replied that canola being stockpiled for export at the inner harbour attracted the corellas. They move from area to area so a feeder is in place at the inner harbour to attract them back. Have received Licence from DPAW to cull if they come in to the port again. Method has been approved by DPAW. City of Bunbury also approached the Port for assistance in the area of Stirling Street, hoping to get the numbers down. The Licence lasts 12 months – onsite camera has been installed, allowing the contractor to see them from his home, allows him to identify best time to do his work. R Jordan mentioned the racecourse has a cull permit for 200 corellas. J Saunders noted that in the late 1960's, no corellas/galahs were in the area. Rainfall dropped 19" to 12" overnight – birds reacted to change in rainfall.

**Tug Boat Update** – Both tug boats are now operating out of the Port of Bunbury for McKenzies Marine & Towing. M Wells is in regular contact with Paul Mulholland to arrange a visit for the PCLC committee, which is subject to shipping schedules. As soon as opportunity arises, this information will be passed to the committee. Due to the nature of the circumstances, it may be at short notice.

#### **4. PORT TRADE AND PROJECT UPDATES (D Lambourn)**

D Lambourn, General Manager Port of Bunbury, provided an update on Port Trade and Projects. The key points of interest are as follows:

Trade is fairly consistent and tracking well. Woodchips are improving, alumina is steady. 1 cruise ship scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> February (Astor).

##### **Bauxite:**

D Lambourn provided update on potential bauxite export. Discussions are underway with DER and State Development. Staff and PCLC chairman toured Alcoa Bauxite sites at Kwinana and Pinjarra. Everyone was impressed with product at KBT which does not use a lot of dust suppression and have no fines blowing away. Front End Loader is used to load product into hopper and then on to shiploader.

J Saunders commented issue seems to be larger products damaging protective layers and wearing the plates. D Lambourn commented sizing specification is not completed yet. Larger product size would put more wear on our machines and Southern Ports does not want to jeopardize equipment. Southern Ports is looking at trial using old coal bunker, trial shipment and truck through road hopper. The entire Port model is subject to approval by Southern Ports Board and potentially the Minister depending on the duration of the terms.

On the timing of Alcoa, D Lambourn responded a few months for the start of operation.

J Sanders indicated that the issue of large size product could cost extra to crush down.

D Lambourn indicated that KBT are being provided a product to a specification. Southern Ports is still in discussions with Alcoa to conduct trial to resolve the sizing issues.

It was discussed and confirmed that the model envisaged was through the road hopper of Berth 8 which feeds straight into ship loader and that while it was a good short-term option, it was not efficient for the long term due to costs and traffic on road.

It was mentioned that the initiative would be for 50,000 tonnes per ship, one ship per month; assuming 50 ton truck this would be 1,000 trucks per month. It was generally commented that 1,000 trucks per month or 30 per day was not a lot compared with today's traffic.

J Saunders noted that Alcoa can haul 56 wagons trains but can only deliver 42. N Piacentini responded that between Picton & Brunswick there is a bottleneck (passing lane). It depends where they unload if they unload further around, they can bring more in. 42-52 is huge efficiency gain.

When discussing train capacity, it was commented that the problem was Estuary Drive. N Fertin responded that Estuary Drive cutting the Port in two halves will need to be addressed at some point since having 14,000 vehicles per day along Estuary Drive will put stress on traffic to the Port not only for Alcoa trucks or trains but for all Port users.

It was discussed that to make the trains more efficient may include dual line Brunswick-Bunbury. N Fertin responded that the track is owned by Brookfield. That there is some capacity currently but investment will be required to make Bauxite or other trade more efficient. It was mentioned that the change of Government may promote for train and increased road capacity.

It was concluded that open stockpile and truck transport was a low investment solution due to the limited capital that is a good short-term option subject to all approvals be granted and that Darren was doing a great job utilizing existing facilities to their maximum capacity.

N Fertin indicated Alcoa had a State Agreement to mine Bauxite and export it and it wants access to 2 ports: Bunbury and Kwinana. At Kwinana, Alcoa already have open stockpile and train supply so Bunbury needs to develop a competitive solution. D Lambourn commented that there was good information sharing with KBT.

### Red Alkaline Sand:

J Saunders indicated that during his visit it became apparent that Alcoa could sell huge quantities of red alkaline sand, available by train. It was discussed that farmers had told Alcoa, sand was too expensive to haul and spread. The sand was trialed 3-4 years ago for road base and that with Forrest Highway it presented potential grief from environmental agency.

The Committee noted the Port Trade and New Trade updates.

## 5. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT (D Gordon)

Duncan Gordon, HSE Manager, provided an update on environmental matters for the Port of Bunbury:

- **Preston River Sampling** – result in water quality, chemistry and sediment returned benign results.
- **Cumulative noise model** now completed. Copy sent to DER. They now have all information for risk based license.
- **ISO14001 surveillance audit** now late May/early June.
- **Marine Structure Group Koombana Bay development.** Environment Management Framework working with all the players. SPA will participate but not lead agency. Government may decide to put in another body to oversee.
- **Alcoa** – Environmental approvals underway
- **Dust Monitoring** – no exceedances within last 2 months
- **Environment Policy** now ratified by Board
- **DPAW Licence** – spoke about earlier
- **Land Fill Trial / Farmlands** - Met with interested community member regarding birdlife at farmlands who had written to the Chairman of the Board of directors. The letter indicated concerns with the land filling works and disturbing birdlife. In the future, we will involve interested bird watchers and local birdlife experts. Our response confirmed that we will minimize our environmental impact but will continue to develop our land and promote jobs.

The Port is doing preloading and compaction tests to get good data on how the land would react when it was utilized down the track.

Experience shows around Berth 8 that there can be subsidence when constructing in historic Delta areas. It was commented that drilling is often required and that floating or piled slabs may be needed.

- **Leschenault Nursery** – Southern Ports have been working with Leschenault Nursery and ordered work from them for Koombana Drive Cooling at 2-3 metre shrubbery. They have large inventory. JS noted Tim Lee Steere had commented on the affect of them on the birdlife.
- **Hydraulic Oil Spill incident at Berth 5** – well handled by ship's crew – Minor sheen on water next morning. Reported to AMSA - No residual issues.
- **Engine Failure** - 27<sup>th</sup> March – 2 episodes main engine failure. Safety – Tugs are alongside for that reason.
- **Safety Stats** – 1 medical treatment – whilst counting cattle, vehicle fell into spoon drain in paddock. MTI.

The Committee noted the Environmental Update.

## 6. SPA Update (N Fertin)

N Fertin provided an update on the following:

- Rob Cole and Nicolas Fertin met with Don Punch – (MLA). Since he had left the SWDC in July 2016, he was updated on the outer harbour strategy to hand it over entirely. Explained strategy of linking outer harbour to inner harbour for trade. Also explained that N Fertin was member of Bunbury Geographe Growth Plan group which is a conduit to get potential expansion pathway for port considered and approved. Whether it will happen depends on trade growth and fund availability.
- Southern Ports will finish the year on track at about 36M tonnes. Alumina excellent in March, good signs, good trade and improvement in safety.
- N Fertin updated organization changes taking place at SPA Bunbury as follows: Gary Wilson is Harbour Master of the 3 ports with experience in managing Melbourne as well as 3 ports for Port Authority in Queensland. Great opportunity to use diversity and experience to bring ports together.

The four previous pilots of Bunbury have remained with Les Turner promoted as Deputy Harbour Master. Rob Lilley moved with his family to Albany and is 80% trained to be pilot in Albany. Esperance 3 pilots, focus on strategy level. Harbour Master role same – safe and efficient manner. Extra cargo, extra ships, without disruption to trade.

- Gary Wilson updated on Bunbury dredging. The wrack trawling lasted 3 week and finished last Saturday. 300 tonnes wrack was removed. Dredging will finish on 25 April. Concentrating a channel for width (primarily) – trailer dredger. Backhoe dredger starts tomorrow (outer end of Berth 1).
- The committee asked what was the Harbour Master’s long range travel plans. Gary Wilson responded – 2 weeks Albany / 1 week Esperance / 1 week Bunbury but will be as required. Will always try and make these meetings but operational demand will take preference.
- Since January D Lambourn has been General Manager of Ports of Albany and Bunbury.

The Committee noted the SPA Update.

## **7. COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/ISSUES (PCLC MEMBERS)**

### **a. Leschenault Homestead**

It was asked whether Southern Ports was still leasing it to Leschenault Catchment Council (LCC) and who’s responsible for the garden. D Lambourn advised LCC leases the homestead and that Southern Ports have been made aware the gardens haven’t been looked after. Southern Ports is going to meet with 3 board members and their CEO to ensure LCC understand their obligations under the lease.

R Jordon suggested using Prison95 group for the garden maintenance. J Saunders said LCC might have been confused on who was going to maintain the gardens. D Lambourn indicated the lease was clear and that he could clarify that further with LCC. The PCLC suggested the wellness group continued to do the gardening.

### **b. Defence Naval Shipbuilding**

PCLC members indicated they attended a Defence Naval Shipbuilding Conference with the sponsorship of Nola Marino (Federal member for Bunbury). N Fertin commented that Ports were essential defence assets and Southern Ports welcomes marine vessels on regular basis. We know we will have more navy ship visits. In terms of construction, N Fertin asked to be forwarded contact details so he would follow up.

## **8. General Business**

### **a. Media Update**

Peta Rule presented an update on Media including:

- Bunbury-specific media coverage
- Gardening for Wellness initiative
- Oil spill clean up
- Change of guard at Bunbury Mail
- Talking about port land being futureproofed for future use
- Bunbury Port contributing favourably to SPA’s reputation

Overall, a good month for media.

B Rettinger queried whether we would consider using LinkedIn. Southern Ports monitors social media but does not have its own presence. Southern Ports website still links to old Port of Bunbury website but will be upgraded. Currently Southern Ports focuses on intranet before focusing on extranet.

It was noted that Graham Cowes is currently contracted to develop Albany, Bunbury and Esperance historical feature that will show history of all 3 ports to be loaded onto Southern Ports website.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 7 June 2017

**MEETING CLOSED:** 6:45pm

**John Saunders**  
**Chairman**  
**Bunbury Port Community Liaison Committee**

**ACTION ITEM LIST**

FROM MINUTES OF PORT COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

12 April 2017

ITEM NO	ACTION	DATE AROSE	ACTION BY	STATUS
1.	Provide copy of Defence Industry presentation documents to N Fertin	12 April 17	B Rettinger	