



SOUTHERN PORTS - ALBANY
PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 22 February 2023, 5:00pm

Port of Albany, Board Room
85 Brunswick Road, ALBANY

PRESENT:

Committee members:

Chair	Ian Moss
Community Member	Angela Ritchie
	Michael Hunter
	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:

Grange Resources	Glenda Stirling
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APOLOGIES:

Deputy Chair	Graham Foster
Community Member	Michael Ford

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 23 November 2023 were agreed as being a true and correct record.

Moved: Andrew Sharpe

Motion carried

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

ITEM 3 BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Grange Resources

Glenda Stirling, Community Liaison Manager

Glenda Stirling is based in Albany and available for questions at the Albany office or by telephone. Information leaflets were distributed outlining Southdown Magnetite Project and Transshipping. Points taken from the presentation include:

- Southdown Joint Venture (SDJV) is a joint venture between Grange Resources and SRT Australia. It is currently before the Foreign Investment Review Board for Grange to purchase SRT Australia percentage.
- 2004 - commenced large scale exploration and project assessment.
- SDJV have received Federal and State environment approvals. All existing approvals are being maintained.
- 5 Mtpa magnetite concentrate, with an initial estimate mine life of 28 years.
- 2022 released PFS Capex estimate of \$1.39n for 5Mtpa magnetite concentrate production.
- 650 construction work force at the construction peak, 350 personnel during operation.
- A 110 km underground slurry pipeline will transport the magnetite from the mine site to the Port.
- Water supply is potentially to be sourced from treated wastewater plant near the airport and ground water sources.
- Power supply connections are being assessed and discussed with Alinta. There is now more of a focus on renewables. Discussion is still ongoing.
- Berth 5, and Lots 60 & 61 have been identified as the proposed Albany Port sites for receipt.
- Trans-shipping from Port to Cape size vessels offshore at 'Whiskey' and 'Yankee' anchorages in King George Sound.
- Noise, dust and visual impacts all form part of the submission to EPA.
- Wind, waves, currents and safety all form part of the feasibility study which is still being worked through.
- DFS to be concluded by end of March 2023.
- Archaeologists are looking at the project changes and new areas.
- Grange held three community consultation days in November 2022. Thank you to the PCCC members who dropped in.
- Continuing consultation with Aboriginal groups and heritage approval requirements to be finalised.
- Continuing discussions with Albany Port, key stakeholders, landowners, neighbours and various communities.

Several questions were raised and answered in relation to dredging, transshipping, incident environmental concerns.

ITEM 5 ALBANY PORT UPDATE

Paul McSweeney, Regional Manager

- Trade results are continuing to be very strong for this financial year with a record harvest in the Albany catchment zone.
 - 2.5 million ton of grain has been exported from Albany Port so far this FY. It is forecast is suggesting of 4 million ton of grain from Albany Port.
 - Woodchips are on track for exporting one million tons through Albany Port.
 - Total trade to date is 3.3 million.
 - The last couple of weeks Berths 1, 2 and 3 have been fully occupied.
- Cruise ships - Albany has welcomed six cruise ships so far this season. The MV Queen Elizabeth is due to berth on Saturday, 4 March.
- Safety - SPA is continuing to have a strong focus on safety and processes that leads to a strong safety culture. Last month Albany had one MTI which was a twisted ankle from a rabbit hole.

- Trade aggregation - there is continuing strong trade enquiries for Berths 2 and 6. Currently Berth 6 is only utilised at about 16%.
- Grange – continuing to work closely with Grange, with the focus on the transshipment option.
- Bicentenary 2026 – SPA is continuing to plan for 2026 with four pillars of focus.
 - Pilot Cottages
 - Voice Prints
 - Chapter in the City of Albany book
 - Open Day planned, with a practice run in 2024.
- There have recently been two stricken vessels of the coast of Albany.
 - Interlink Sagacity had a fire in the ships engine room and was towed to anchorage for assessment, before being towed to Bunbury for repairs.
 - ICS Silver Spirit had limited engine power. Under the direction from AMSA the vessel was docked at Berth 1 for repairs.
 - Rob Liley, Harbour Master was appointed Incident Controller for the two incidents.
- CBH – recently trialed a wider beam vessel, Efessos Wave loading a record 64,003mt of canola. Learnings were made, moving forward we are working with CBH.
- Vehicles – Albany Port recently have had a changeover of some of our vehicles through our lease arrangement.
- Currently in the early stages of the Maintenance Enterprise Agreement.
- Recently held the PCCC Port Tour.

ITEM 6 ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Paul Mackey, Environment Manager

This morning there was a medivac from an Antarctic vessel in the Southern Ocean.

The environment team have been working on regenerating the bushland along Brunswick Road, including keeping Sydney Wattle under control and replanting native vegetation in the area.

Currently seeking a three year contract RFQ to manage the weeds and regenerate into a bushland area.

There has been a recent set back of 12-15 trees dying. This has been investigated and improved procedures are now in place to ensure the appropriate rates and spray are used. There have been a few queries from the community about the tree. A quote was received to woodchip these trees and use this as a weed suppression in the area.

ITEM 7 STRATEGIC PROJECTS UPDATE

Steve Lewis, CEO

Steve Lewis acknowledged Wiebke Ebeling as the Albany regional Board Director for attending the PCCC meeting.

Keith Wilkes, SPA's current Chief Operating Officer has been appointed as the new CEO commencing on 1 May 2023. Steve Lewis retires from SPA on 30 April 2023.

In July SPA will commence with the Grain Strategy Growth Plan. Steve Lewis recently attended CBH celebration of 90 years.

The head contract has been awarded that will support the Berth 1 and 2 Asset Recovery Project. SPA Board is in the process of determining the future of Berth 1 and 2 and replacement to be included in the next budget process.

The emphasis this year is focused on people, with SPA to become an employer of choice, attraction and retention, diversity, inclusion, and training and development skills.

This year SPA new computer systems will be introduced including finance, port operating and terminal operating system.

The net zero emissions base line work has been completed. We are now working through what the strategy will be.

SPA recently had a couple of representatives attend the Ports Green Conference held in Newcastle.

This is Steve Lewis last PCCC meeting. The Chair thanked Steve for his visits to Albany and attending the meetings making them very informative. Andrew Sharpe, City of Albany CEO acknowledge Steve's leadership and the strong focus on people and culture. The committee wished Steve all the best in his retirement.

Questions were raised and answered on Grange and concern with the whales and transshipping

ITEM 8 MEDIA REPORT

Alana Monaghan, Corporate Communications & External Affairs Manager

The media report and coverage were emailed to PCCC members.

In the previous quarter of the Community Investment round there were 12 successful applicants. The next round has closed and will be assessed soon.

Southern Ports stakeholder survey with community members, port customers and key stakeholders is completed. Alana has just received the report and once shared with the Executive Team and Board will be shared with the PCCC.

There has been a mixture of media coverage, including an interest in the new CEO, new SPA Board Director appointment, cruise ships and local CBH story. The stricken ships from the last couple of weeks has received a lot of media attention.

Social media is one way SPA connects to the community. Each port was recently involved in a photo shoot which will be used for social media and corporate publications

Expressions of interest is currently out for an Indigenous artist in each port area. SPA is looking for an original piece of artwork to use throughout the organisation and to be included on SPA Reconciliation Action Plan.

ITEM 9 COMMITTEE MEMBERS TERM

Four PCCC members term is due to expire on 30 June 2023. The Secretary will email the members Application Forms asking for expressions of interest.

The meeting agreed to advertise for new members.

ITEM 9 MEMBER DISCUSSION

Andrew Sharpe left the meeting at 6:05pm due to other commitments.

There was no further discussion.

ITEM 11 ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

The list of items for discussion from previous minutes include:

- Surf reef – City of Albany
- Collaboration with the Albany Community on the Bicentenary 2026 – City of Albany
- M4 Wave energy - UWA
- Harvest Road
- Albany Harbours Sustainability Group

The meeting agreed to invite:

- Harvest Road to present at the May meeting.
- M4 Wave energy - UWA to present at the August meeting.

Meeting closed: 6:15pm

Port Tour: 22 February 2023

Next meeting: Wednesday, 31 May 2023