



PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2018

MINUTES

PRESENT	Mike Ansell (Chairman)	Raymond Jordan
	Anne-Louise Dubrawski	Tresslyn Smith
	Brian Rettinger (Deputy Chair)	Darren Lambourn (GM, PoB)
	Derek Lee	Darren Chapman (GM, HSES)
	Fiona Fitzgerald	Gary Wilson (HM)
	Mark Ritchie	Duncan Gordon (HSE Mngr)
	Michael Pekin	Nathan Piacentini (Mgr Operations)
	Monique Warnock	Peta Rule (Communications)
	Murray Webb	Carol McKenzie (Committee Secretary)
	Nicolas Pozniakov	

APOLOGIES Tim Lee Steere Kaitlyn Proctor

The Chairman opened the meeting at 5:05pm.

Mike Ansell welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Southern Ports for organising the Port Tour. New members Fiona Fitzgerald and Mark Ritchie introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their roles in the Community. Peta Rule, Southern Ports Communications Business Manager, introduced herself to the committee.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations

2. Minutes Of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting from 6 June 2018 were confirmed by the Committee members as true and correct.

3. Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

B Rettinger noted that the Expressions Of Interest (EOI) for Port Tours should have been on the Action List.

4. Port Trade And Project Updates (D Lambourn/Nathan Piacentini)

N Piacentini provided the following update:

- The Port has received a number of enquiries regarding break bulk cargo relating to the Albemarle and Talison expansion on Berth 5. There is a large area of land behind the Berth and pre-works will begin there before the end of the year.
- There has been 2.6 million tonnes of product moved through Berth 8 this year with a potential increase of Alumina Hydrate for South 32. Short Term Bauxite has ceased going through Berth 8 and future shipments will go through Kwinana Bulk Terminal. Long Term Bauxite shipments will be going through Bunbury in early 2019.
- The land at the old coal bunker site is being prepared for use with Bunge planning to relocate their stockpile of canola to that area.
- A few upgrades have been done on Berth 8 that will be beneficial for the Bauxite shipments.

D Lambourn gave a presentation on the Revised Inner Harbour Structure Plan showing the initial plan and the various stages to date. The committee discussed aspects of the plan. The updated Revised Inner Harbour Structure Plan will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting (Action)

D Lambourn stated that the Westport government initiative is a long term plan. There is an issue with capacity at Fremantle and Kwinana Bulk Terminal so the Westport group are looking at Bunbury Port as a possible option to take the overflow. The documents sent to Westport this week included the old Inner Harbour Structure Plan as the Port is unable to send through the new plan until it has gone out for community engagement and has been approved by the Board. B Rettinger noted that the current Southern Ports website shows the old Inner Harbour Structure Plan.

D Lambourn stated that cruise ships only berth at the Outer Harbour at present and dredging of the Outer Harbour will continue to enable cruise ships to keep coming to Bunbury. It is unclear who will look after the maintenance once the Outer Harbour is handed over for future development. Gary Wilson will now be the Southern Ports representative on the Cruise Ship Committee.

D Lambourn noted that the Stakeholder meeting with the Board will be held towards the end of October 2018 and invitations will be sent once the date is confirmed. (Action)

D Lambourn advised that he is happy to organise a Port Tour for any committee member who may have missed today's tour.

5. Environmental Report (D Gordon)

D Gordon, HSE Manager, provided the following update:

The sediment load sampling in the Preston River to assess potential sedimentation loads in the Inner Harbour if the river is diverted into it as per the draft Revised Inner Harbour Structure Plan has been completed. The sampling has shown that sediment loading will not be an issue.

Sentinel beehives and catch boxes have been deployed around the Port reserve to pick up any exotic diseases that may come in on vessels.

The Port is continuing to work with the Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront Project Control Group concerning the Casuarina Boat Harbour marina development and have issued an Environmental report to them.

Southern Ports is working with LandCorp on a detailed site investigation (DSI) process to identify potential contamination at the Outer Harbour. The investigation will identify types of contamination and their source. D Gordon to report the results of the investigation. (Action)

We are close to finalising a new process with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulations (DWER) to approve one-off or trial shipments to shorten the approval period to thirty days. The current process can take months to obtain a license amendment.

The Annual groundwater extraction license return was submitted on 19 July 2018 with no exceedance of the annual allocation limit. The limit is 50 000kl and only 35 000kl was used. There is a need to look at water recycling to reduce bore water usage when planning for future expansion and the potential increase in water requirements.

Part Five of the Environmental Licence renewal application was submitted to The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) on 20 August 2018 with a significant increase in the cost of the license.

The Port is working with the City of Bunbury to agree on the scope of works for the coming season's mosquito surveillance and control program on Port lands. Environmentally friendly bait is put in the water ways to eliminate mosquito larvae.

A net cannon has been ordered to help control Corellas in the future.

D Gordon gave a presentation on a Shorebird and Water bird survey carried out by Southern Ports which is available to Committee members and will also be sent out with the Minutes (Action). The expansion of the Port will have a minor impact on some of the smaller foraging areas but should not impact the important areas. The monitoring of the foraging areas has been done since mid 2000 and should potentially be done yearly. Scenarios are being carried out to see the affect on the delta once the river flows directly into the Inner Harbour. It is expected that the stability will stay the same but more work needs to be done. D Gordon to update the Committee on the sediment monitoring (Action).

A real time noise monitoring system will be installed around the Port and surrounding residential area. As this will monitor 24/7, it will result in a large amount of data being captured which will require filtering. The Port has spoken to a couple of mining companies to find out what monitoring systems they use.

M Warnock stated that the noise has increased over the last six months and asked what systems are in place to prevent noise particularly at night. D Gordon stated that systems are in place and it is up to the individual companies to enforce these systems. He also stated that the Port has had discussions with Port Users regarding noise controls and noise from truck exhaust breaks and requested Users to advise trucking contractors to be mindful of the community when braking near residential areas.

6. Marine Update (G Wilson)

G Wilson provided the following marine update:

The Berth 8 vessel scheduling system preparation is going well with a soft start planned for 1 November 2018. The change will move the system from a first come first serve basis to a more efficient booking system.

The Dynamic Under Keel Clearance (DUKC) system has been running in the background for a couple of months and the results have been good. The benefits of the new system will inform customers of the drafts two to three days before the ship berths to enable them to plan their loading.

The dredging campaign is planned to start in November. The wrack trawler is unavailable at this time so we are looking at other options.

The Berth 3 Mooring analysis and the Berth 8 laser guided docking system are being undertaken to allow for larger ships to be brought into Port.

WA Annual Oil Spill exercise called the Amity Challenge will be held in Albany Port from 12th to 15th November 2018. Invitations for the mock media event will be finalised and sent out to the Committee members. (Action)

7. Southern Ports Update (Darren Lambourn)

Nicolas Fertin has resigned as the CEO of Southern Ports and has moved to North Queensland Bulk Port. Alan Byers has stepped in as the interim CEO while Southern Ports appoints a new CEO.

There is a new supplier of iron ore going through the Esperance Port.

D Lambourn advised that he is now the General Manager of Bunbury only.

Southern Ports are in discussions with a company that put in a tender to conduct Port Tours regarding the terms and conditions and how they will run the tours. An update will be given at the next meeting (Action)

8. Media (Peta Rule)

P Rule shared the story of the two anchors and chain weighing more than 70 tonnes that have been salvaged in Bunbury. Fremantle Commercial Diving successfully recovered the anchors and chain that were lost by ships in storms during May and June. Due to the ongoing storms the anchors were only retrieved in mid-August. The Commercial Manager of Fremantle Commercial Diving wrote to Southern Ports saying that “Southern Ports staff had been exceptional from the start of the operation to the end” and extended their sincere thanks to all personnel at Bunbury Port.

P Rule spoke about the media reports and the Improvement Notices Southern Ports has received from WorkSafe. There were six notices in all, two for each Port relating to the potential psychosocial stress Southern Port employees may have been exposed to over the last three years. The notices do not give exact incidents or issues. Through the notices, Southern Ports is required to, as far as practicable, prevent employees being exposed to psychosocial hazards. The situation is challenging and has had a significant impact on staff at Southern Ports. The Port acknowledges the issues and stated that Southern Ports will strengthen its processes and procedures to deal with all workplace safety hazards. The deadline to show improvements is 17 December 2018.

Due to the significant decrease in the throughput of iron ore through Esperance, expressions of interest for volunteer redundancy have been offered to staff in Esperance. Southern Ports has the support of the Union and the Government through this process.

Publications of Southern Ports – Port Talk are available on the website and Committee members will be sent the link. (Action)

9. Community questions

T Smith queried the storage facilities of spodumene. Talison have storage at Berth 8 and are in the process of building a new shed that can hold up to 60 000 tonnes. Vessels take up to 36 000 tonnes.

The Committee discussed the causes and consequences of losing anchors in the anchorage.

A member asked if there were any plans to modify the access to Turkey Point. At this point there is no change but the closing of the boom gates at night has helped reduce anti-social behaviour at Turkey Point.

T Smith asked if solar power was a viable option in the Port. Financial constraints are an issue and the Port would need to look at the economic value of solar power.

The Chair queried the results of the Survey. P Rule advised that the results will be in the Annual Report and a presentation of the results will be done at the next meeting (Action). The Committee will be advised when the Annual Report is released (Action).

M Warnock asked if there were opportunities for Committee members to report to the Southern Ports Board. P Rule will check who the Board Member is for the Committee (Action).

10. Any Other Business

Southern Ports to contact John Saunders to reschedule a presentation to him.

M Ansell handed out brochures from Westport.

Meeting closed at 7:10 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5th December 2018

Mike Ansell
Chairman
Community Consultation Committee

ACTION ITEM LIST

FROM MINUTES OF PORT COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

5 September 2018

ITEM NO	ACTION	DATE AROSE	ACTION BY	STATUS
4.	Update members on the approved Revised Inner Harbour Structure Plan	6 June 2018	D Lambourn	
4.	Stakeholder meeting with Board towards end of October. Invitations will be sent out.	6 June 2018	D Lambourn	
5.	Send out Shorebird and Water bird Survey with the Minutes	5 Sept 2018	C McKenzie	Sent 30/11/2018
5.	Present report on Detailed Site Investigation in the Outer Harbour	5 Sept 2018	D Gordon	
5.	Present update on the Sediment Monitoring	5 Sept 2018	D Gordon	
6.	Send out invitations to the Albany Oil Spill media event	6 June 2018	G Wilson	
7.	Update to be given on Port Tours	5 Sept 2018	D Lambourn	
8.	Media to be included on the agenda	6 June 2018	C McKenzie	
8.	Presentation of Survey Results	5 Sept 2018	P Rule	
8.	Advise Committee when the Annual Report is released	5 Sept 2018	P Rule	
8.	Advise Committee who their Board Member is	5 Sept 2018	P Rule	
8.	Send the Committee the link to Port Talk on the website	5 Sept 2018	C McKenzie	Sent 29/10/2018