

MINUTES					
SECTION 1: MEETING INFORMATION					
<b>Meeting No:</b>	21		<b>Objective Ref:</b>		
<b>Project / Meeting:</b>	Port of Port Hedland Community Consultation Committee				
<b>Location</b>	Hedland Tower				
<b>Purpose/ Scope</b>					
<b>Date:</b>	23/05/20 22	<b>Start time:</b>	16:00	<b>Time closed:</b>	17:40
SECTION 2: PARTICIPANTS DETAILS					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>		<b>Initials</b>		
Philip Christy	Pilbara Ports Authority		PC		
Heathcliff Pimento	Pilbara Ports Authority		HP		
Derek Walker	Pilbara Ports Authority		DW		
Deirdra Tindale	Pilbara Ports Authority		DT		
Ariana St-Pierre	Pilbara Ports Authority		AS		
Karlene Bylund (Guest)	HMI / Pilbara Ports Authority		KB		
Rory O'Keefe (Guest)	Pilbara Ports Authority		RO		
Caiden Gray (Guest)	Pilbara Ports Authority		CG		
Ashleigh Christensen	TOPH Councillor		ACh		
Rena Coles	TOPH Councillor		RC		
Arnold Carter	President Port Hedland Historical Society		AC		
Joel Schreiber	Lecturer Management North Regional TAFE		JS		
Gloria Jacob	Committee member Care for Hedland		GJ		
Byron Klein	Port Hedland Volunteer Marine Rescue		BK		
Gary Silcock	Community Member		GS		
Roger Higgins	Community Member		RH		
Tekohi 'TK' Andrew Rivera	Community Member		TR		
SECTION 3: AGENDA					
<b>Item</b>	<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>Action Items</b>			
		<b>Whom</b>			

<b>MINUTES</b>					
1.	<b>WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES</b>			PC	
1.1	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b> The minutes of the Port Hedland Community Consultation Committee Meeting held on 17 November 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record.			PC	
2.	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>			PC	
3.	<b>SAFETY PERFORMANCE</b>			PC	
4.	<b>ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE</b>			DW	
5.	<b>COMMUNITY UPDATE</b>			DT	
6.	<b>MARINE OPERATIONS UPDATE</b>			HP	
7.	<b>PROJECTS / SPECIAL ISSUES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHVBS &amp; HMI</li> <li>• SPOILBANK MARINA</li> <li>• LUMSDEN POINT</li> <li>• NELSON POINT TUG HAVEN</li> </ul>			KB RO PC CG	
8.	<b>DISCUSSION AND QUESTION / OTHER BUSINESS</b>			PC	
<b>SECTION 4: NEXT MEETING</b>					
<b>Date:</b>	August 2022 - TBC	<b>Time Open:</b>		<b>Time Close:</b>	

**Minutes of meeting held at the Hedland Tower**

Monday 23 May 2022

**ITEM 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBER**

Chair welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 16:00. The chair commenced meeting with an introduction of all members in attendance.

**ITEM 1.1 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES**

PPA General Manager Marine (Chair)	Philip Christy (PC)
PPA Harbour Master Port Hedland	Heathcliff Pimento (HP)
PPA Environment and Heritage Manager	Derek Walker (DW)
PPA Director Corporate & Government Affairs	Deirdra Tindale (DT)
PPA Stakeholder Engagement Advisor	Ariana St-Pierre (AS)
Managing Director Hedland Maritime Initiative	Karlene Bylund (KB)
PPA Graduate Engineer	Rory O’Keefe (RO)
PPA Senior Project Engineer	Caiden Gray (CG)
Port Hedland Historical Society	Arnold Carter (AC)
North Regional Tafe	Joel Schreiber (JS)
Care for Hedland	Gloria Jacob (GJ)
Port Hedland Marine Rescue	Byron Everett Klein (BE)
Community Member	Gary Silcock (GS)
Community Member	Tekohi ‘TK’ Andrew Rivera (TR)

Apologies

Community Member	Roger Higgins (RH)
Town of Port Hedland Councillor	Ashleigh Christensen (ACh)
Town of Port Hedland Councillor	Renae Coles (RC)

**ITEM 2 ACTION ITEMS**

Action no.	Action	Who
1.	Provide copies of Enviro bulletins to CCC members	DW
2.	Provide link to COVID-19 resources page on PPA website	DT

### ITEM 3 SAFETY PERFORMANCE

*General Manager Marine Philip Christy*

- PPA 12 month rolling Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) is 1.43 against a target of 2.06.
- PPA facilitated 8,056 safe vessel movements across all ports since November 2021.

### ITEM 4 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE

*Environment and Heritage Manager Derek Walker*

PPA E&H team, along with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and Yara Pilbara assisted Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation to revegetate a 1,500sqm area of degraded mangroves at Cowrie Cove in Murujuga National Park.

**Spoilbank Marina Project:** PPA continues to implement environmental monitoring to support the development, including 'Marine water quality monitoring' to ensure dredging activities are having minimal impact on the marine environment. This includes 'light intensity monitoring' and 'Spoil ground plume extent monitoring'.

PPA are developing an 'Operational environmental management plan' for the Spoilbank Marina project which considers the effect the Marina will have on the coastal processes of the local area including cemetery beach, which is an important nesting beach for flatback turtles. PPA will be using drones to observe the movement of sand over time.

#### **Environmental approvals:**

**Eastern Operations — under assessment by DWER:** submitted April 2021 to increase throughput from 1.17 to 2.56Mtpa and facilitate increased trade for Lithium.

**Utah Point:** initially submitted in July 2021 to increase throughput from 24.1 to 28Mtpa; feedback given to DWER April 2022; waiting on final license amendment.

#### **Port Hedland Regulatory Strategy**

- DWER are developing a "Best Practice" guideline for dust management in Port Hedland and a self-assessment tool.
- DWER are meeting Port Operators in May 2022 to provide an overview of the requirements.

**State-Wide Array Surveillance Program (SWASP):** SWASP Arrays are deployed at the Port of Port Hedland (PoPH) twice each year (summer and winter soak). As of 2022, port operators are collaboratively contributing to the program through the PHIC Environmental Working Group with a contribution towards the cost of the program as well as personnel to deploy and retrieve the SWASP arrays.

Question about the extent of land being monitored on the Operational environmental management plan for the Spoilbank Marina project. Community members were pleased to see the plan being extended to a large area of the coast.

Question about mangroves being planted at the opening of the marina. PPA advised that there is currently no plan to plant mangroves at the marina but if mangroves naturally grow around the site, the Environment and Heritage team will ensure protection.

Question about the solidity of the marina walls in case of cyclonic activity. PPA assured community members that the walls will hold in any weather event.

Question about safety signs displayed nearby the Spoilbank Marina once built. PPA responded this will be a matter considered by the Town and assured it will be raised with them as a project partner.

Question about the SWASP program and whether it revealed any surprises in the form of introduced marine pests. PPA responded there were no marine pests discovered.

## ITEM 5 COMMUNITY UPDATE

*Stakeholder Engagement Advisor Ariana St-Pierre*

**CSI:** Community groups can apply for up to \$10,000 in small grants through PPA's Community Support Initiative (CSI). Applications are accepted year-round from community groups in Port Hedland, Dampier/ Karratha and Onslow.

This financial year, PPA has supported: North Pilbara Football League: \$10,000 for game balls for the 2022 Season and Port Hedland Golf Club: \$2,000 as Associate Sponsor of the 2022 Roy Hill Classic. PPA has once again signed a Partnership Agreement with the Town of Port Hedland. Support includes Welcome to Hedland as a Gold Sponsor, Reconciliation Week as a Silver Sponsor and SLAM Basketball as a Bronze Sponsor.

Question about the maximum value for one CSI application and if PPA assesses all applications on a total value. PPA advised that the maximum value for CSI applications is of \$10,000 and each application is assessed individually.

## ITEM 6 MARINE OPERATIONS UPDATE

*Harbour Master Port Hedland Heathcliff Pimento*

### Port Statistics:

- January 2022: 48.597 million tonnes, increased 14% from 2021
- February 2022: 39.893 million tonnes, increased 5% from 2021
- March 2022: 47.270 million tonnes, no change from 2021
- April 2022: 46.246 million tonnes, increased 5% from 2021

### Marine incidents at Port Hedland: 1 January – 30 April 2022

Total marine events: 41

While these have been classified as incidents, these are marine events which have each been successfully handled in line with our emergency response procedures and marine team.

**Annual Oil Spill response exercise:** PPA conducted its annual Oil Spill response exercise on 10 May, simulating an oil spill from a vessel alongside a berth. It was an opportunity to test response, including setting up the Incident Management Team and deploying the first strike team along with equipment. Further efficiencies were achieved by using a drone and an app to strengthen response capabilities. Participants included Department of Transport, Australian Defence Force, and terminal operators.

**Annual Fire Exercise:** PPA conducted its annual vessel fire response exercise on 11 May, simulating a fire on a vessel alongside a berth. The response included usage of firefighting teams and assets from the terminal as well as deployment of marine fire fight assets and evacuation of a causality. The exercise provided testing of the effectiveness of communication between the Ports IMT, the terminals CMT and the vessel.

**Annual Salvage Exercise:** PPA conducted a Salvage Preparedness and Response Workshop on 6th May 2021 at Port Hedland. Participants were terminal operators, service

providers, towage, shipping companies. The key aim was to bring together a variety of industry representatives to foster a better understanding of the challenges of a salvage response and share learnings.

Query about AMSA's involvement in the Salvage Exercise. PPA advised that AMSA wasn't involved in this particular exercise as it was for internal staff training. Community members enquired if AMSA would be in charge of the response in the event of a salvage incident. PPA advised that in any salvage event occurring in the port, PPA would be in charge.

## ITEM 7 PROJECTS / SPECIAL ISSUES

### ITEM 7.1 PHVBS & HMI

*Managing Director Hedland Maritime Initiative Karlene Bylund*

**PHVBS:** Interest in participating in the PHVBS continues. Owners of more than 76% of eligible properties are participating in the PHVBS and 247 offer letters have been issued. HMI has now acquired 137 properties.

**Maritime Precinct:** Planning the development of the Maritime Precinct is progressing well.

- The West End Greening project continues in Portside with pop-ups and sea wall ready at Marapikurrinya Park.

**Pilbara Training College:** There is a collective priority to invest in locally based training facilities to build locally and to upskill workers in the maritime, resources and logistics sectors.

- PPA and HMI are working with North Regional TAFE and others to expand training opportunities for the region. The College's vision is to provide an educational centre of excellence supporting the continued education across the Maritime and Mining industry, serving the Pilbara as well as the State and the Nation.
- A new Marine Simulator will be located at 7 Morgans Street in Port Hedland, a first for Port Hedland. It is anticipated that the Marine Simulator will be installed and operational by July 2022.
- Short term student accommodation will also be available.

**Seafarers' Centre:** The Port Hedland Seafarers team are advancing their plans for a new facility in the Commercial Portside Sub-Precinct. The former Sealanes building at 3 Richardson Street has been demolished to make way for a new Seafarers' Centre.

Question about the simulator being operable in June. PPA advised it should be operable in July at the latest.

Discussion about the BMX track being relocated to the new town oval. Community members thanked PPA for their support in the process.

Question regarding the properties bought by HMI, as to whether non-for-profit organisations would be considered for space. PPA advised they are speaking with a range of providers who are looking at the next stage of these properties and non-for-profit organisations will be considered.

Question about the occupants of properties purchased by HMI either being corporate residents or individual. PPA advised it was a combination of both.

Question about making tenants aware of properties' conditions including when asbestos is found. PPA advised a plan was in place to treat properties with asbestos.

## ITEM 7.2 SPOILBANK MARINA

*Graduate Engineer Rory O'Keefe*

### **Project update:**

- Dredging contract announced in April to start work in June.
- Final contract will be tendered in July for landside civils and landscaping.
- Breakwaters and revetments are 35% complete.
- Marine Structures designs at 85%, construction to start in August.
- Public art concept submissions received in May.

**Dredging notes:** Up to 190,000 m<sup>3</sup> of material to be dredged – starting at the shipping channel end and working towards the marina. Spoilground “India” will be used to dispose the material offshore (about 10km away)

**Landside civils and landscaping:** Local Business Register is out for expressions of interest by local businesses interested in working with the successful head contractor.

Question about the location of the site identified for tourism purposes. PPA advised that it's on the right-hand side facing the ocean.

Question about how many more meters of dredging the project will undergo. PPA advised approximately three more meters.

Question about whether PPA was approached regarding relocating the Anzac / War Memorial to the marina, as there had been some talk amongst community members. PPA responded they weren't aware of those discussions.

Question about the Town of Port Hedland's involvement in the project. PPA assured the committee members that the Town of Port Hedland is an important project partner and that the engagement between partners is ongoing.

Question about the capacity for a community group to communicate with the Spoilbank Marina's working group. PPA advised that there is an existing email address for community enquiries: [Spoilbank.Marina@pilbaraports.com.au](mailto:Spoilbank.Marina@pilbaraports.com.au)

Question regarding a new facility being built within the Spoilbank Marina for Port Hedland Volunteer Marine Rescue. PPA advised they have provided a letter of support to Port Hedland Volunteer Marine Rescue in their search for a new facility.

### ITEM 7.3 LUMSDEN POINT

*General Manager Marine Philip Christy*

**Project update:** The proposed Lumsden Point General Cargo Facility will relieve pressure on existing berths and provide new import and export capacity.

Lumsden Point will play a critical role in the Pilbara Hydrogen Hub which was recently announced by the Commonwealth government. WA State Government Budget included \$78 million to build supporting infrastructure.

Lumsden is strategically significant to and a critical enabler of the WA Government's: Climate Policy (Renewable Energy / Hydrogen / Green initiatives). Future Battery & Critical Minerals Industries Strategy (expansion / development of lithium and copper projects); and Infrastructure Strategy (expansion of direct shipping services to the State's north).

Question regarding the funding promised from the Commonwealth for the Lumsden Point project considering the recent election. PPA advised that from their discussions with Minister Saffioti, they were assured that there is support for the project on both sides of politics and that discussions will continue.

Question regarding the timeline of the project. PPA advise that stage one will start with dredging and finalising the design. The following stages should be happening within the next 12 to 24 months.

Question as to where the entry point will be located for Lumsden Point. PPA responded that the access point is located on the highway directly across Wedgefield.

Question about the use of material dredged from the Spoilbank Marina for Lumsden Point. PPA confirmed that material dredged from the basin will be used for the Lumsden Point project.

### ITEM 7.4 NELSON POINT TUG HAVEN

*Senior Project Engineer Caiden Gray*

**Project update:**

- Stabilises inner revetment and prevents scour from increased tug movements.
- First load of piles arrived in Port Hedland. Piling commences end of May.
- Westsea 11 Barge arriving in Port Hedland in June 2022
- Construction ongoing until September 2022

Question to specify whether both the inside wall and the outside walls were to be replaced. PPA confirmed that both walls will be replaced and updated.

Question about whether deeper dredging would be included in the project. PPA advised that the project plan has allowed for further dredging as the tugboats are getting bigger.

Question on the depth of the tug haven. PPA advised that the tug haven depth is of 6.3 meters. Question about whether PPA was expecting more tugboats. PPA responded that there will be no change in the capacity of the tug haven.

### ITEM 8 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION / OTHER BUSINESS

Chair opened discussion for members and attendees to raise any questions or make comments:

Request for an update on the upgrade of berth 1 and 2. PPA advised that the project is currently at the stage of refurbishment as piles are aging.

Question about whether Lumsden Point was to be a replacement for the current berths. PPA explained that Lumsden Point will provide additional capacity to existing berths.

Question regarding the return of cruise ships to Port Hedland. PPA advised that this was out of their control, noting that PPA can accommodate cruise ships when cruising safely resumes.

Question about whether the aim was still to move the gas fuel and petroleum tanks to Lumsden Point. PPA advised that this was up for discussion.

Question about progress on building a maritime museum. PPA responded that it's currently at the stage of identifying a building and that they would very much like to see the project progress. PPA added that they will continue to engage with the Port Hedland Historical Association.

Question as to whether PPA was under Annex V of MARPOL working on the prevention of pollution by garbage from Ships. PPA advised that they have been engaged with the disposal industry and that measures will be put in place for disposal.

Chair thanked all those in attendance, advised that the next Community Consultation Committee should be planned for August and hosted on level 5 of Hedland Tower. Chair closed the meeting at 17:40pm.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

<b>Action no.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>
1.	Provide email address for community enquiries on the Spoilbank Marina project	AS