

MINUTES					
SECTION 1: MEETING INFORMATION					
Meeting No:	26	Objective Ref:			
Project / Meeting:	Port of Port Hedland Community Consultation Committee (PHCCC)				
Location	Hedland Tower				
Purpose/ Scope					
Date:	24/06/2024	Start time:	16:15	Time closed:	18:00
SECTION 2: PARTICIPANTS' DETAILS					
Name	Organisation	Initials			
Phil Christy	Pilbara Ports	PC			
Behrouz Daei Zadeh	Pilbara Ports	BD			
Zoe Keller	Pilbara Ports	ZK			
Veronica Keelan	Pilbara Ports	VK			
Ariana St-Pierre	Pilbara Ports	AS			
John Freimanis	Pilbara Ports	JF			
Richard Bairstow	Pilbara Ports	RB			
Byron Klein	Community Member	BK			
Kelly Howlett	Community Member	KH			
Narelle Wells	Community Member	NW			
SECTION 3: AGENDA					
Item	Agenda Topic	Action Items			
		Whom			
1.	WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES	PC			
1.1	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the Port Hedland Community Consultation Committee Meeting held in April 2024 were accepted as a true and accurate record	PC			
2.	ACTION ITEMS	PC			
3.	SAFETY PERFORMANCE	PC			
4.	MARINE OPERATIONS UPDATE	BD			
5.	LANDSIDE OPERATIONS UPDATE	VK			

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6.	ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE			ZK
7.	COMMUNITY UPDATE			AS
8.	PROJECTS / SPECIAL ISSUES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPOILBANK MARINA • LUMSDEN POINT • HMI 			JF JF RB
9.	DISCUSSION AND QUESTION / OTHER BUSINESS			PC
SECTION 4: NEXT MEETING				
Date:		Time Open:		Time Close:

Minutes of meeting held at the Hedland Tower

ITEM 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBER

Chair welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 16:15. The chair commenced the meeting with an introduction of all members in attendance.

ITEM 1.1 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Attendance

General Manager Marine (Chair)	Philip Christy (PC)
Harbour Master Port Hedland	Behrouz Daei Zadeh (BD)
Stakeholder Engagement Advisor	Ariana St-Pierre (AS)
Senior Environment Advisor	Zoe Keller (ZK)
Port Manager Port Hedland East	Veronica Keelan (VK)
Project Director	John Freimanis (JF)
Manager Hedland Maritime Initiative	Richard Bairstow (RB)
Community Member	Kelly Howlett (KH)
Community Member	Byron Klein (BK)
Community Member	Narelle Wells (NW)

Apologies

Town of Port Hedland Councillor	Lorraine Butson (LB)
Community Member	Katrina Seng (KS)
Community Member	Phil Smeeton (PS)
Community Member	Rikki-Lee Watkins (RW)
Town of Port Hedland Councillor	Ambika Rebello (AR)
Community Member	Tekohi Caves (TC)
Community Member	Gary Silcock (GS)
Community Member	Rebekah Worthington (RW)
Community Member	Roger Higgins (RH)
Community Member	Joel Schreiber (JS)
Community Member	Arnold Carter (AC)

ITEM 2 ACTION ITEMS

Nil.

ITEM 3 SAFETY PERFORMANCE

General Manager Marine Philip Christy

- Pilbara Ports' Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate is 4.98.

- The safety of every employee, contractor, service provider and visitor to Pilbara Ports' sites remains our highest priority.

ITEM 4 MARINE OPERATIONS UPDATE

Harbour Master Port Hedland Behrouz Daei Zadeh

Port Statistics:

May 2024: 52.706 million tonnes, increase 8% from 2023.
April 2024: 50.105 million tonnes, increase 14% from 2023.
March 2024: 50.686 million tonnes, increase 9% from 2023.

Marine incidents at Port Hedland: 1 March 2024 – 31 May 2024

Total marine events: 33

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.

Recreational Vessel Safety Campaign

Attendees were reminded to adhere to the boating safety exclusion zones at the Port of Port Hedland as per Pilbara Ports' recreational vessel safety campaign. All skippers are to stay well clear of shipping channels and restricted waterside areas to keep themselves and their passengers safe. Bulk carriers have a blind spot that extends for hundreds of ~~metres~~ meters and cannot change course quickly, their stopping distance extending several hundred ~~metres~~ meters.

ITEM 5 LANDSIDE OPERATIONS UPDATE

Port Manager Port Hedland East Veronica Keelan

Working from Heights – Rescue Exercise

On 6 April, members of the Terminal Operations and Odyssey Marine teams carried out a rescue exercise which saw an 80kg dummy rescued from the top of a navigational beacon in the harbour. Crews have been training with a safer, lighter, more robust belaying system that has recently been introduced.

Container Trader on the Increase

Direct Freight services has seen the movement of containerised cargo increase by over 80% since January 2024. Pilbara Ports biosecurity teams were kept busy, as they detected many unwelcome visitors, namely, snails of all types (Korean round, Amber, Cone and Tree snails). These containers were treated (fumigated or hot washing) and reinspected prior to being released to the customers with a clean bill of health.

New Telehandler to increase Safety for Seafarers and Stevedores

Pilbara Ports Terminal Operations Team took delivery of a telehandler, that will enable and add significant safety to the way that seafarers and stevedores gain access to vessels berthed at the public wharfs. New gangways are also on the way, and coupled with ~~this~~ the

telehandler, will provide the ability to place the gangways, along with bulwark ladders onto the vessels, thus providing a safer means of accessing the deck.

There was a question about what a belay system is. Pilbara Ports advised that it is the mechanism used for descending/climbing using ropes.

ITEM 6 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE

Environment & Heritage Manager Zoe Keller

Greater Port Hedland Vertebrate Pest Management Program (VPMP)

Prior to implementation of the coordinated VPMP and Care for Hedland's Feral Animal Control Program (2005 – 2019), elevated levels of predation of turtle nests by foxes occurred with reports of up to 88% of nests destroyed at some beaches within a nesting season. Since the programs have been running feral pest populations have been significantly reduced.

As of 2022, the VPMP now runs in collaboration with Port Hedland Industry Council Environmental Working Group (PHIC EWG). This collaborative approach to implementing the program provides significant value to managing the risks associated with vertebrate pests in Port Hedland by enabling coordination of each event across the region and having a consistent method of controlling pest populations to protecting native fauna.

Pilbara Ports continues to take a lead role in the coordination implementation as a PHIC EWG member. The Vertebrate Pest Program undertakes treatments twice each year, in April and August/September.

Spoilbank Marina – Artificial Light Audit

An artificial light audit will be conducted to confirm the lighting design meets National Guidelines, and that the light emissions will not impact on turtle nesting/hatchlings at Cemetery Beach. The audit will kick off in July and will have representatives from Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions attend with a third party.

There was a question on how long has it been of zero evidence of predation on turtle nests on the beaches. Pilbara Ports pointed out that it has been approximately 6 to 7 years.

ITEM 7 COMMUNITY UPDATE

Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Advisor Ariana St-Pierre

- Pilbara Ports recently reviewed its Community Investment Framework. By the start of the new financial year, three new streams of investments will be available for non-for-profit community groups: Sponsorships, Partnerships and Small Grants Programs.
- Pilbara Ports Small Grants Program: Community groups can apply for up to \$25,000 in small grants through Pilbara Ports Small Grants Program. Applications are accepted during the 4 yearly rounds from community groups in Port Hedland, Dampier/ Karratha, and Onslow.
- Pilbara Ports has recently supported the following Port Hedland Community Groups through its last year of the former small grants programs, the Community Support Initiative (CSI):
 - \$5,000 to Care for Hedland for the Sustainable Road Show
 - \$5,000 to Pride Pilbara for the Pride Festival
 - \$4,994 to Port Hedland Game Fishing Club for a Fridge and a TV

- \$5,000 to Hedland Well Women's Centre for the Pink Breakfast

ITEM 8 PROJECTS / SPECIAL ISSUES

ITEM 9.1 SPOILBANK MARINA

Project Director John Freimanis

Significant progress made on landside construction

- Construction of rammed earth retaining walls is complete and the concrete retaining walls are nearing completion.
- Construction of the decorative and plain concrete paths is ongoing.
- The boardwalk from Sutherland St has been installed.
- Picnic shelters were successfully installed in April.
- All columns for the large shade structures have been installed.
- Fabrication of the gathering marker (part of the public artwork) is complete and has been installed.

Project Highlights

- On 23 April, the boat ramp opening hours were permanently increased to 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week following installation of marina car park lights and conclusion of turtle nesting season.
- The planting of the first trees began in April. Approximately 700 trees will be planted around the marina, featuring 12 different varieties, along with around 90,000 other plants.
- Port Hedland's first Electric Vehicle Charging Station was successfully installed at the marina during May. This is part of the WA Government's electric highway initiative.

There was a question about if the plants are currently being watered by hand. Pilbara Ports advised that it was still the case.

ITEM 9.2 LUMSDEN POINT

Project Director John Freimanis

Three major construction milestones recently achieved on Lumsden Point project

- The construction of the seawalls reached completion in March.
- Pilbara Ports has awarded the contract for the dredging and land reclamation package. Preparatory work is underway, and dredging is expected to start in September.
- Pilbara Ports also awarded the contract for the construction of the causeway, which will connect the new wharf to the proposed logistics hub area. Construction started in April.
- Upgrade of the Great Northern Highway being conducted by Main Roads. Incorporates interchange and raised sections of the highway. This will facilitate the movement of wind blades.

First customers secured for new Lumsden Point port facilities

- Minister for Ports announced in April that the first customers for the new Lumsden Point port facilities have been secured.

- Pilbara Minerals and the Joint Venture between Mineral Resources and Albermarle have both signed commitment agreements with Pilbara Ports.
- These agreements will ensure Lumsden infrastructure is developed to meet customer needs and is operational as soon as possible.

There was a question about if the Acid Sulphate soils are an issue. Pilbara Ports advised that Inundated soil could oxidize when disturbed and produce an acid runoff. Pilbara Ports did not encounter this issue when constructing the sea walls but are now experiencing it with the construction of the causeway. Pilbara Ports advised that the soil is being treated with agricultural lime and that effectively neutralises the acid.

There was a follow-up question about if Fortescue experienced the same issue when building their causeway. Pilbara Ports advised that Fortescue used a different methodology. Pilbara Ports is embedding rock into the ground which disturbs the sediments and can cause the acid sulphate issue.

ITEM 9.3 HEDLAND MARITIME INITIATIVE

General Manager Customer and Strategy Karlene Bylund

As of 4 June 2024, of the estimated 404 eligible residential properties:

- 65% have been sold or are selling to HMI, including:
 - 3 properties are progressing to settlement.
 - 8 properties are at contract stage.
 - 249 properties have been acquired.
 - 87% have been or are being valued.
 - 344 offer letters have been issued.

As of 29 April 2024, of the estimated 22 eligible non-residential properties:

- 14% have been sold or are selling to HMI, including
 - 0 properties are progressing to settlement
 - 2 properties are at contract stage
 - 0 properties have been acquired
 - 77% have been valued
 - 9% of the offer letters have been issued

Short Stay Accommodation Partnership:

HMI has partnered with BHP to bring 12 additional short-stay properties to the West End. Individual tenants can stay at any of the properties for a minimum of five days and up to three months in any 12-month period. Three months is the maximum allowable stay in any 12-month period for any of the HMI-acquired properties, which is in accordance with the Port Hedland West End Improvement Scheme No. 1 (IS1).

BHP has funded the furnishings of all the properties, securing the delivery of this much-needed service.

HMI has engaged Hedland First National to provide efficient operation of the service.

There was a question about the remaining percentage of people who have not been reached and what does this number mean. HMI advised that it is not that those people haven't been reached, it's likely that they haven't responded or acknowledged that the information was received.

There was a query about why the number of eligible properties dropped from 30 to 22. HMI advised that other government departments or companies have purchased some of the properties which were ineligible to the buyback scheme.

ITEM 10 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION / OTHER BUSINESS

There was an item brought from the Port Hedland Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHCCI). Kelly Howlett, recently appointed as Economic Projects Manager at PHCCI, is currently leading the Hedland Economic Initiative, an initiative meant to identifying projects that foster economic development for Port Hedland. The initiative is funded by BHP to facilitate the connection between different agencies. Kelly is seeking support from Pilbara Ports to identify relevant current projects, such as Lumsden Point and the Seafarers Centre. These projects are funding opportunities associated with election promises and this process will ensure the priority projects get funded.

Chair thanked all those in attendance and closed the meeting at 18:00.