



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

**Minutes of Meeting**

Wednesday, 23<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 5:00pm

Port of Albany, Board Room  
85 Brunswick Road, ALBANY

**PRESENT:**

**Committee members:**

Chair	Ian Moss
Deputy Chair	Graham Foster
Community Member	Angela Ritchie
	Rod Symes
	Tina Queale
	Tony Harrison
City of Albany representative	Andrew Sharpe

**Southern Port (SP):**

Board representative	Wiebke Ebeling
CEO	Steve Lewis
Regional Manager	Paul McSweeney
Environment Manager	Paul Mackey
Corporate Communications Manager	Alana Monaghan
Office Coordinator	Denise Fisher

**Guest presenter:**

Main Roads WA	Peter Grove
	Lindsay McCartin

**APOLOGIES:**

Community Member	Michael Hunter
	Michael Ford
	Andrew Duncan

**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 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were agreed as being a true and correct record.

**Motion carried**

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

The meeting noted Southern Ports Board endorsed Ian Moss as Chair, expiring in June 2023.

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

#### **Albany Ring Road update**

*Lindsay McCartin, Project Manager*

*Peter Grove, Contract Manager*

The Albany Ring Road update was presented by Main Roads.

- Phase 1 Albany Highway to Lancaster Road was completed April 2022
  - Partially operational, full opening on completion of South Coast Highway
- Phase 2 Lancaster Road to Princess Royal Drive are currently being constructed
  - Earthworks, drainage, services completion May 2023
  - Pavements and Bridges (including Fauna Bridges) completion January 2024
- Completion and opening mid 2024
- Traffic impacts and management drawings shown
- Chester Pass and Menang Road interchange early planning has been undertaken for an upgrade to the intersection. This upgrade is currently an unfunded option in the Albany Ring Road contract
- Recycling of power poles to be included in the Fauna Bridge crossing
- Bridge art - Indigenous artwork is in discussion
- Discussion on providing for Grange pipelines
- CoA answered queries on the Hanrahan Road rubbish tip

### **ITEM 5 ALBANY PORT UPDATE**

#### **Paul McSweeney, Regional Manager**

- Trade results are very strong for this year and tracking to be above our record grain year in FY16/17.
- Cruise ships - Albany welcomed our first cruise ships last week, with another visiting this Friday, the Coral Geographer. It was unfortunate the Coral Princess was cancelled due to weather. The first big vessel to visit Albany is the Noordam with 2500 passengers on Sunday 4th December, followed by 8 more over the season December to April.
- The Eastern Seaboard and Western Australian Cruise Protocols were emailed to the committee with the agenda.
- Svitzer – last week Fairwork ordered Svitzer not to proceed with the lockout. This would have affected 17 Ports across Australia, including Albany. There was no affect to shipping in Albany in the lead up to the process.
- Grange – continuing to work closely with Grange on their proposed five million ton export transshipment option. In November there were community drop in days in Wellstead, Many Peaks and Albany Public Library.
- Asset Recovery Project – a proposal was approved by the Board to award the tender for significant repair works on Berths 1 & 2.
- Trade aggregation – continuing to work with Qube on the trade aggregation model for lease 55.
- Berth 6 – looking to increase trade through the berth, which is currently only utilised at about 16%.
- Continuing to have a strong focus on safety, with the majority of Southern Ports staff put through ZIP Safety Culture training.
- Southern Ports Albany had a large presence at the Albany Agriculture Show.

- Administration Office – a local architect has been engaged to undertake a scope of study to look at the administration building for compliance, to understand the maximum employee capacity and to operate in a sustainable fashion.
- Bicentenary 2026 – Southern Ports are looking at what we can do for the Bicentenary 2026. We are working closely with the City of Albany and ensure what we do is done in a culturally sensitive way.

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

Paul presented on the bush regeneration project next to the Albany Port Administration office.

- At a sustainability workshop it was identified and ranked highly for Albany Port to manage the weeds and the port interface.
- 2000 seedlings have been planted.
- Next phase is to sustain the seedlings.

Paul presented photos of the new Osprey chick in the nest at Berth 6 and gave a brief history of the building of the nest.

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

Southern Ports has been named runner up in the Port or Terminal of the Year Award Category for the category of 'Best practice asset management as a driver for digital transformation' at the 2022 DCN Australian Shipping & Maritime Industry Awards. Southern Ports was also named as finalists in two other categories being the Seafarer Welfare Award and Safety Award.

Southern Ports are working with CBH on grain strategy and expanding capacity over the next few years. Further discussion and questions followed.

Southern Ports will be submitting Pmax plans to the Board, which includes options for Berth 1 & 2.

Our Sustainability Plan has been developed internally across the business. A large reduction in net emissions being part of the plan, with baseline studies completed in 2020.

Southern Ports are continuing our digitisation works, with the implementation of new system in 2023.

FY24 strategy is on track with active trade and investment, building good operational excellence and sustainability.

Steve Lewis is transitioning to retirement in June next year. The Board are tracking well with the selection process, with hopefully an announcement early next year.

**ITEM 8 MEDIA REPORT**  
**Alana Monaghan, Corporate Communications & External Affairs Manager**

The Community Investment Program is going well, with 13 successful applications from community groups and organisations in the previous round applications. The next round of applications closes on 30 November 2023. To date we have received a good number of applications. A PCCC member continues to have a presence in the CIP committee.

Steve Lewis, CEO, gave an interview today on the 2022 DCN Australian Shipping & Maritime Industry Awards.

The Port of Albany hosted a stall at this years Albany Agriculture Show. Our drone technology was popular with visitors and a great success.

Social media is continuing to experience strong organic growth this quarter. The statistics were emailed to the committee, along with the media coverage for July to November.

Southern Ports major stakeholder survey will commence shortly. The PCCC might be contacted to take part.

## ITEM 9 MEMBER DISCUSSION

- The committee unanimously endorsed and resolved to appoint Graeme Foster as Deputy Chair.
- A port tour was agreed for 1 February at 4:00pm.
- Port of Albany end of year function will be held on 7th December 2022, commencing at 4:30pm at Carlyles Function Centre. The PCCC and partners are invited to attend.
- Andrew Sharpe gave a brief outline of the artificial surf reef. The meeting agreed for the City of Albany to present on the artificial surf reef in the first half of 2023 at a future meeting.
- Aquaculture licenses around Mistaken Island and whales were a point of discussion. Albany Port answered question.

### Questions on Notice

- Does CBH have any planned or new hydro blasting in the future?  
Paul Mackey followed up with CBH Terminal Manager. CBH are planning a program to commence in the coming months, but they will be using a trial of liquid nitrogen technology, with stated benefits of lower noise, waste and emissions.
- Are there provisions for cyclists in the Ring Road Project in general and specifically, over/around bridges?  
The Frenchman Bay Road/Albany Ring Road interchange will include a PSP (Principal Shared Path – Dedicated cycle/foot Path) as part of the bridge over the Albany Ring Road.  
This path will connect with the current path on Frenchman Bay Road and will connect to a proposed path connecting Hanrahan Road to Grey Street West (subject to funding availability).  
This will remove the need for cyclist to cross Princess Royal Drive or the Railway line when crossing from Albany to Frenchman Bay and vice versa.  
The Albany Ring Road itself will not have dedicated cycle facilities but does include 2.5m shoulders for its entire length.

## ITEM 11 ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

Grange Resources

Surf reef – City of Albany

Collaboration with the Albany Community on the Bicentenary 2026 – City of Albany

M4 Wave energy - UWA

Harvest Road

**Meeting closed:** 6:20pm

**Next meeting:**

Port Tour - Wednesday 1 February 2023 at 4:00pm

Meeting - Wednesday, 22 February 2023