



PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE - BUNBURY
WEDNESDAY 9th AUGUST 2023

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT	Brian Wade	Keith Wilks (CEO)
	Graham Winter	Lee Smith (RM)
	Mike Ansell (Chair)	Alana Monaghan (Corporate Affairs Mgr.)
	Michael Pekin	Carol McKenzie (Committee Secretary)
	Murray Webb	
	Nicolas Pozniakov	
	Paul MacGillivray	
APOLOGIES	Fiona Fitzgerald (Deputy Chair)	Robyn Fenech (Director)
	Gabi Ghasseb	John Barratt (Director)
	Matthew Young	Duncan Gordon (Env. Manager)
	Tresslyn Smith	Allan Bowden (Project Delivery Manager)

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 5 pm.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no new declarations.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on 10th May 2023 were noted as approved via circular resolution on 15th June 2023. The Committee affirmed the circular resolution.

3. Action Items from Previous Minutes

Discuss improvements and beautification of Turkey Point with City of Bunbury – to be organised (Action item 6.1)

Port Open Days will be done in rotation with Albany and Esperance. Bunbury is looking at conducting Harbour Cruises, but we are waiting for the relevant approvals (Action item 12.1)

Bunge was invited to present to the Committee. (Action 14.1)

4. Feature Topic – presentation by Dave Mulder of Bunge

Dave Mulder introduced himself and is the State Manager for Bunge and introduced Ben Sinclair, Operations Superintendent and Dalton Coby, Maintenance Manager adding that this is a fairly new team in Bunbury.

Bunge is a two-hundred-year-old company based out of Amsterdam and has been in Australia for one hundred years with an annual turnover of approximately \$1 billion dollars largely depending on the seasons yield. The company was named after Johann Bunge who founded the company in 1818. Their Head Quarters are base in St Louis Missouri. The Bunbury operation has forty full time employees and was established in 2014. There are six silos on their site, and they are currently building a seventh silo. The movement of grain through the port has increased significantly from 300 000 tonnes in 2019 to this year's record of 1.6 million tonnes and the business continues to grow.

Bunge's goal is to connect farmers to consumers, to deliver essential food, feed, and fuel to the rest of the world and is the leading marketer of grain exporting to global destinations. Bunge has two receival facilities one based at Kukerin, and the other Arthur River and they purchase grain from CBH. They participate in grain markets in South Australia and the East Coast and have their head office in Melbourne.

There are approximately eighty road trains coming into the port per day, moving grain through out the year. Bunge have enlisted Linkris Transport to coordinate the transport of the grain into the port.

Grain exports generate \$5.9 billion per year for the WA economy and is the largest agricultural sector in the state exporting wheat, barley, and canola and mainly to the Asian market.

Bunge has 23 000 employees in 40 countries and 300+ facilities and is the world leader in oilseed processing and leading supplier and producer of specialty plant-based oils.

Bunge have a good relationship with WAPRES and share their loading facilities at Berth 3. As part of their dust mitigation strategy Bunge have engaged an engineering company to develop a new bespoke system that can be attached to the existing jet slinger when loading grain. They are also looking into an oil spray which has proven successful in Brazil which helps the dust stick to the grain.

Discussion was had around grain spillage mitigation, silo storage, and logistics.

The Chair thanked Dave Mulder and his team for a very informative presentation.

5:31 – Bunge left the meeting.

5. Executive Update (CEO)

The CEO gave the following update:

The CEO noted he has been in the role of CEO for ninety days now and during that time we have a new Minister, David Michael who comes from local government in the Shire of Stirling. The CEO has had a few briefings with him, and the Minister is looking at coming to Bunbury in August and Albany in October.

Southern Ports had a strong finish to the financial year with sixteen trade records across all three ports and a total of 37.16 million tonnes of product moved through the ports. Albany had record grain and silica sand, Esperance had record grain, spodumene and fertilizer and

Bunbury had record grain, copper concentrate, spodumene and coal. Bunbury had an overall trade record of 18.1 million tonnes making it the third record year in a row. Bunbury is the largest export port of lithium in the world with Port Hedland second and Esperance third. Celebrations were held with staff, and everyone received a gift.

Southern Ports has been invited to participate in a study group led by Talison for the reinstatement of the Greenbushes rail line.

Due to compound growth, we are working with Bunge and CBH on a strategic plan for grain for FY25.

We are currently working on engagement with First Nations people across all sites. The Gnaarla Karla Booja are the traditional custodians of the area covering Bunbury including the port and have requested their CEO join the Committee.

A Stakeholder Survey was held 2022 to March 2023 including commercial and noncommercial stakeholders. The survey went out to twenty-five senior stakeholders, 150 junior stakeholders and 303 community stakeholders (100 in each port region).

The results were positive overall with a record high of 73 which is a good to very good rating and puts us on a par with other ports across the country. Our original score in 2016 was 40 steadily rising to 61 in 2020. No data was collected between 2020 and 2022.

The feedback from the community members showed 57% know a little bit about us and of that 63% were favourable and only 7% were unfavourable. 83% of the community in our region believe Southern Ports has a positive effect on the community. The community perspectives on what Southern Ports offers were areas such as local employment opportunities, trade, economic growth to maritime-related events and projects and training pathways for local youth.

The feedback shows areas we need to improve such as our community profile and more engagement with the community.

Discussion was had around the results and the Sponsorship program to include more Environment groups.

6. Projects Update (RM)

The RM on behalf of the Project Delivery Manager. referred to the pre-meeting notes and provided the following update:

The notes referred to the replacement pilot launch, Turkey Point Access Road and Bridge, Berth 8 fire protection works, and the Berth 8 ship loader energy chain.

The RM spoke about the study being done on the relocation of the tugboat and pilot boat moorings.

7. New Staff and Safety and Security Update (RM)

The RM referred to the pre-meeting notes and gave the following update:

The notes referred to the recruiting of a Port Logistics Manager and a Terminal Superintendent. The RM noted our Business Administration Trainee Mykenzie Giesler was on our Facebook page and is doing very well.

8. Environmental Report (RM)

The RM on behalf of the Environment Manager referred to the pre-meeting notes:

The notes referred to the dust monitoring network, grain dust emissions, non-marine water, and sediment sampling and the ISO14001-2015 Annual Surveillance Audit.

The Committee noted the subjects were well covered.

9. Port Trade (RM)

The RM referred to the pre-meeting notes provided and gave the following update:

The RM referred to the sixteen trade records across the organisation and noted it is a team effort and congratulated the Port Users. He added it is a testament to Bunge grain with 1.5 million tonnes exported through the port and Bunge is continuing with their growth strategy.

The last budget given down by the Government highlighted an initiative to install a battery in Collie which would be the largest battery in the Southern region.

Components for the Moonie Hills windfarm project continue to go out of the port and will do until the end of September. We have also received more queries regarding windfarms from other organisations.

The Albemarle equipment is coming through the port with one vessel through already and another two to three vessels due to come in the next few months.

With a new Logistics Manager and Terminal Superintendent we are working to utilise our berths more efficiently and improve the optimisation of our current equipment. Future berths and expansion will require dredging the Inner Harbour.

Bunbury Port not only has exports but also imports products such as caustic soda to support the alumina industry, raw mineral sands are imported, processed, and then re-exported and we also import pet-coke and coal.

10. Marine Update (RM)

The RM and gave the following update on behalf of the Harbour Master:

The new Pilot Boat is on track and should be ready by October.

The pilot boat crew have been brought in-house to align with the other ports.

We have a new Bunbury trainee pilot, Darren Smith who comes to us from our Esperance Port. We also have one of our pilots retiring this year.

11. Corporate Affairs (Corporate Affairs Mgr.)

The Corporate Affairs Mgr. gave the following update:

We are making an active and considered effort to increase our media articles and get a good spread of media coverage. Our media covered the following: -

- Grain records and trade records.
- Berth refurbishment
- Community communications around the Mission to Seafarers

Community Investment Program – in twelve months we supported forty-five groups in Bunbury. Some were events and some were investments. Our next round closes 15th August 2023.

We had eight hundred applications for the naming of the new Pilot Boat. The name will be released soon.

We have got our first corporate sponsorship outside of the Community Investment Program being Food Bank where we are supporting 50 000 meals over the next twelve months.

Our Sustainability team has had a focus on Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week over recent months. This included a staff survey to inform the development of our Reconciliation Action Plan and staff went on walking tours with Elders and Aboriginal tour guides to learn more about the Aboriginal culture and country on which we live and work at each of our sites.

12. Community Feedback (PCCC Members)

It was noted by a committee member that GWN give a commodities report on a Friday night covering Albany, Esperance, Kwinana and Geraldton and he queried why Bunbury was not included.

The corella issue was mentioned, and the RM noted that the Port works with the City of Bunbury on this issue where necessary.

The RM was invited to give a talk at the Leschenault Men's Shed to showcase what is happening in the port.

13. Any Other Business

The Chair noted that he will be an apology for the next meeting.

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Meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 8th November 2023

ACTION ITEM LIST

FROM MINUTES OF PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE - BUNBURY

9 AUGUST 2023

ITEM NO	ACTION	DATE AROSE	ACTION BY	STATUS
6.1	Discuss improvements and beautification of Turkey Point with City of Bunbury	10/05/2023	L Smith	
8	Stakeholder result comparison between the three ports	09/08/2023	A Monaghan	