



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

**Minutes of Meeting**

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 5:00pm

Port of Albany, Board Room  
85 Brunswick Road, ALBANY

**PRESENT:**

**Committee members:**

Deputy Chair	Ian Moss
Community Member	Andrew Duncan
	Rodney Symes (via Teams)
	Tina Queale
City of Albany representative	Paul Camins (via Teams)

**Southern Port (SP):**

Southern Ports Director	Wiebke Ebeling
CEO	Steve Lewis (via Teams)
Acting Regional Manager	Graeme Poole
Environment Manager	Paul Mackey
Office Coordinator	Denise Fisher

**APOLOGIES:**

Chair	Graham Foster
Community Member	Michael Hunter

**ITEM 1 WELCOME**

The Deputy Chair opened the meeting at 5:00pm 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 were agreed as being a true and correct record.

**Motion carried**

**ITEM 3 MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

## **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.

The previous COVID restrictions have been lifted, with fully vaccinated crew now allowed ashore the same as pre COVID. The Master of the vessel and shipping companies are requiring minimal contact between the crew and public to minimise the risk of taking COVID onboard the vessel.

The Missions are providing transport for the ships crew from the vessel gangplank to outside the secure area.

Southern Ports Albany's workforce have not been affected by COVID as much as the other two Ports. It has brought to our attention to have a backup in place to have minimal effect on operations.

### **5.2 Asset Renewal Project**

A conditions assessment of Berths 1, 2 and 3 has recently been completed. This has highlighted areas where heavy equipment has been restricted on parts of the berths.

A program of works is planned to remedy the situation with utilisation of the berths being managed around the works. Budget from this round of government funding for \$1.5 million has been set aside for repairs.

Q: Are there old wooden piles in the wharf?

A: Berths 1 and 2 have timber fendering with timber piles protecting the front of the wharf structure, the oldest being installed in the mid 1980's. All of the piles supporting the wharf deck structure are reinforced concrete piles, installed between 1954 to 1957.

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

### **6.1 Albany Harbours Sustainability Group**

Albany Harbours Sustainable Group (AHSG) is a collaborative government agency working together to better manage the harbours. The group has this year refocused being led by Chris Gunby, who has a lot of collective knowledge and has engaged with government stakeholders.

Historical documents and reports have recently been digitised with the Albany Historical Library to be made available to the public.

The AHSG are working on GIS mapping project looking at opportunities to build a one-stop-shop for harbour use map based on data contributed by all agencies. The harbours are a highly utilised space with a lot of overlapping activities. The GIS mapping will provide a single touch point for people interested in the harbours.

***ACTION: Invite Chris Gunby to present at a PCCC meeting.***

### **6.2 Followup from CBH**

Richard Doak, Albany Terminal Manager has followed up on noise concerns raised at a previous PCCC meeting.

CBH have engaged an external contractor who will be onsite to conduct noise monitoring, including monitoring along Brunswick Road. 'White noise' reverse alarms on front end loaders have been implemented to aid in reduction of mobile plant noise. From the monitoring CBH will receive a detailed report where outcomes can be enacted if deemed necessary.

## **ITEM 8 STRATEGIC PROJECTS UPDATE** **Steve Lewis, CEO**

Steve Lewis joined the PCCC meeting via Teams.

Steve Lewis announced Paul McSweeney has been employed as the new permanent Albany Port Regional Manager, commencing on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Paul will be moving with his family from Broome where he is currently the CEO of Broome Airport.

- Budget outcomes  
\$59 million has been allocated this year for capital works. This is the largest capital program approved since becoming Southern Ports. Thank you goes to the good works by the team and Master Planning.
- Assets  
SPA are assessing options for refurbishment or replacement in the coming years of Albany Port berths. Berths 1 and 2 are the oldest berths in Albany built between 1955 to 1957.
- Master Planning  
Since the last PCCC meeting the Draft Albany Port Master Plan has been approved by SPA Board. The next step is to forward to the Minister to endorse, which can be a 6-12 month process. Once approved by the Minister the plan then becomes final.
- Sustainability Action Plan  
SPA are working on internal processes with our Sustainability Action Plan. When finalised it will be presented to the SPA Board for approval, then become a public document.  
SPA have base line emissions, using 2020 as a base monitor in all three ports.
- Trade  
To date Albany has had 4.5 million tonnes in trade, roughly up 10%.
- Comms Manager  
Tori Castledine has resigned from Southern Ports, we are currently recruiting for this role. We wish Tori all the best in her new role.
- Port Pricing  
Port pricing for next financial year will soon be released, with standardisation of berth hire and changes to the pilotage charges.
- Albany Board Director  
Congratulations to Wiebke Ebeling whose term has been renewed for one year.

Southern Ports vision is still 'Strong Regional Ports, Strong Regions' with the role of Ports being to facilitate trade

## **ITEM 9 MEDIA REPORT**

The media report for 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and Corporate Affairs Report was emailed to PCCC members.

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

A member mentioned community concerns regarding Grange Resource and new noises which will be generated.

The meeting discussed, with the community concerns been taken on board.

The Environment Manager acknowledged the comment and agreed that it is important for the SDJV and port to engage the community. By way of update for the membership the coordinated engagement plans of the SDJV/Port are well advanced and are being finalised ready for implementation. The EM also stated that the organisations are cognisant and planning specific engagement with nearby residents both in the Brunswick Road and Goode Beach localities.

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

A suggestion for future meeting for a presentation on Esperance and Bunbury Port.

## **ITEM 12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Grenville Brown resigned from the PCCC. Thank you Grenville for your input to the committee.

During April advertisements were placed in the Albany Advertiser for new PCCC member. There was only one response. The expiry date has been extended to the end of May with a push on social media.

The PCCC recommenced Tina Queale's renomination for a two year term.

***ACTION: Secretary to forward Tina Queale's application to be endorsed by the Board.***

**Meeting closed: 5:45pm**