



SOUTHERN PORTS - ALBANY
PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 25th November 2021, 5:00pm

Port of Albany, Board Room
85 Brunswick Road, ALBANY

PRESENT:

Committee members:

Deputy Chair	Ian Moss
Community Member	Geoff Bastyan
	Grenville Brown
	Michael Hunter
	Neil Worrell
	Rodney Symes
	Tina Queale
	Tony Harrison
City of Albany representative	Andrew Sharpe

Southern Port (SP):

Director	Wiebke Ebeling
CEO	Steve Lewis
Environment Manager	Paul Mackey
SP Corporate Affairs Advisor	Tori Castledine (joined via Teams for Media item)
Office Coordinator	Denise Fisher

Guest Presenter:

CBH Group Terminal Manager	Richard Doak
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APOLOGIES:

Regional Manager	Gary Crockford
Community Members:	Andrew Duncan
	Graham Foster

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 22nd September 2021 were agreed as being a true and correct record.

ITEM 3 MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

ITEM 4 BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Richard Doak, Albany Terminal Manager presented a Power Point on CBH Albany Terminal.

Points taken from the presentation include:

- Richard Doak has been in the role of Terminal Manager for one year, with CBH roles before that
- CBH is a cooperative for approx 4,000 farm growers
- WA has five management zones
- Advocacy for the Ring Road to ease heavy haulage away from local traffic
- Community engagement with local groups including Clontarf Academy, Beyond Blue and Ronal MacDonald House
- Working closely with SP on Port constraints
- Albany Port CBH have the lowest storage capacity compared to other zones in WA
- 2021 - 3.1Mt received, with 8% direct to Port
- 2021 – 77 vessels, peak month March
- 1956 - CBH opened Albany Grain Terminal
- 2006 – infrastructure upgrades
- Storage capacity and types discussed
- Harvest 21/22 estimate 3.9Mt, which is above average
- Wheat makes up to 42% of exports, followed by barley, canola, then oats
- CBH terminal projects include corrosion mitigation, CCTV upgrade.

Q: Is any work being done to alleviate the noise of warning buzzes and sirens within CBH?

A: CBH meets the OSH Australian standard with the buzzes and siren as a requirement on starting machinery. Richard invited the PCCC member to visit CBH office to discuss further.

Q: Query about decommissioned grain receival points on the Newdegate line.

A: There are decommissioned sites in the Albany Zone, and there is capacity planning and investment undertaken in what is called the Network Strategy to upgrade the larger receival points to attract grain.

Q: Is there a difference for the growers handling fee at Mirabeena and the Port?

A: The freight rate is complex and hard to explain, if they are not on par there would be not a lot of difference.

Q: If you have increased demand and require new silos or infrastructure what is the arrangement you have with the port and other grain growers?

A: There are terminal restraints with land at the port. In terms with building at other sites there are DA approvals, a big process to go through. There is a lot of work going on in this space within management of CBH.

Q: Is CBH installing renewable energy sources?

A: CBH are installing solar and recycling water run off at some of the sites. There is an Improvement Team that work with this.

Q: This year is CBH lighting up the silos with orange for 16 Days of Activism?

A: There are five causes that CBH actively participate in, including Beyond Blue, Breast Cancer Awareness. We are looking at sourcing a proper lighting system to better enable these events.

ITEM 5 ALBANY PORT UPDATE **Paul Mackey, Environment Manager**

5.1 COVID update

Mandatory vaccinations are in place for exposed port workers. The government is considering the next move of extending this across the maritime sector.

There are three government directions that impact Southern Ports. Two of these apply to Albany Port with it not being a mine site. In the last direction just received, every person entering the port will be required to be vaccinated by the end of January. Information will be forwarded to port users, contractors and visitors.

5.2 EOI Land Berth 6

Southern Ports received responses for trade Expressions of Interest through Berth 6. They were divided into two groups, exporters and cargo accumulators. There is a lot of work being done by the Southern Ports Commercial team and Gary Crockford, Regional Manager to assess the expressions.

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 Corporate Sustainability Strategy Development is underway and an internal draft is due in January 2022.

Albany Port has been concentrating on the interface improvement project. We have been working with a local landscape architect around the Mass Rocks site with universal access and better linkage with the City of Albany walkways.

5.4 AOEG Video

Paul Mackey presented a [video](#) from Australian Ocean Energy Group.

Q: Has the Port heard any more about the aquaculture leases?

A: Andrew Sharpe replied the CoA had a briefing with DPIRD last night. Expressions of interest for Oyster Harbour area will be announced within the next few weeks. Further release of areas within Princess Royal Harbour around Shoal Bay, and King George Sound are still going through a process. It is the CoA's understanding that it is shellfish only.

ITEM 7 STRATEGIC PROJECTS UPDATE **Steve Lewis, CEO**

Steve Lewis mentioned he appreciates the PCCC giving up their time for being on the committee. Their input is an invaluable part of the port.

In January Steve Lewis has been CEO for three years. Looking ahead, 2022 is going to be an interesting year.

- Master planning is progressing and will be presented to the Board in February. Master Planning gives a clear view of optimisation and investment in the port within the next 10 -15 years and helps inform the government of these investments.
- New accounting, HR, payroll, asset management systems and processes will be delivered in 2022.
- A lot of work has been completed on the supply chain, this will be rolled out in 2022 with works by the Department of Transport.
- Sustainability plan is coming together and will be out for comment in the new year.
- Community Investment Program is a good development, Tori Catledine will give an update in item 8.
- 3 x 3 strategy continues, SP are presently undertaking their strategic planning with the Executive and Board.
- 'Strong Regional Ports, Strong Regions' is still SP vision.

- SP have been active on social media and will continue in 2022.
- SP is continuing to build on safety.
- SP pilotage, including Albany just achieved Quality Accreditation Internationally.

Andrew Sharpe commended SP and the team on the 2020/2021 Annual Report.

ITEM 8 MEDIA REPORT

Tori Castledine

5:55pm Tori Castledine joined the PCCC meeting via Teams.

6:10pm due to technical difficulties Tori disconnected from the meeting.

Southern Ports Community Investment Program was presented to the committee.

- Last financial year \$267,000 supported over 100 events and programs
- 2022 the sponsorship program will be rebranded to Community Investment Program (CIP)
- CIP will follow a structured timeline with applicants reviewed quarterly
- A committee is being established with two Albany staff representatives, Corporate Affairs Advisor and Tina Queale representing the PCCC
- The CIP committee will review applications and make recommendations to the Regional Manager
- The CIP is being promoted in a number of ways and SP will continue to be as we transition into the new application schedule.

ITEM 9 Member Discussion/Feedback and Community Questions

A PCCC member was approached by a resident near the port about a perceived 'black dust' concerns. The meeting discussed various scenarios of the potential contributions, with one being the large regional fuel reduction fires being undertaken by other State agencies. Port staff thanked the member for bringing it to attention and welcomed direct queries from the resident to discuss any concerns they might have.

ITEM 10 Items for future discussion/presentation

- Suggestion for Grange Resources / South Down Joint Venture to attend the PCCC meeting either in February or May 2022.
- Suggestion for a future meeting is to look at changes the Ports are required to make to comply with resolutions made CoP26. It is understood that Australia is a signatory to a Declaration that proposes green shipping channels by 2030.

Action: SP to contact Grange Resources to arrange a presenter.

ITEM 11 Any other business

No further business

Meeting closed: 6.20pm