



PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE - BUNBURY  
WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2022

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Anne-Louise Dubrawski	Lee Smith (RM)
	Brian Rettinger	Duncan Gordon (Env. Mgr.)
	Fiona Fitzgerald (Deputy Chair)	Iain Robinson (P & P Mgr.)
	Gabi Ghasseb	via Teams
	Mike Ansell (Chair)	Tori Castledine (CAA)
	Michael Pekin	Carol McKenzie (Committee Secretary)
	Nicolas Pozniakov	
	Tresslyn Smith	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Mark Ritchie	Steve Lewis (CEO)
	Murray Webb	Robyn Fenech (Director)
	Raymond Jordan	John Barratt (Director)
		Keith Wilks (COO)
		Monica Birkner (GM Sustainability)

Mike Ansell welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Lee Smith stated Southern Ports was looking at how the Port Users Committee and the Port Community Consultation Committee were progressing and what could be improved. The Committee were informed less SPA staff would attend future meetings and the briefing notes sent prior to the meeting would give Committee members the opportunity to prepare questions. Lee Smith added Management would like to keep the meetings short and succinct and were interested to hear more from the Committee members.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were no new declarations.

*5:09 pm – Gabi Ghasseb joined the meeting via Teams*

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were noted as approved via circular resolution on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The circular resolution was affirmed by the Committee.

### 3. Action Items from Previous Minutes

Lee Smith informed the Committee of the Virtual Port Tour available on the SPA website (Action item 8.1)

Bunbury Port Open Day – ongoing. (Action item 10.1)

No update was provided for the collaboration for the PCCC Committees across all three ports (Action item 10.2)

The Agenda notes were noted as emailed to Committee members on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and are noted as read.

### 4. Feature Topic – Master Planning Presentation

The Projects & Planning Manager, Iain Robinson spoke on the progress of the Master Planning for Bunbury and noted the process was in final draft, for review by the Steering Committee at the end of February. The Plan would be provided to the Board for approval and proceed to seek public comment through SPA's website by means of a survey.

The Committee were informed the Turkey Point Bridge and Road Project was still in the approval process. The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) had consulted with local groups and held an open discussion night at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre which resulted in some slight amendments to the design of the intersection and the link road. Changes from the consultation process noted the local bird watching groups would have access to a parking area, there would be some segregation of the wetlands and the road would be aligned closer to the rail track. It was noted all the changes would benefit the environmental climate and the road would benefit and improve the safety of the public. The Committee was informed SPA was working with Western Power on the possible movement of the location of power poles.

Brian Rettinger raised some concerns about the Turkey Point Bridge and Road Project. Firstly, he is concerned about the potential long term environmental damage that could be caused to both the flora and fauna from the construction of this project. Secondly, he expressed a concern that the Bunbury PCCC has not been consulted at all by SPA on this project. Earlier last year the PCCC was shown a few presentation slides, but we did not receive those slides upon request. Since then, the PCCC has not even seen any plans for the project, including the altered bridge and road locations and the basic designs. Additionally, the project is running later than planned. Brian requested that the PCCC be shown copies of the latest (relocated) bridge and road plans along with receiving a project update from SPA.

Tori Castledine responded that she will check with SPA management as to what documentation can be provided to the PCCC.

Brian Rettinger then requested that an Action Item with a due date be listed in the Action Items list. Brian Rettinger reminded SPA that the PCCC is here to represent the broader Bunbury community and that without seeing or receiving any plans for the Turkey Point Project, even if they may be Port confidential, that we can't do our job of properly representing the community.

*5:27pm – Iain Robinson left the meeting.*

## **5. SPA Executive Update (L Smith)**

Lee Smith provided the following update on behalf of Steve Lewis:

SPA continues to work with the Covid situation and on strategies for moving forward.

We are currently working on environmental long-term sustainability aiming for zero emissions by 2050. We have engaged a consultancy firm who also work with Ports Australia.

## **6. New Staff and Safety and Security Update (L Smith)**

Lee Smith provided the following update:

The labour market is extremely tight, and it is very difficult to get new staff to fill vacancies. The transport sector is also finding it challenging to secure truck drivers which is causing logistical problems.

## **7. Environmental Report (D Gordon)**

Duncan Gordon provided the following update:

Duncan Gordon gave a presentation of the Bunbury Port's environmental monitoring program covering a map of the various monitoring stations across the port and surrounds. The port monitor ground water, surface water, potable water, legionella, dust, mosquitos, bees, and marine sediment. Discussion was had around the possible impact of the Turkey Point Bridge and Road project on the environment. The map and spreadsheet of the monitoring areas would be provided to the Committee

Tresslyn Smith asked about the work being done on the Homestead due to the building being a Heritage listed building. Duncan Gordon advised that there have been no structural changes, only repairs, painting, new carpeting, and window treatments in colours appropriate to the building. External maintenance including the electrical and drainage system would commence soon.

SPA has a Heritage Management Plan and are working with Kent Lyon on a proposal on how to manage the outbuildings. It was suggested that we hold one of the PCCC meetings at the Homestead.

Feed grade grain is being stored on the hardstand area at the old power station storage area.

The Port's new 10-year Sea Dumping Permit application is progressing through the approval process. Our next dredging campaign commences in March and the wrack removal is currently underway.

## **8. Port Trade (L Smith)**

Lee Smith provided the following update:

SPA had a record trade month in January 2022 with a notable mineral sands import record of 93 000 tonnes. SPA also had record trade in November 2021 with exports of 1.52m/tonnes.

Berth 8 trade is likely to see another trade record this year and the two alumina terminals are very busy.

## **9. Marine Update (L Smith)**

Lee Smith provided the following update:

The new tugs are due to arrive in Bunbury in March. Svitzer gave a presentation to the Port Users Committee meeting showing the new tugs which look very impressive and are more powerful than the current tugs. These tugs are the first produced for Australia. The Committee will be invited to view the new tugs.

There was an incident with the pilot boat whilst doing a pilot transfer. A freak wave pushed the pilot boat into the ship which resulted in some damage to the boat which has now been repaired. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

## **10. Corporate Affairs (T Castledine)**

Tori Castledine provided the following update:

The Community Investment Program has officially opened, and we have received a lot of interest. We have received several applications from organisations who have not previously applied. The team will be meeting in March to review the applications against the six key pillars we have for sponsorship.

## **11. Community Feedback (PCCC Members)**

There was no Community feedback.

## **12. Any Other Business**

### **a) Covid Ship**

A vessel coming from India arrived in Bunbury with a number of crew members testing positive for covid. The crew were all vaccinated and there were RAT test kits on board. The affected crew members were all isolated. The Captain and Chief Officer contracted the virus and had to isolate. SPA worked with the relevant authorities to monitor the situation and it was decided the vessel would remain at anchor until all crew members tested negative. The vessel was given a deep clean before it came into port and was inspected by the Police. The vessel leaves Bunbury Port tomorrow.

There is a second vessel with positive covid cases on board, but it is still out at anchor. SPA is again working with the relevant authorities for this vessel. There was no risk to the community in either of these cases.

RAT testing kits and covid vaccinations have put us in a better position to deal with the covid situation.

SPA Pilots follow a strict PPE regime when going on board vessels and no Pilot in Australia has contracted the covid.

Discussion was had around reducing the fourteen-day quarantine at anchor and crew testing.

### **b) Covid rules for Port Staff**

The stevedores have segregated and have separate crews all of which follow the PPE guidelines when working with vessels. SPA is reviewing procedures for when there are more cases in the community. Currently it is business as usual and RAT testing will

be made available to staff in the future.

Discussion was had around the mandates and the increased work load they have caused. Lee Smith noted that the positive response to the mandates by staff and Port Users has been exceptional.

c) Pine bark over Willinge Road

There was pine bark over the road from the port entrance to the roundabout. Duncan Gordon explained that some areas are outside of port control, but we do have periodic sweepers go through the port-controlled areas.

d) Leschenault Homestead

This was discussed during the Environmental Report given by Duncan Gordon.

e) RoRo update

Due to the congestion at Fremantle and the supply chain issue, RoRo vessels will be coming into Bunbury in the near future. Bunbury is ready for this type of trade; we have a licence in place and our pilots are trained.

f) Tugs

This was discussed during the Marine Updated given by Lee Smith.

g) Grain

This was discussed during the Environmental Report given by Duncan Gordon.

Nicolas Pozniakov queried the impact of the Greenbushes mine on the port. Lee Smith advised the port has taken into consideration the increased amount of spodumene moving through the port and SPA is undertaking berth capacity modelling to prepare for a busier port.

Mike Ansell thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at 7:02 pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Mike Ansell**  
**Chairman**  
**Community Consultation Committee - Bunbury**

## ACTION ITEM LIST

FROM MINUTES OF PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE - BUNBURY

9 FEBRUARY 2022

ITEM NO	ACTION	DATE AROSE	ACTION BY	STATUS
4	Master Plan and drawings to be sent to Committee	09/02/2022	T Castledine	Ongoing
4	Plans for the Turkey Point Bridge & Road Project to be provided to the PCCC before the next meeting.	09/02/2022	I Robinson	Ongoing
7	Map and spreadsheet of monitoring areas to be provided to the Committee	09/02/2022	D Gordon	Ongoing
9	Tour of new tugs when the tugs are available	09/02/2022	L Smith	Ongoing
10.1	Bunbury Port Open day	12/05/2021	T Castledine	Due to be held in 2022
10.2	Tori Castledine to contact Albany and Esperance PCCC regarding PCCC collaboration	10/02/2021	P Trigwell	PCCC Chairs to hold a TEAMS meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2022