

1. SECTION 1: Meeting Information

Meeting No: 27

Meeting: Port of Port Hedland Community Consultation Committee (PHCCC)

Location: Pilbara Ports, L5 Kariyarra Room

Date: 11 November 2024

Time Open: 16:00

Time Close: 17:30

2. SECTION 2: Participants Details

Name	Organisation	Initials
Phillip Christy (Chair)	Pilbara Ports	PC
Behrouz Daeizadeh	Pilbara Ports	BD
Veronica Keelan	Pilbara Ports	VK
Zoe Keller	Pilbara Ports	ZK
Ariana St-Pierre	Pilbara Ports	AS
Karen Gray	Pilbara Ports	KG
Chris Vale	Pilbara Ports	
Arnold Austin Carter	Community Member	AC
Joel Schreiber	Community Member	JS
Gloria Jacob	Community Member	GJ
Byron Everett Klein	Community Member	BE
Gary Silcock	Community Member	GS
<u>Roger Higgins</u>	<u>Community Member</u>	<u>RH</u>
Narelle Wells	Community Member	AT

Lorrain Butson	Community Member	LB
Ambika Rebello	Community Member	AR

Minutes of meeting held at the Hedland Tower

Monday 11 November 2024

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)
Harbour Master Port Hedland
Stakeholder Engagement Advisor
Senior Environment Advisor
Port Manager Port Hedland East
Project Director
Manager Hedland Maritime Initiative
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member

Philip Christy (PC)
Behrouz Daei Zadeh (BD)
Ariana St-Pierre (AS)
Zoe Keller (ZK)
Veronica Keelan (VK)
Nick Perceval (NP)
Chris Vale (CV)
Byron Klein (BK)
Narelle Wells (NW)
Arnold Carter (AC)
Gary Silcock (GS)

Apologies

Town of Port Hedland Councillor
Town of Port Hedland Councillor
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member

Lorraine Butson (LB)
Ambika Rebello (AR)
Gary Silcock (GS)
Roger Higgins (RH)
Joel Schreiber (JS)
Gloria Jacob (GJ)

ITEM 2 ACTION ITEMS

Nil.

ITEM 3 SAFETY PERFORMANCE

General Manager Marine Philip Christy

- Pilbara Ports' 12-month Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate is 8.24
- 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:

October 2024: 46.179 million tonnes, decrease 3% from 2023.

September 2024: 49.826 million tonnes, increase 9% from 2023.

August 2024: 48.606 million tonnes, no change from 2023.

July 2024: 43.979 million tonnes, decrease 1% from 2023.

June 2024: 54.825 million tonnes, increase 4% 2023.

Marine incidents at Port Hedland: 1 June 2024 – 31 October 2024

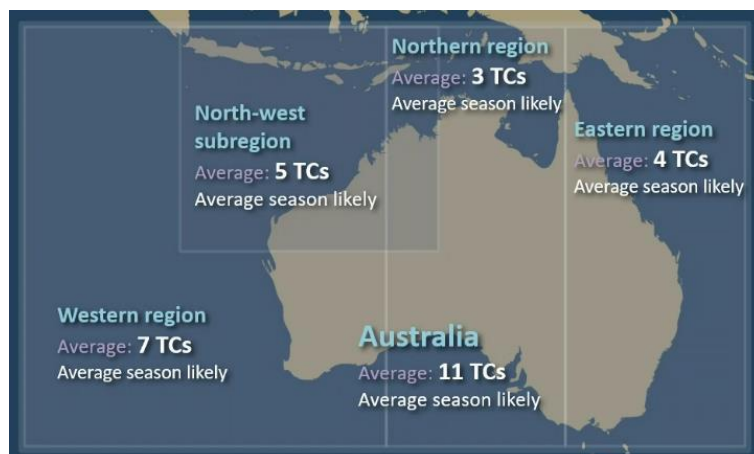
Total marine events: 91

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 and cannot change course quickly, their stopping distance extending several hundred metres.

Tropical Cyclone Outlook 2024/2025



A near average number of tropical systems (tropical cyclones and tropical lows) in waters off the northwest and northern coasts.

There has always been a coastal impact regardless of the ENSO phase (El Niño, La Niña, Neutral).

First cyclone to impact the coast is expected to be about average, approx. last week of December.

A likelihood of severe tropical cyclones is higher than average.

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Search and Rescue Training Exercise - Operation NORI

Pilbara Ports conducted Operation NORI, a Search and Rescue Training Exercise in collaboration with Port Stakeholders. The training was a success in identifying some gaps within emergency operations.

There was a question on what does NORI mean? Pilbara Ports advised that it means IRON spelt backwards. The name was used in the previous exercises and has been retained as legacy.

ITEM 5 TERMINAL OPERATIONS UPDATE

Port Manager Port Hedland East Veronica Keelan

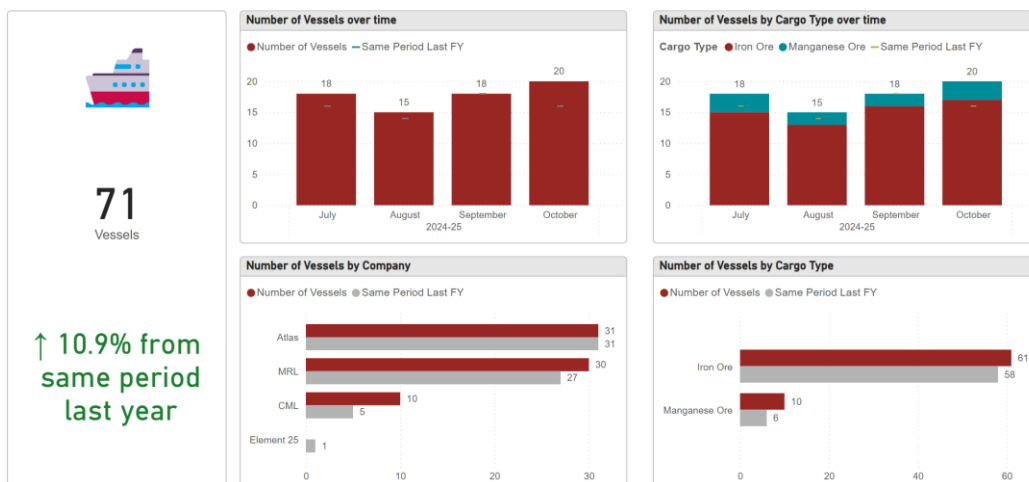
New Lights

Public Berths 1 and 2 recently had new LED lights and light towers installed. This brings both berths in line with berth 3. Initial tests have indicated an average LUX of 80 against an industry standard of 50. The port is currently working towards a remote system that will allow unoccupied areas to be unlit, providing energy savings, environmental savings and cost savings.

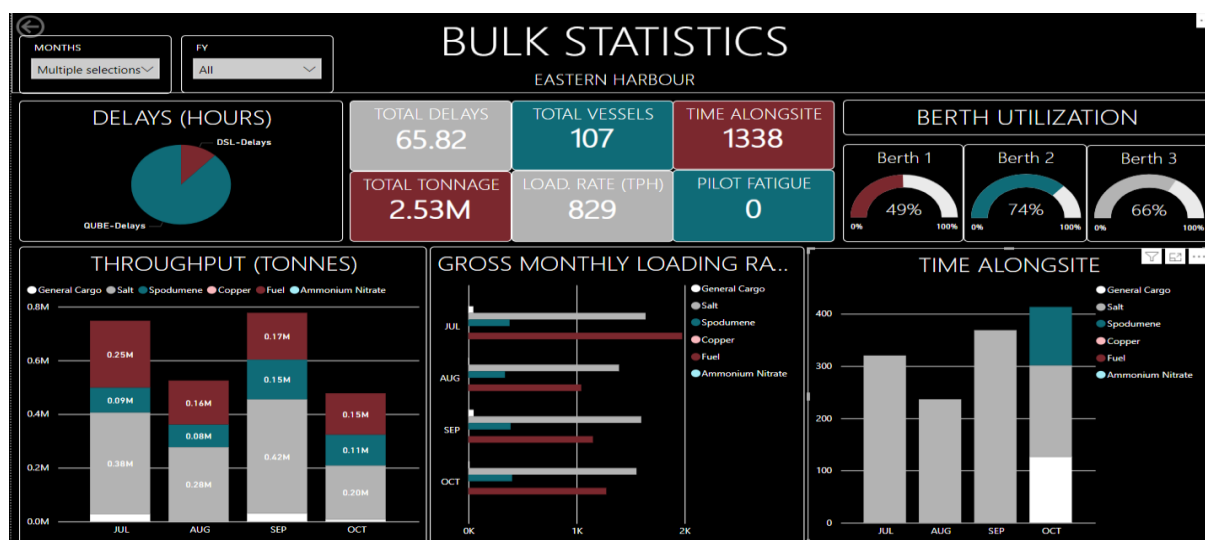
Utah Throughput



Utah Vessels



Eastern Harbour Statistics



There was a question about what the Qube delay refers to. Pilbara Ports advised that it refers to the bulk loading of spodumene.

There was a question about what amount of fatigue is tolerated for marine pilots. Pilbara Ports advised that there is zero tolerance for pilot fatigue. Pilbara Ports added that there are now 26 pilots on the team, plus 30 contracted pilots.

ITEM 6 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE

Environment & Heritage Manager Zoe Keller

WA Beach Clean Ups

WA Beach Clean-up events are run along the WA coast each year by Tangaroa Blue. Waste is audited and submitted to the Australian Marine Debris Initiative Database to help reduce litter at its source through the development of source reduction plans. The latest event in Port Hedland had 36 volunteers who collected 12 bags of rubbish and 40kg of waste was removed.

Mangrove Mates

The Mangrove Mates Program (**Program**) is Pilbara Ports longest standing environmental education initiative. The Program is targeted at primary schools located in the communities in which Pilbara Ports operates and invites students to learn about the importance of mangroves to the local environment, and Pilbara Ports ports and career pathways in science. Each year, the Program is delivered by the Environment and Heritage team during Term 4 to hundreds of students across the Pilbara.

The Program features in-class presentations and hands-on activities including the propagation (potting) of mangrove seedlings. Pilbara Ports mangrove nursery in Port Hedland is replenished through the Program each year, holding a source of viable mangrove seedlings that may be used in rehabilitation or offset projects by Pilbara Ports and/or port stakeholders. Each school involved in the program is presented with a book (or similar resource) for their library, educational materials for teachers and students, and Mangrove Mates merchandise to take home.

Trichodesmium

The community was advised on Trichodesmium. Each year, from September to April, large blooms of blue-green algae can be observed floating in waters off the Pilbara coast. These blooms are known as Trichodesmium, and are often mistaken for an oil slick, particularly when washed up on the shoreline.

Pilbara Ports has recently started to receive notification from vessels that they have seen Trichodesmium in the water.

The key differences between Trichodesmium and oil is that oil has no observable particles and forms a film of rainbow swirls. Oil will also have a distinct hydrocarbon smell, stick to objects, and will re-form quickly after being disturbed in the water.

Unlike other blue-green algae, Trichodesmium is not harmful for most people. However, some species can be toxic to marine creatures. People are advised not to come into direct skin contact with the algae in the water as it has been known to cause irritation.

If you are unsure whether you are looking at oil or algae, please report it to Environment and Heritage or Vessel Traffic Services.

There was a question about if processes are in place to reduce Marine Pollution (MARPOL) at the port of Port Hedland. Pilbara Ports advised that processes are already in place to minimise MARPOL from ships.

There was a question about who removes potential MARPOL from ships in Port Hedland. Pilbara Ports advised that Jetwave is contracted to collect waste from vessels.

ITEM 7 COMMUNITY UPDATE

Community Relations Lead Ariana St-Pierre

Introduction of the First Nations Engagement Manager

Pilbara Ports introduced Emma Hazelton, the First Nations Engagement Manager. The main projects this role will undertake will initially be recruiting a team, developing the Pilbara Ports Reconciliation Action Plan, and training and developing staff cultural awareness.

Community Investment Framework

- Pilbara Ports recently reviewed its Community Investment Framework. There are now three new streams of investments 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.
- Applications can be submitted before those four dates:
 - 19 August 2024
 - 18 November 2024
 - 17 February 2025
 - 19 May 2025
- To view the guidelines or to find the application form, visit:
<https://www.pilbaraports.com.au/community/small-grants> or email community@pilbaraports.com.au for more information.
- Pilbara Ports has recently supported the following Community Groups through its first round of Small Grants Program:
 - Spinifex Hill Studio – Exhibition Equipment: \$25,000
 - Care for Hedland - Turtle Nest Studies, Sustainable Living Show Day: \$10,000
 - Dampier Surf Lifesaving Club - Equipment Trailer: \$10,000
 - Port Hedland Softball Association - Women's Championships: \$5,000
 - Dampier Primary School P&C - Library Shelving Upgrade: \$5,000
 - NW Multicultural Association - Forum & Festival: \$5,000
 - Pitter Patt Productions - Lion King Production: \$4,950
 - Dampier Community Association - Junior Photography Awards : \$3,000
 - Hedland Junior Soccer Association - Soccer Country Week: \$3,000
 - Nickol Hawks Cricket Club – Equipment: \$2,000
 - Total: \$72,950

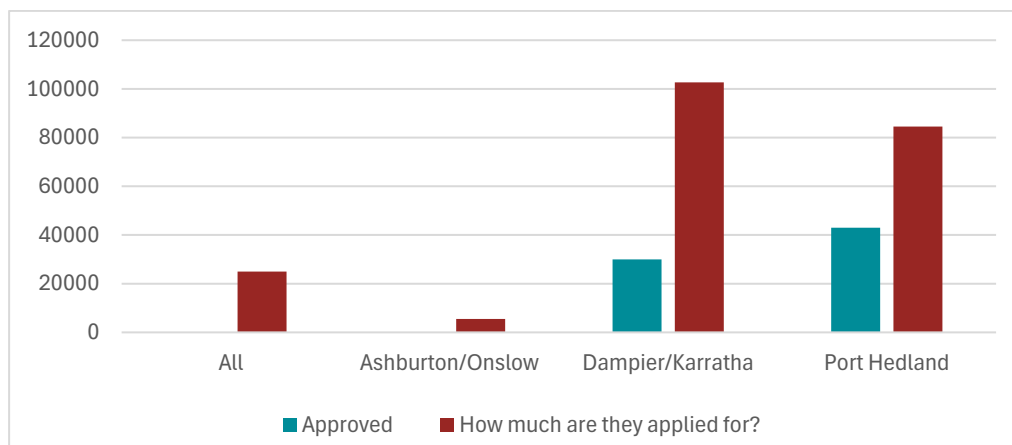
Funding prioritised towards:

- Legacy impact, such as the purchase of infrastructure or equipment
- Support of First Nations community
- Social inclusion
- Mental health resilience

Reasons applications were not supported

- Travel to Perth
- Consumables (no legacy impact, maximum \$2000)
- Retrospective applications

Breakdown of applications to the Small Grants Program first round:

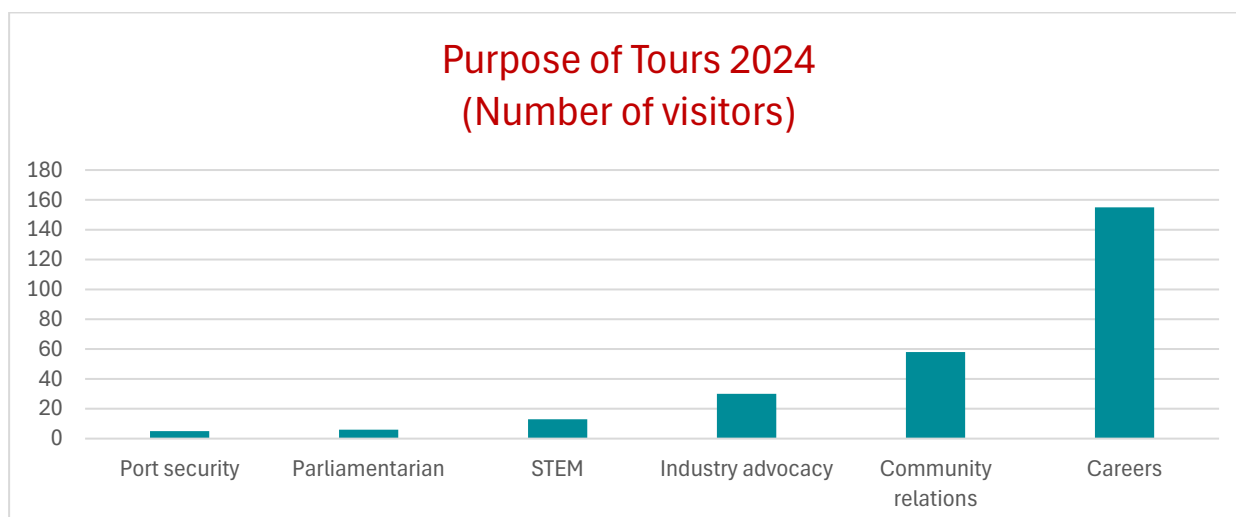


Partnerships

- Marine Rescue Port Hedland: \$200,000 (over two annual instalments): for the replacement of a 100-year-old dilapidated building.
- Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation: \$200,000 (over two annual instalments) for the construction of the new ranger training facility shed.
- Shire of Ashburton: \$240,000 (over two annual instalments) for:
 - Activation of space through placemaking projects
 - Markets, arts events, community gardens, beautification
- City of Karratha: \$100,000 for:
 - Awards sponsorships (Arts, Sports, Youth)
 - City Footpath Solar Lighting program
- Town of Port Hedland: \$75,000 for:
 - Youth adventure park infrastructure
 - Ship to Shore and Good Night's concert series events
 - Seniors and Youth programs
 - Awards sponsorship (Citizen and Sports)

In kind support

Pilbara Ports has opened its doors for visits from several community organisations in Port Hedland. Below is a breakdown of the number of visitors Pilbara Ports has hosted.



Arnold Carter's Story

Pilbara Ports has filmed Arnold Carter, Port Hedland's eldest citizen, telling his recollection of how the Port of Port Hedland became what it is today. The video was launched on 15 October at the Esplanade Hotel. Community Members can watch the video on Pilbara Ports YouTube Channel.

There was a question on where will the Marine Rescue Port Hedland redevelopment building be located? Pilbara Ports advised that Marine Rescue will replace the existing building at the exact same location.

There was a question about how the outstanding amount on the Marine Rescue Port Hedland building will be funded. Pilbara Ports advised that they could potentially consider a second application, should Marine Rescue Port Hedland apply.

There was a question about where the Pilot Training Simulator is located. Pilbara Ports advised that there will be a visit organised for Community Consultation Committee Members.

There was a question about how the Pilbara Ports Marine Cadet Program is going. Pilbara Ports advised that the cadets are doing well and there should soon be a marine engineering cadets' program.

There was a question about if there is any more information on the Marine Education Centre. Pilbara Ports advised that there was no progress at this stage. The focus, for now, is on upgrading the current simulator, but Pilbara Ports would like to bring it on-site and expand it in the future.

There was a query about clarifying what two youth projects are part of the Town of Port Hedland partnership. Pilbara Ports advised that the partnership includes a bicycle repair station, a BBQ installation and after-school activity programs (SLAM).

ITEM 8 PROJECTS / SPECIAL ISSUES

ITEM 9.1 SPOILBANK MARINA

Executive General Manager Terminal Operations Nick Perceval

Recent Project Highlights

- The Spoilbank Marina boat ramp, entry road and main car park are now operating 24/7.
- Fish cleaning stations were installed in October. Once the facility is open, this will allow community members to clean, cook, and enjoy their catch on site.
- Landscaping, furniture, and artwork will be completed in the coming weeks.

Official Opening Event

- Pilbara Ports is inviting community members to attend the Spoilbank Marina Opening Event on 29 November.
- Commencing with an official opening from the Premier of WA Hon Roger Cook at 5:30pm

- Whole of community event will include:
 - Live music
 - Food stalls
 - Dress up competition for the kids
 - Entertainment
 - Pop up bar
 - Public art tours

There was a question on when will the playground go in. Pilbara Ports advised that the playground sits outside the Pilbara Ports contract and is with the Town of Port Hedland. Like the Yacht Club, it might be announced next year.

ITEM 9.2 LUMSDEN POINT

Executive General Manager Terminal Operations Nick Perceval

Project update

- Jan De Nul commenced dredging on 28 September. Currently ahead of schedule with completion expected by the end of the month.
- Main Roads WA is managing construction of the grade-separated interchange between Lumsden Point, the Great Northern Highway and Wedgefield. Works commenced in early August; traffic is expected to switch to the GNH diversion road in December 2024. Visit their website for further details
- Expecting to issue contracts for the wharves and harbour cranes by the end of the month.
- There's been a strong uptake of the Lumsden Point lease lots. Pilbara Ports is now finalising commitment and cost agreements with customers.

Local Business Register

Pilbara Ports has invited local businesses to register their details for upcoming sub-contractor opportunities on the Lumsden Point development!

Opportunities include:

- Civil works
- Signs and lines
- Quarry Materials
- Steelwork fabrication and painting
- Surveying

Tenderers will be provided with a database of local businesses to assist them with increasing local content.

Register now via the QR code or visit pilbaraports.com.au/Lumsden-Point-LBR

There was a question on what sort of lifting will the cranes have on the jetty. Pilbara Ports advised that the cranes could take 200 tonnes.

There was a query about whether the cranes will be like the ones used at Eastern Harbour. Pilbara Ports advised that the crane will be much bigger as they need to lift wind turbines.

There was a question about whether the moorings at Lumsden Point will be cavotecs. Pilbara Ports advised that the moorings will be ordinary moorings and not cavotecs like at Utah Point.

There was a question if the export of meat to Singapore is still progressing. Pilbara Ports advised that the abattoir up north has shut down.

There was a question if mineral sands is going to come through Port Hedland from Broome. Pilbara Ports advised that mineral sands will not be coming through Port Hedland, but construction sands are currently exported through Hedland.

There was a question about how companies will load on ships. Pilbara Ports advised that miners will load from their sheds, products will be taken to the berth by conveyor belt.

ITEM 9.3 HEDLAND MARITIME INITIATIVE

Manager – Hedland Maritime Initiative Chris Vale

As of 29 October 2024, of the estimated 404 eligible residential properties:

- 67% have been sold or are selling to HMI, including:
 - 7 properties are progressing to settlement.
 - 7 properties are at contract stage.
 - 255 properties have been acquired.
 - 87% have been or are being valued.
 - 349 offer letters have been issued.

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

- 27% have been sold or are selling to HMI, including
 - 1 property are progressing to settlement
 - 2 properties are at contract stage
 - 3 properties have been acquired
 - 86% have been valued
 - 19 offer letters have been issued

Demolition Project # 2

HMI is progressing a second demolition project at five HMI acquired properties:

The project addresses major safety and structural defects by demolishing residential dwellings and ancillary structures at five additional vacant properties.

Everything Earth has been engaged to undertake the demolition works.

Advance notification has been provided to surrounding residents of the works.

Everything Earth has submitted demolition permits for each of the properties to the Town of Port Hedland, with works to commence in mid-November 2024, continuing into January 2025.

Short Stay Accommodation Pool

Occupancy rates for the HMI Short Stay accommodation pool for October are sitting at 77 per cent.

HMI continues to undertake repairs at several properties in readiness for additional properties to be added to the pool.

There was a question about what is the period of the statistics presented? Pilbara Ports advised that the statistics presented reflect the whole life of the HMI project.

There was a question about how many property demolitions have there been. Pilbara Ports advised that five properties at this stage. With the property rentals, BHP will be given the first option. A three-month tenancy applies to an individual, not an organisation, so an organisation may place multiple people in a tenancy if no person stays longer than three months.

ITEM 9.4 SEAFARERS CENTRE UPDATE

Senior Project Manager Karen Gray

Seafarers Building Progress

The development approval was received on 29 October.

A public artwork project is being developed to support the DA approval requirements.

The final building layout has been agreed.

The design is progressing well with architects and engineers – currently at 40%.

Tender is being reissued at end of January 2025 as a Construct only tender.

Pilbara Ports is redeveloping the commercial car park to support the Seafarer's building development.

Supporting Seafarers & Integrating with Community

Building will provide integration with Marapikurrinya Park, encouraging community engagement and supporting the West End development strategy.

Facility will offer:

- Designated areas for Seafarers for recreation and delivery of service to Seafarers
- Retail space accessible by Seafarers, community and tourists
- Community space – potential Café or other space
- Meeting/function room on level 1 - available for business and public hire.

There was a question about if the Seafarers Centre will have a lift to the second floor? Pilbara Ports advised that it will be the case.

There was a question about where the new building will be located. Pilbara Ports advised that the new Seafarers Centre will be located where Sea-lanes used to be.

There are concerns about there being enough parking. Pilbara Ports was suggested to block off the land behind the old customs house, which the Seafarer's Centre owns, and make it available for parking. The buses will have space allocated.

ITEM 10 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION / OTHER BUSINESS

2025 CCC meetings will incorporate site visits and field trips.

Suggestions include

- Pilot Training Simulator
- Lumsden Point
- Utah Point
- East Side Berths
- Harbour tour
- IMOC building VTS and Security
- Spoil bank
- HMI rentals

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