



PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE - BUNBURY
WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST 2021

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT	Mike Ansell (Chairman)	Steve Lewis (CEO)
	Anne-Louise Dubrawski	Robyn Fenech (Director)
	Brian Rettinger	Keith Wilks (COO)
	Fiona Fitzgerald	Lee Smith (RM)
	Mark Ritchie	Iain Robinson (Projects& Planning Mgr.)
	Murray Webb	Les Turner (Harbour Master)
	Nicolas Pozniakov	Tori Castledine (Corp. Affairs Advisor, via Teams)
	Raymond Jordan	Carol McKenzie (Committee Secretary)
APOLOGIES	Michael Pekin	John Barratt (Director)
	Michelle Steck	Duncan Gordon (Env. Mgr.)
	Tresslyn Smith	Glen Pikor (Eng. Mgr)
	Monica Birkner (GM Sustainability)	Brenton Wohlrab (Ops. Mgr)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Mike Ansell opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on 12th May 2021 were noted as approved via circular resolution on 31st May 2021. The circular resolution is affirmed by the Committee.

3. Action Items from Previous Minutes

The Bunbury Port Open Day is scheduled for 2022. (Action item 11.1)

The collaboration between the PCCC's across the three sites will be arranged once the Albany Chair has been elected and the Esperance reappointments are complete. (Action item 11.2)

Media statistics across the three sites are included in the Media report agenda notes. (Action item 11.3)

Speaker's notes were emailed to Committee members on 3rd August 2021 and are noted as read.

4. Strategic Direction FY22 (Steve Lewis)

Steve Lewis provided the following presentation:

Southern Ports vision of “Strong regional ports, strong regions” and our strategic themes remain the same. Westport are still looking at Bunbury regarding moving freight out of Perth.

We continue to work on the 2019 direction:

- Trade Facilitation – to enable current and potential customers to efficiently and effectively import or export their product to market.
- Supply chain – to understand and optimize the alignment of the supply chain with our ports to better meet the needs of current future customers.
- Sustainability – to ensure our ports are economically viable while enhancing the sustainability of the environment and communities in which we operate.
- Port Development – to maintain the integrity and resilience of our ports and infrastructure to meet the long-term needs of customers.
- Innovation – to adapt existing technologies to better understand and to more efficiently, effectively, and safely operate our ports.
- Workforce – to ensure our workforce is capable, balanced, motivated, and aligned to meet our current and future needs.
- Information technology – to optimize effectiveness and security of our information technology platforms,
- Operational excellence – to manage our ports professionally, with exceptional customer service, value creation, and with a strong reputation for safe marine and landside operations.

The strategy for 2021-22+ has been simplified and is interdependent focusing on our vision, active trade and investment opportunities, operational excellence and sustainability.

Strategy – 3 x 3 covers three strategic actions for our objectives of trade and investment, operational excellence, and sustainability.

Brian Rettinger noted that Infrastructure WA will be conducting a Roadshow as part of their public consultation process for their Draft State Infrastructure Strategy.

5. Southern Ports Executive Update (Steve Lewis)

Steve Lewis provided the following update:

Steve introduced Robyn Fenech who is one of the new Directors and is based in Bunbury and noted Chris Sutherland is the second new Director and is based in Mandurah. Jane Andel has now left the Board.

Master Planning for Bunbury should be complete by the end of the year. This will be presented to the PCCC once it is complete.

Brian Rettinger asked when the Outer Harbour will be handed to the City of Bunbury. Steve stated that the last lease holder ends in 2024. Works are currently being done to establish when and who it needs to be transferred to and in what condition.

6. New Staff and Safety and Security Update (Lee Smith)

Lee Smith provided the following update:

An Emergency Response Exercise will be conducted towards the end of the year and an invitation has been sent to Port Users to be involved. An oil spill exercise is done once a year and is a good learning opportunity for staff. Invitations are only sent to the personnel required to be involved in the exercise. Mike Ansell enquired if the media are informed to report on the exercise. Lee stated that it is reported in the Annual Report. Tori added that depending on the nature of the exercise there might be some media in advance, however it is more likely we will promote the activity once completed.

7. Environmental Report (Duncan Gordon)

Lee Smith answered questions on behalf of Duncan Gordon:

Brian Rettinger enquired if the community member who lodged noise complaints had been contacted regarding the noise. Lee advised that the Port User responsible for the noise has been in contact with the community member and noted any community complaints can be referred to Duncan.

Mike Ansell asked about Qube functions and Lee stated that Duncan often challenges Qube regarding the rotor box loading and noted that weather conditions are a factor in the issue especially when the wind is blowing towards the community. Duncan is proactive in working with Qube on how to lessen noise, buffers and having the right operators working at night.

Mike Ansell enquired about Lot 1034 and 1035, one of which has a contamination issue. Keith Wilks advised that a lot of investigation has been done across the three sections of the Outer Harbour. The northern section has the rock wall and sand trap, and that area is not contaminated. The middle section is still tenanted by Hexion, and operational berths. Once the leases finish further investigations will be conducted to determine the next steps. The southern section is still tenanted by Iluka. A large part of this section has previously been remediated and once the leases finish further investigations will be conducted to determine the next steps. Prior to the Outer Harbour being handed over the level of the site must be fit for industrial/commercial purposes.

8. Southern Ports COVID-19 Response (Keith Wilks)

Keith Wilks provided the following update:

On 2nd July 2021 State Government issued a directive making it mandatory for all shore-based workers to wear full PPE when boarding vessels. This includes wearing masks, sanitizing and following social distancing. A breach of this directive will result in a fourteen-day quarantine period and potentially a fine. This directive does not have an impact on teams in Bunbury as our Pilots have already been doing this and taking precautions since March 2020.

There is concern noted by Government regarding vessels from Indonesia and shippers have been requested to ensure crews are healthy. Bunbury has received a very low number of visits from Indonesian ships being 22 of the 444 (2020/2021) vessel visits to Bunbury.

Keith noted the advice from WA Health is hand hygiene is better than the wearing of gloves. When wearing gloves there is a tendency to touch our faces more and the changing of gloves may spread the infection.

9. Project Updates/Port Development Structure (Iain Robinson)

Iain Robinson provided the following update:

It is good to see the Berth 3 bollard installation is complete with only the electrical wiring for the lead line to be complete.

The Leschenault Drive works are ongoing. More of a sweeping bend has been done at the main Berth 8 entry to help ensure trucks don't put so much weight on the bend.

The rock wall repair works are complete at Outer and Inner Harbour locations.

Port Master Planning is ongoing with a consultant across the three ports. There is a Master Planning workshop in Bunbury this week and we are looking at completing the plan by the end of the year.

The Turkey Point Road and Bridge Project environmental approval process is ongoing and is nearly ready to resubmit for approval.

Brian Rettinger enquired if any of the Port's Master Plans are more advanced and how far into the future they go. Iain stated Esperance is slightly more advanced as their Master Planning started first. He added the plans go for thirty years and are broken into increments. Steve Lewis added that the beauty of a thirty-year plan is that it allows us to know how and when to plan for berth construction, investment and enables us to facilitate trade.

Brian Rettinger asked if the terminology Inner Harbour Structure Plan can be used along with the Master Plan. Steve noted the Master Plan is linked with trade whereas the Inner Harbour Structure Plan is more of an engineering plan.

Nicolas Pozniakov asked if Southern Ports do an annual review based on existing performance and then adjust the Master Plan accordingly. Steve advised a review is done on the strategy plan, but we will be informed by the Master Plan. Keith added we may be able to make changes with the port optimisation plan.

Mike Ansell enquired about Port Users paying for infrastructure, their future plans, and land requirements. Steve stated the timing depends on the customer, their planning, footprint, and the transport corridor.

Brian Rettinger queried where Albemarle are shipping from. Lee advised they are shipping out of Fremantle in containers and Steve added they are welcome to come back to Bunbury.

Mark Ritchie enquired if there were any constraints with Bunge and if they can handle the large canola crop this year. Lee advised they have the capabilities as their silo's hold 5000 tonnes and there are other external storage facilities. Berth 3 can also handle more vessels.

10. Port Trade (Lee Smith)

Lee Smith provided the following update:

Southern Ports experienced a record trade year with 17.11 million tonnes of product moved through Bunbury Port. This is 160 000 tonnes more than the previous record in FY17/18. Lee congratulated the Port Users for their contribution to a strong trade year. There were two internal records with alumina and particularly grain which far exceeded expectations. Indications show the potential for another strong year for grain. Discussion was had around the storage of canola which was previously stored at the old powerhouse site.

Future trade growth will include the utilisation of the lay down area which only has one remaining piece of Albemarle equipment which will be moved soon.

We were very close to receiving two car carriers into the Port due to industrial action in Fremantle. We have the infrastructure, and it is about us promoting our capabilities and what we have available.

A virtual tour has been done using drone footage to showcase Southern Ports – Bunbury to show our capabilities, what we have and what we can do. There is still some work to do such as adding music and voiceovers. Physical port tours to show what we have behind the green wall is progressing. The scope is with Commercial and will be going out to market. Brian Rettinger added the key date has been delayed due to arrangements and feed back from the City of Bunbury. We hope to commence tours in November this year.

Mike Ansell noted the virtual tour is very good and informative and will be very interesting once the voiceover has been done. He recommended the Committee view the video. Lee added the Dolphin Discovery Centre will show the video on one of their displays to show the harmony between ships and dolphins. Discussion was held regarding using aspects of the video for potential customers and in social media to showcase certain aspects of the port.

11. Marine Update (Les Turner)

Les Turner provided the following update:

The Legislation introduced on 2nd July 2021 does not impact Southern Ports as nothing has changed in the Southern Ports Covid procedure which the Pilots have been following since March 2020. All the Pilots have an iAuditor app which they use to take photos of themselves in PPE, sanitizing stations on vessels, crew wearing masks and social distancing. This information is documented for each vessel that comes into port.

The Tuart pilot launch should be back this week, we are awaiting confirmation from the sea trials being conducted today. Once the Tuart is back, we will return the Berkeley leased from Fremantle.

With the potential of the car carriers coming into port, all the pilots and tug masters have done training for these types of vessels on the simulator at Fremantle.

Les congratulated the Marine team on the completion of Captain Sarah Robinson's training who is now an Unrestricted fully qualified Marine Pilot. There was a lot of work and effort put in by Sarah and the team.

Brian Rettinger enquired about what it has been like dealing with the extreme weather. Les noted that cargo loading stops in bad weather and the port works hand in hand with ships to move them in better weather. This has caused a backup of vessels.

11. Media (Tori Castledine)

Tori Castledine provided a written update to the PCCC prior to the meeting.

Tori noted it is easier to get our demographics for Facebook than it is for LinkedIn.

Mike Ansell enquired if Tori was surprised by the Facebook statistics. Tori stated she is very happy with the increasing engagements and noted she did expect more women followers although there is a good balance. Esperance used social media to look for new PCCC members and we received four nominees, one from the newspaper and three from social media showing our media presence is growing.

Tori stated that Facebook and LinkedIn have identical content on each platform, but we do tailor it and added we have looked at Instagram, but we need a very strong photo base.

Brian Rettinger stated there was a baby whale born just off Bunbury which could potentially be a media story and suggested short snippets of the visual tour video would also be good on social media.

12. Community Questions/Issues (PCCC Members)

Anne-Louise Dubrawski enquired about the Port Users presentations and Lee advised that these would be part of the meeting when possible.

Nicolas Pozniakov spoke about live trade exports and Steve Lewis noted Westport will be looking at Fremantle and stated livestock previously went through Bunbury in the 1990's and Southern Ports is open to all trade.

Mike Ansell enquired if the Annual Report has been lodged. Steve Lewis noted it is nearing completion and will be presented to Parliament in September.

13. Any other Business

It was noted the Stakeholder Function will be taking place on 17th November 2021.

Mike Ansell thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at 6:33 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 10th November 2021

Mike Ansell
Chairman
Community Consultation Committee - Bunbury

ACTION ITEM LIST

FROM MINUTES OF PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE - BUNBURY

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ITEM NO	ACTION	DATE AROSE	ACTION BY	STATUS
5	Master Planning Presentation	11/08/2021	I Robinson	To be presented when complete towards the end of the year.
8.1	Update to be given on Port Tours	4 Sept 2019	L Smith	Ongoing
10	Link to Virtual Tour to be sent to Committee when complete	11/08/2021	L Smith	
11.1	Bunbury Port Open day	12 May 2021	T Castledine	Due to be held in 2022
11.2	Tori Castledine to contact Albany and Esperance PCCC regarding PCCC collaboration	10 Feb 2021	P Trigwell	Ongoing