



SOUTHERN PORTS - ALBANY
PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 27th July 2022, 5:00pm

Port of Albany, Board Room
85 Brunswick Road, ALBANY

PRESENT:

Committee members:

Chair	Graeme Foster
Deputy Chair	Ian Moss
Community Member	Andrew Duncan
	Angela Ritchie
	Michael Hunter
	Michael Ford
	Rodney Symes
	Tina Queale
City of Albany representative	Ruth March via Teams

Southern Port (SP):

CEO	Steve Lewis
Regional Manager	Paul McSweeney
Port Manager	Graeme Poole
Environment Manager	Paul Mackey via Teams

APOLOGIES:

Community Member	Tony Harrison
Office Coordinator	Denise Fisher

ITEM 1 WELCOME

The 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 25th May 2022 were agreed as being a true and correct record.

Motion carried

ITEM 3 MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

New members Michael Ford and Angela Ritchie were welcomed to the Committee.

ITEM 4 ALBANY PORT UPDATE

Graeme Poole, Port Manager

Regional Manager

The new Regional Manager, Paul McSweeney was introduced to the Committee, and he provided a brief description of his background.

COVID update

The Albany Port workforce has had 12 staff out of approximately 30 affected to date by Covid, and this has been spread out over the course of 2022. Currently two staff are affected by Covid. Southern Ports continues to adhere to State Government Covid directives and mandates.

Cruise Ships – Albany Port is not a first point of entry Port, and cruise ships coming to Albany would have encountered international entry requirements at either Fremantle or Adelaide. The State Government has released guidelines and protocols for Cruise Ships to adhere to.

It was resolved to send a copy of the State Government guidelines to the Committee.

Albany Port update

- The visit by the Navy frigate Anzac on Sunday 24 July was very successful with over 1200 people attending the open day. It was the first visit by the Anzac since 2014. Albany Port Harbour Master and his team co-ordinated everything from a Port perspective very well on the day.
- The trade result for Albany Port for FY2022 was 4.426 million tonnes, the best result since 2019, on the back of a record grain export of 3.060 million tonnes.
- Albany Port staff are attending ZIP Safety Training to ensure a continued strong focus on safety at Southern Ports.
- Cruise Ships – will re-commence in October after a 2 year hiatus, and 13 are planned for the season.
- Grange Resources – engagement continues on the proposed South Down Joint Venture Magnetite Project.
- The environmental approval for the Berth 7 development has been extended for a further 5 years, requiring commencement prior to 2027.
- Asset Recovery Process – tenders are out, and they will be evaluated once received.
- EOI Lease 55, old Vicstock Shed – the EOI process is well progressed, and we are dealing with a preferred tenderer, which cannot be disclosed as yet.
- Grange Resources are continuing with their hydrographic survey work around the Berth 5 area. They are also investigating Nav aids.
- Several questions were raised and answered in relation to the movement of Tranships. It was also clarified there is unlikely to be a permanent barge in place for the project.

ITEM 5 ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Paul Mackey, Environment Manager

- SDJV - preparations are continuing for public engagement sessions in September.
- Works on Brunswick Road East were confirmed as revegetation works and weed control.
- It was also confirmed Sydney Golden Wattles have been removed on the proposed nature pathway.

ITEM 5 STRATEGIC PROJECTS UPDATE

Steve Lewis, CEO

An update was provided on the operations at Esperance and Bunbury Port and the strong trade result at each of those Ports.

Port of Bunbury

- 17.94m tonnes
- Imports - caustic soda, coal, fertiliser, mineral sands, fuel
- Exports – alumina, spodumene, grain, copper concentrate, silica sand, woodchips
- Staff – 61
- Combination of port staff, private stevedores and contractors
- Largest land holding of any port in Australia
- Depth of channel – 12.2mCD (Berths -8.5mCD to -12.7mCD)

Port of Esperance

- 13.69m tonnes
- Imports – fertiliser, sulphur, fuel
- Exports – alumina, spodumene, grain, copper concentrate, silica sand, woodchips
- Staff – 146
- “Full service port”
- Depth of berths– -14.2mCD, and capsized berth -18.7mCD

Strategic projects update on Southern Ports was provided.

- Master Planning drafts all completed
- Port Maximisation project – to be defined from each port
- Planning for Strategic Asset Plans FY24+, budgets
- CBH working group
- Iron Ore strategy – Esperance
- Albany 2026 (and port 2027)
- Appoint media role – announce shortly
- Asset Recovery program – 5 years, large part in 2022-23

ITEM 7 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Tina Queale

Southern Ports Albany received 10 applications for this round of funding. Five applications were identified to be shortlisted and outlined to the committee.

ITEM 8 PCCC CHAIR UPDATE

- The Chair advised he had met with the Chairs of the Bunbury and Esperance Port Community Consultative Committee and found this to be very beneficial.
- Moving forward the Committee will need to focus on how to disseminate the information provided at these meetings to the Community.

ITEM 9 MEMBER DISCUSSION

Further detail was asked in regard to Transshipment movements for the proposed SDJV project and these were answered by Albany Port Staff present.

ITEM 10 CHAIRMAN

- The Chairman advised that due to competing time commitments he would find it difficult to continue on the role as Chairman, but would like to remain on the Committee.

- The Committee unanimously endorsed and resolved to appoint Ian Moss as Chairman with immediate effect.

ITEM 11 ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

- Albany Link Road
- Election of a Deputy Chair
- Port Tour

Meeting closed: 6:20pm