



**SOUTHERN PORTS - ALBANY**  
**PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting**

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022, 5:00pm

Port of Albany, Board Room  
85 Brunswick Road, ALBANY

**PRESENT:**

**Committee members:**

Chair	Graham Foster
Deputy Chair	Ian Moss
Community Member	Andrew Duncan
	Geoff Bastyan
	Michael Hunter
	Rodney Symes
	Tina Queale
	Tony Harrison
City of Albany representative	Andrew Sharpe

**Southern Port (SP):**

CEO	Steve Lewis (via Teams)
Acting Regional Manager	Graeme Poole
Projects & Planning Manager	Iain Robinson (via Teams)
Environment Manager	Paul Mackey
SP Corporate Affairs Advisor	Tori Castledine
Office Coordinator	Denise Fisher

**Guest Presenter:**

Grange Resources	Glenda Stirling
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**APOLOGIES:**

Southern Ports Director	Wiebke Ebeling
Community Member	Grenville Brown

**ITEM 1 WELCOME**

The Chair opened the meeting at 5:05pm and welcomed the committee.

**5.1 Potential conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were noted.

**5.2 Records of attendance / apologies**

Apologies were noted.

**ITEM 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous PCCC meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 were agreed as being a true and correct record.

**Moved: Michael Hunter      Second: Andrew Sharpe      Motion carried**

### **ITEM 3 MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

### **ITEM 4 BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Glenda Stirling, Community Liaison Manager, Grange Resources**

Points taken from the presentation include:

- Current ownership structure
  - SRT Australia 30%
  - Grange Resources 70%
- Key project milestones to day
  - 2004 - Commenced large scale exploration and project assessment
  - 2009 to 2012 - Grant of WA Primary approvals (MS816, MS846, MS904)
  - 2012 – Grant of Commonwealth EPBC approval for power line
  - 2012 - Definitive Feasibility Study 10mtpa (wet processing)
  - 2015 - Prefeasibility Study 5mtpa (wet processing)
  - 2020 – Grant of Commonwealth EPBC Act approval for mine site
  - 2021 – Prefeasibility study 5mtpa (dry grinding)
- SDJV are maintaining approvals and land access
  - All primary environmental approvals for 10mtpa case are granted (State and Commonwealth)
  - A new approval is required for transshipping and associated marine work with SPA to be the proponent.
- 10mtpa production conceptual options
  - Water supply by desalination plant
  - Direct loading Cape size vessels
- 5mtpa production conceptual options
  - 1.8GL/a treated wastewater supplied from Water Corporation near Albany Airport
  - 2.3GL/a groundwater from bore fields (deep aquifer est 70 – 100m below surface)
  - Trans-shipping from Port to Cape size vessels
  - Use existing port land
  - Offshore anchorages are being assessed with SPA
- Power supply
  - Power delivery via transmission line from connections to SWIS at Muja
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> party selected to undertake early works up to June 2022

Questions followed on about the power supply, the crushing and grinding of the magnetite uses a lot of power.

- Slurry pipeline
  - Designed for 10mtpa capacity
  - Pipeline length 108.8km
  - Slurry transport time 23 hours
  - 5mtpa capacity will use the same design, with concentrate being batched
- All project changes would need environmental approval
- Native Title and Heritage
  - New Aboriginal Heritage Legislation has just been enacted (Dec 2021), work is ongoing

- Next steps
  - Results of 5mtpa PFS result expected any day, SDJV to decide to undertake DFS
  - Reach an agreement with SPA regarding shipping methodology
  - Reach an agreement with land owners for access to establish groundwater abstraction
  - Progress discussions with Water Corporation
  - Power provider to finalise transmission line route and approvals
  - Environmental approvals for project changes
  - Stakeholder and community engagement
- The project will employ approx. 1000 people during construction and 300 full time for ongoing operations
- A shed would be built for the concentrate on Port land, which is an ongoing conversation with SPA. The concentrate is about 8.5% moisture and not dusty.

**ITEM 5 ALBANY PORT UPDATE**  
**Graeme Poole, Acting Regional Manager**

**5.1 COVID update**

Southern Ports continues to adhere to the State Government COVID directive and mandates and have aligned the port access system into the Port Secure Zone with the COVID directives. This is a more efficient way of managing mandatory vaccination requirements.

**5.2 EOI Land Berth 6**

Southern Ports are in the process of providing information to the proponents.

Due to commercial confidence companies cannot be named at this juncture, but once the commercial process is completed the port will share the outcomes with the PCCC.

**5.3 Sustainability**

- Southern Ports have engaged a consultant to report on solar power in the Port Secure Zone, with an aim to install renewable energy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions net zero by 2050. This report is almost finalised.
- Rainwater tanks have been installed at the administration building. The water is UV filtered and fed back into the toilets and hand basins. This is not potable water for drinking.
- Southern Ports Sustainability Strategy for the whole business to be finalised by middle of the year.

**5.4 Projects**

- The scope of works for the maintenance staff new amenities building is progressing, with completion to be expected by the end of the financial year.
- There will be a few changes in the administration office with more desk space being added and the large meeting room moving to the 1st floor.
- Installation barriers for quick release hooks project has commenced on Berths 3 & 6. This will enhance the safety around the mooring lines.

**5.5 Trade update**

Albany Port is tracking ahead of forecast with a slight increase in grain export, approx. 300,000 tonnes more than expected.

***5:50pm Andrew Sharpe left the meeting due to another commitment.***

**ITEM 6 ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE**  
**Paul Mackey, Environment Manager**

**Environment Monitoring**

Paul Mackey presented an Environmental Monitoring Sites map showing

- Ground water
- Surface water
- Dust monitoring
  - One monitor behind Customs building on Bolt Terrace
- Noise monitoring
- Marine
  - Water quality
  - Sediment quality
- Biosecurity Surveillance
  - Sentenel bee program
  - Mosquito lava monitoring
  - Introduced Marine Species monitoring

## **CoP26**

Southern Ports are working on an internal sustainability strategy document which is guided by the State Government policy of net zero emissions by 2050. SPA is supporting the net zero emissions set by the State Government with ambitions to reach the target earlier.

Albany Port has been leading sustainability for the last three years with:

- Options for renewable generation inside the port with solar
- Installation of a 20kw solar system on the administration building
- Installation of LED lighting throughout the port
- Electric vehicle predominantly charged by PV
- One ton electric vehicle for the berth
- Partnership with the City of Albany on Coastal Hazard Risk Assessment of Princess Royal Harbour
- M4 wave trial in King George Sound, supported through UWA Wave Energy Centre

Q: Have ideas been discussed about vessels using shore side power?

A: Yes, it has been discussed and considered. There are challenges and limitations with shore-power with no standards for ships and they are alongside the berth for a very short period of time. Therefore, the net benefit is minimal and the shore-power in our location is predominantly coal generated near Collie. Considerable international research effort is going into alternate marine shipping fuels with green hydrogen and ammonia of particular focus.

***Graeme Foster left the meeting at 6:05pm due to other commitments.***

***Ian Moss continued to Chair the meeting.***

## **ITEM 7 ALBANY PORT DRAFT MASTER PLAN** **Iain Robinson, Projects and Planning Manager**

Iain answered the question 'What is Master Planning':

- Master Planning recognises that we have intergenerational assets and will lay out how the port is going to develop in the next 30 years plus.
- It looks at trade requirements, assets and what is required for future trade.
- Master planning is having some sense of where the ports are going, what the opportunities and the constraints are.

Southern Ports are working through the final stages of the draft Master Plan for Albany Port. It will go out for public consultation on Southern Ports website and social media pages. We encourage the PCCC to have a look and provide feedback.

Once the public consultation is complete and comments are considered the Master Plan will go to the Board for approval, then Ministerial approval.

## **ITEM 8 STRATEGIC PROJECTS UPDATE**

### **Steve Lewis, CEO**

Steve Lewis joined the meeting via Teams, Southern Ports are minimising travel to the regions due to COVID.

Steve acknowledged Gary Crockford for his role as Regional Manager over the last two year. Gary's last day at Albany Port was 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Steve thanked Graeme Poole for Acting in the role as Regional Manager whilst going through the recruiting process.

- Sustainability

Southern Ports Sustainability Strategy is coming together. SPA are going to be doing some great things driven by the plan over the coming years.

- Albany 2026

Steve Lewis will take to the April Board meeting what Albany Port are discussing for 2026 Bicentenary Celebrations. Eg: Pilot cottages, renewable energy, Town to Port interface.

- Master planning

Master Planning is a 30 year plan, which SPA are in the process of doing for all three Ports.

- Assets

SPA is currently looking at all our assets across the business. Albany Port's Berths 1 and Berth 2 have been identified as requiring additional maintenance, with Berth 2 being built in 1955.

- Cruise ships

The Federal Government ban on international cruise ships remain in place. SPA are working with cruise industry bodies and stakeholders to help support our communities prior to the recommencement of the cruise shipping.

- Net zero emissions

SPA is currently doing baseline studies, which support the governments studies for the state.

- Trade

There is a strong trade focus across the business. The EOI for Berth 6 is expected to be finalised the end of March.

SPA are active and busy, we will get past the COVID peak. It should be a good year for SPA and Albany.

## **ITEM 9 MEDIA REPORT**

### **Tori Castledine**

The media report for 1 December 2021 to 9 February 2022 was emailed to PCCC members.

Southern Ports updated sponsorship program was launched on 1 January with a new name – Community Investment Program (CIP). There has been a lot of interest received so far, with the first quarter for applications closing 28<sup>th</sup> February.

CIP's Albany first meeting is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March to evaluate the applications. Tina Queale will be representing the PCCC on the CIP committee.

## **ITEM 10 MEMBER DISCUSSION/FEEDBACK AND COMMUNITY QUESTIONS**

A member queried about Vicstock court action. Steve replied SPA are currently giving assistance to the liquidation process in court.

A member queried about the cruise ships and making the Berth area look more inviting to visitors with painting the Transit Shed walls and roof with murals depicting Albany's heritage.

Paul Mackey replied as a component of the Albany Master Plan, SPA is looking at the western end of the Port, and the transition between the waterfront and the Port including the cruise ship trade. The Port is once again working with UWA Albany Architecture Summer Studio on a six-week intensive program to develop concept designs for the Western End of the Port in the same area. Pending appropriate decisions around those early concepts, there will be a focus on improvement to the experience that would incorporate public art and broader improvements.

## **ITEM 11 ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION**

No items

## **ITEM 12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Neil Worrell and Geoff Bastyan are retiring from the committee at the end of their term This will be there last meeting.

Neil is an inaugural member of the PCCC since its commencement in 2015. Geoff has been a member since May 2019. Both have been valuable members and we thank you for your contribution to the PCCC.

Tony Harrison has renominated for a two year term.

***Recommendation: The committee recommend to the Board for Tony Harrison's application to be renewed for a two year term.***

Tina Queale and Grenville Brown term expire at the end of June.

The Committee agreed to advertising for new members in middle of March/April. Applications will be presented to the PCCC at the May meeting, followed by recommendations to the Board for approval.

### ***Action:***

- ***PCCC Secretary to email application form for renomination to Tina Queale and Grenville Brown.***
- ***PCCC Secretary to move forward with advertising for new members.***

**Meeting closed: 6.30pm**