



PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE - BUNBURY
WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2020

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT	Mike Ansell (Chairman)	John Barratt (Director)
	Anne-Louise Dubrawski	Steve Lewis (CEO)
	Brian Rettinger	Monica Birkner (GM Sustainability)
	Fiona Fitzgerald	Lee Smith (RM)
	Michael Pekin	Ray Quinn (Ops/Main Superintendent)
	Michelle Steck	Les Turner (Harbour Master)
	Murray Webb	Tori Castledine (Corporate Affairs Advisor)
	Nicolas Pozniakov	Carol McKenzie (Committee Secretary)
	Raymond Jordan	
	Tresslyn Smith	

APOLOGIES	Mark Ritchie	Keith Wilks (COO)
	Jane Andel (Director)	Kevan Wheeler (Mgr. Eng. & Projects)
	Duncan Gordon (Env. Mgr.)	Ray Quinn (Maint. & Ops Manager)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 5:04 pm.

Mike Ansell opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

M Ansell reminded Committee members who have not completed the Disclosure of Conflict(s) of Interest Forms to send them to the Committee Secretary as soon as possible.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting from 12 February 2020 were confirmed by the Committee members as true and correct.

3. Action Items from Previous Minutes

Esperance PCCC had their meeting last week and we are waiting on comments from them on the Draft Charter. B Rettinger enquired if there is a summary of comments. T Castledine advised that P Trigwell will try and get the Charter out by November. (Action item 3.1)

The PCCC Stakeholder Engagement Questions responses were handed out at the meeting. (Action item 6b.2)

S Lewis covered the Revised Inner Harbour Structure Plan public comment in his presentation.
(Action item 7.1)

A discussion was had around the updated Agenda and L Smith advised D Gordon was unable to attend the meeting and that K Wheeler is still in Thailand at the moment.

4. Bunbury Port Master Plan (Steve Lewis)

Steve Lewis provided presentation covering the following topics:

Revised Inner Harbour Structure to a Master Plan

- Timely for Westports decision
- 2009 version is in place
- 2020 version coming together in late 2019
- Needs review post-Westport assessment
- Infrastructure WA
- 10 year investment plan (practical)
- Certainty of development over 15 – 20 years
- Complete by April 2021

Revised Inner Harbour Structure Plan – Broad Matters

- The move of the Preston River
- The eventual move of Leschenault House to Turkey Point
- The eventual closure and realignment of Estuary Drive
- Buffers to public areas
- Low Lying land in the port area
- Glen Iris road impacts
- Public road in port – the Turkey Point Bridge solution
- Phasing of the full development of the port
- Dredging requirements and cost
- Public consultation

2009 Diversion – 2009 Basin

- Berth, Basin and River not based on design
- Estuary Drive Closed
- Single Berth Container operation
- River Realignment cost estimate \$70M

2015 Preston Diversion – 2009 Basin

- Preston Realignment designed to 100%
- More land take – closer to Forrest Highway
- High Environmental impact river + ASS
- P90 cost Preston realignment - \$190M
- More impact on BGC land

Revised Inner Harbour Structure Plan 2019

- Designed to 15%
- Turning basin modelled
- Weir and better flood and drainage
- River natural flow returning to the bay
- Container infrastructure EQ Fremantle

Staging Plan – Revised Inner Harbour 2019

- Dredging Berths 12 & 15
- Demolition of rail bridge and filling in of Preston River
- Construction of Berth 12 and 15 and associated infrastructure

Revised Inner Harbour Structure Plan 2019 – current activity

- Berth 8 improvements
- Excavation and dredging 4M m3 excess fill for sale
- Turkey Point Access
- Potential South West Advanced Manufacturing Hub
- Potential Talison Greenbushes Rail
- Westports alternative – what now?

Revised Inner Harbour Structure Plan 2019

- Preston River diverts into Inner Harbour
- Relocation option for Leschenault Homestead
- Estuary Drive closed and relocated
- Buffers to public areas
- Current public access through Port to be closed

Revised Inner Harbour Structure Plan – Dredging

- Dredging to -14.7 CD, 14.4M m3 P90 Cost \$870M
- Dredging to -16 CD, +3.6M m3 P90 Cost \$1.3B
- Dredging to -18 CD, +10M m3 P90 Cost \$3.8B

Master Plan for Bunbury Port – next steps

- Appoint a consultant to undertake trade forecasting (by the end of September)
- Confirm climate change impacts
- Determine container trade location and maximum volumes planned
- Confirm as quickly as possible main areas of community concern
- Public consultation
- Master plan draft completed (by June 2020)

M Steck enquired if by removing Estuary Drive, would we need to expand the Eelup Roundabout and the north bound road to Eaton Drive due to the impact of traffic. S Lewis stated this could happen in 25 to 30 years' time and that we need to decide if we have a public road going through the port and also do flood modelling if we move the Preston River.

M Pekin enquired if the Port has consulted with container companies to see if they are interested in splitting their trade between Bunbury and Fremantle. S Lewis advised there is a case for vessels to stop in Bunbury.

B Rettinger queried with the difference between the 2009 and the 2019 Revised Inner Harbour Structure Plan, will there be plans for a coal terminal. S Lewis advised that we are not looking at a coal terminal at the moment. B Rettinger enquired if the port will continue to resist putting an Industrial Park in the port. S Lewis advises that we need to look at what we can do with the land to create an income. J Barratt added that Port land needs to be used for Port activities.

R Jordan enquired if the Meadow Lea Plant on Estuary Drive has been sold. L Smith advised that as far as he is aware it has not been sold.

5. Southern Ports Executive Update (Steve Lewis)

Steve Lewis provided the following update:

S Lewis stated that Julie-Ann Gray has completed her term as a member of the Board and has stepped down and advised that Wiebke Ebeling has been appointed to the Board.

S Lewis stated that overall Southern Ports did well with trade across the three sites in this last financial year.

The COVID-19 stimulus package has provided additional money for Berth 8 and the Greenbushes Business Case will be good for the Port.

Southern Ports strategy is mainly around our vision of “Stronger regional ports, Strong regions” and the Master Plan is vital for all three ports.

S Lewis stated on behalf of Southern Ports that we appreciate how the PCCC have handled the COVID-19 issue and the rescheduling of meetings.

S Lewis stated his appreciation of the Southern Ports Board for reappointing him in his role as CEO for the next three years.

6. Safety and Security Update (Lee Smith)

Lee Smith provided the following update:

The Safety Performance report shows two LTI's, one was in Esperance where a slip resulted in a fractured elbow and the other one in Albany where an employee wrenched their shoulder.

We had an incident in June where there was a problem with the newly installed shuttle winch limit switch that did not activate. This was attributed to a build-up of material which caused a delay in the activation of the switch.

The significant storm event experienced in May resulted in some structural damage to roofing.

Southern Ports are working on a number of programs with employees. We are reviewing Permit to Work and undertaking more training for the workforce.

M Pekin referred to the two fire incidents at Wapres and stated that to the wider community it looked like a port issue and enquired about what oversight the port has over other sites within the port. L Smith stated that both he and Keith Wilks, the Chief Operating Officer, had a meeting with Wapres and have identified a gap and discussed their change management plan and what Wapres had in place to manage these kinds of incidents. Wapres has been asked to provide the port with a copy of their Management Plan.

Discussion was had around Safety Management Plans and oversight of leases.

7. Environmental Report (Lee Smith)

Lee Smith provided the following update:

The Binningup sludge investigation has now been completed. It was determined the sludge material was of natural origin and is basically due to fine sediment being trapped on natural algae growth in substrate in the water, including cray pots.

Sediment and water quality monitoring of non-marine bodies, Estuary, Inlet and Preston River, were completed in May.

Work to obtain a new sea dumping permit will commence in the next couple of months and will take up to a year to be approved. The existing ten year permit expires in January 2022.

The Recycled Waste Water Treatment Plant is part of the Berth 8 project and will recycle water from the Berth 8 waste water capture drain to supplement the existing bore water usage to avoid exceeding our water allowance.

We will be engaging an Environmental consultant for the Turkey Point Road and Bridge project to ensure every aspect is covered. We have applied for a number of approvals and permits including Native Title.

The Fairy Tern breeding season is about to commence. We had a significant number of birds last year.

The Biosecurity and oil spill response equipment shed near Berth 5 is basically complete and the response equipment has been moved into it. This will help to facilitate any vessels with contaminants.

The Transforming Bunbury Waterfront project Detailed Site Investigation at the Outer Harbour results have come back as fit for purpose.

5.55pm B Rettinger left the meeting

8. Southern Ports COVID-19 Response (L Smith)

Lee Smith provided the following update:

The Port held the Port Users Committee meeting today which is the first one we have been able to hold in six months due to COVID-19. The overall feedback from the group was good with discussion around communication and the need to stay vigilant to protect staff, the port and the region.

There was some pressure regarding the fourteen day quarantine restriction but it is the best line of defense for the port and the wider community. The Port has had a number of meetings with WA Health and DFES regarding COVID and scenario planning. WA Health will be meeting with Pilbara Ports to discuss what would happen if there was an outbreak in the port and the information will be shared with other ports.

Vessels need to undergo a fourteen day quarantine period and then provide Health Declarations before they can come into the port but we still remain vigilant.

R Jordan enquired if the port undertake temperature testing on crew members. L Smith stated that we don't at present but we are prepared if and when the need arises.

9. Project Updates (L Smith)

Lee Smith provided the following update:

A number of the Berth 8 projects are now complete and there are a few we are working through at the moment.

The Recycle Waste Water Treatment Plant is almost complete and the Leschenault Drive upgrade has been delayed until we get drier weather. Upgrades are being done on the substation and fire system and we are looking at getting a second road hopper.

The Berth 3 bollard contract has been awarded and works are due to commence in November.

Structural repairs are being carried out on a couple of sheds.

The Turkey Point Road and Bridge funding has been approved and we are currently working through the necessary permits. Work is scheduled to commence early 2021.

We have had good outcomes with a number of upgrades including the Berth 8 fenders, the new shuttle winch installation and the scheduled upgrade of the Leschenault Drive.

10. Port Trade (L Smith)

Lee Smith provided the following update:

Despite COVID-19 the Port has had an exceptional year with 16.84 million tonnes of product moving through the port which is just shy of our record of 16.93 tonnes. Alumina has had a record year with 11 million tonnes moving through Bunbury Port.

We have received a number of enquires for potential trade including the exporting of construction sand.

There will be challenges going forward for this financial year as trade will be diminished.

6.17pm J Barratt left the meeting

11. Marine Trade (Les Turner)

Les Turner provided the following update:

We had 908 ship movements throughout the last financial year which is quite a high number with only three pilots and two others undergoing training. Ross Halsall has recently completed his training and Sarah Robinson has just been given her first level pilot authority. L Turner praised the efforts by the pilots.

The Dynamic Under Keel Clearance (DUKC) system has now been in place for twelve months with excellent results giving us a better platform for planning the movements of large vessels.

After the mandatory fourteen day quarantine the Master of the ship is required to submit a Health Declaration before the vessel can come into port. We have only had one case where a crew member was unwell with chest pains and this was handed to WA Health to handle.

Now that we have enough pilots we now have the opportunity to send pilots for further training to ensure they are well trained and are up to date with the latest technology.

The dredging campaign was done in March this year and we are looking to undertake a small dredging campaign in October mainly around the Berth 1 and 2 area to keep the sand down.

12. Media (Tori Castledine)

Tori Castledine provided the following update:

T Castledine stated that traditionally the Committee is provided with news clippings but the PCCC at the other ports have requested more up to date reporting. Media released as it is happening is much better and will result in more feedback. M Steck stated it would also be useful for community questions.

Media this year has mainly been focused around COVID-19 but we have had positive media going out about the Fishing Platform and the Turkey Point Road and Bridge project. T Castledine encouraged feedback from the PCCC.

Southern Ports has launched into social media with Facebook and LinkedIn and we have received positive feedback. Social media is a useful tool to get real time accurate information out as things are happening.

R Jordan commented on the Fishing Platform stating that even though the weather was not good there were still fourteen people using the platform which is excellent.

M Ansell stated that it was good that the Committee received an invitation to the opening event.

12. Community Questions/Issues (PCCC Members)

L Smith spoke about the development of Port Tours and stated that our new Maintenance and Operations Manager, Ray Quinn, has extensive knowledge of Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality technology and we are looking at this as an option to show case the port and we are currently looking at various packages. L Smith stated this will go well with personal tours and the potential is vast. B Rettinger offered his services regarding options for personal tours and suggested the possibility of using smaller buses. F Fitzgerald asked if there were opportunities for someone to go on a tour if they are visiting Bunbury as part of their contract. L Smith stated that if it is business related we do carry out show case opportunities and for the general public we look at it case by case.

A Dubrawski enquired if there was an opportunity to hold a public question session. L Smith advised that at this stage we ask the PCCC members to help in that area and stated he was very happy to answer any questions the members may receive.

R Jordan mentioned that L Smiths picture was included in the Foodbank brochure showing the Port's support of the facility. L Smith mentioned that the Foodbank was an excellent facility.

T Castledine stated that a number of sponsorship events were cancelled due to COVID-19 and the money was returned. This has enabled Southern Ports to put the money towards other institutions such as Foodbank, Domestic Violence and other areas affected by COVID-19. We have also been able to support the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre who are struggling due to the pandemic.

M Ansell extended his thanks to the board for inviting the PCCC to their Meet and Greet function.

Mike Ansell thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at 6:41 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 4th November 2020

Mike Ansell
Chairman
Community Consultation Committee - Bunbury

ACTION ITEM LIST

FROM MINUTES OF PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE - BUNBURY

5 AUGUST 2020

ITEM NO	ACTION	DATE AROSE	ACTION BY	STATUS
3.1	Draft Charter to be sent to members	3 June 2020	S Lewis	
6b.2	PCCC Stakeholder Engagement Question responses to be attached to the Minutes	3 June 2020	C McKenzie	Ongoing
8.1	Update to be given on Port Tours	4 Sept 2019	L Smith	Ongoing