

MINUTES					
SECTION 1: MEETING INFORMATION					
Meeting No:	23			Objective Ref:	
Project / Meeting:	Port of Port Hedland Community Consultation Committee (PHCCC)				
Location	Hedland Tower				
Purpose/ Scope					
Date:	09/11/2023	Start time:	16:15	Time closed:	18:00
SECTION 2: PARTICIPANTS' DETAILS					
Name		Organisation		Initials	
Lindsay Copeman		Pilbara Ports Authority		LC	
Derek Walker		Pilbara Ports Authority		DW	
Veronica Keelan		Pilbara Ports Authority		VK	
Ariana St-Pierre		Pilbara Ports Authority		AS	
Georgia Tribolet		Pilbara Ports Authority		GT	
Robert Peck		Pilbara Ports Authority		RP	
Richard Bairstow		Pilbara Ports Authority		RB	
Svetlana Khaykina		Pilbara Ports Authority		SK	
Ambika Rebello		TOPH Councillor		AR	
Morag Lowe		Community Member		ML	
Alysabeth Grace Turner		Community Member		AG	
Byron Everett Klein		Community Member		BE	
Gary Silcock		Community Member		GS	
Roger Higgins		Community Member		RH	
Phil Smeeton		Community Member		PS	
SECTION 3: AGENDA					
Item	Agenda Topic			Action Items	
				Whom	
1.	WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES			AS	
1.1	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the Port Hedland Community Consultation Committee Meeting held in April 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record			AS	

MINUTES					
2.	ACTION ITEMS	AS			
3.	SAFETY PERFORMANCE	AS			
4.	MARINE OPERATIONS UPDATE	LC			
5.	LANDSIDE OPERATIONS UPDATE	VW			
6.	ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE	DW			
7.	COMMUNITY UPDATE	AS			
8.	PROJECTS / SPECIAL ISSUES <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SPOILBANK MARINA</li><li>• LUMSDEN POINT</li><li>• NELSON POINT TUG HAVEN</li><li>• HMI &amp; MARITIME PRECINCT</li></ul>	GT RP SK RB			
9.	DISCUSSION AND QUESTION / OTHER BUSINESS	AS			
SECTION 4: NEXT MEETING					
Date:		Time Open:		Time Close:	

**Minutes of meeting held at the Hedland Tower**  
Monday 9 November 2023

**ITEM 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS**

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

**ITEM 1.1 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES**

**Attendance**

PPA Harbour Master Port Hedland	Lindsay Copeman (LC)
PPA Stakeholder Engagement Advisor (Acting Chair)	Ariana St-Pierre (AS)
PPA Environment and Heritage Manager	Derek Walker (DW)
PPA Port Manager Port Hedland East	Veronica Keelan (VK)
PPA Senior Project Officer	Georgia Tribolet (GT)
PPA Project Director (Lumsden Point)	Robert Peck (RP)
PPA Principal Engineer	Svetlana Khaykina (SK)
Manager Hedland Maritime Initiative	Richard Bairstow (RB)
Town of Port Hedland Councillor	Ambika Rebello (AR)
Community Member	Alysabeth Grace Turner (AG)
Community Member	Byron Everett Klein (BE)
Community Member	Gary Silcock (GS)
Community Member	Phil Smeeton (PS)
Community Member	Roger Higgins (RH)
Community Member	Morag Lowe (ML)

**Apologies**

PPA General Manager Marine (Chair)	Philip Christy (PC)
Port Hedland Historical Society	Arnold Carter (AC)
Community Member	Tekohi Andrew Rivera (TR)
Community Member	Rebekah Wilkinson (RW)
Community Member	Joel Schreiber (JS)
Community Member	Katrina Seng (KS)

**ITEM 2 ACTION ITEMS**

Nil.

**ITEM 3 SAFETY PERFORMANCE**

*Stakeholder Engagement Advisor Ariana St-Pierre*

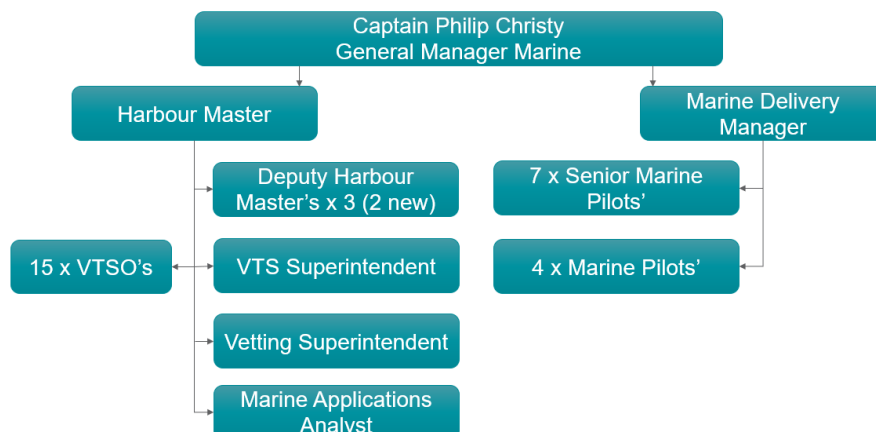
- For the 2022-23 period, Pilbara Ports' Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate is 4.98.

- 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 Lindsay Copeman*

##### Marine team update:



##### Port statistics (throughput):

April 2023: 43.812 million tonnes, decrease 5% from 2022.  
 May 2023: 48.600 million tonnes, increase 1% from 2022.  
 June 2023: 52.646 million tonnes, increase 2% from 2022.  
 July 2023: 44.521 million tonnes, decrease 5% from 2022.  
 August 2023: 48.562 million tonnes, no change from 2022.  
 September 2023: 45.698 million tonnes, decrease 1% from 2022.  
 October 2023: 47.651, decrease 3% from 2022.

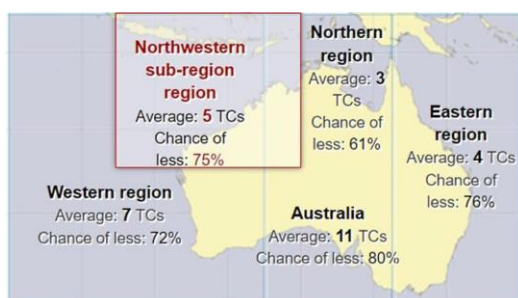
##### Marine incidents at Port Hedland: 1 April – 31 October 2023

Total marine events: 80

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

##### Port operations

##### Tropical Cyclone Season Outlook 2023-24



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## **ITEM 5 TERMINAL OPERATIONS UPDATE**

*Port Manager Port Hedland East Veronica Keelan*

### **Utah**

- This calendar year has seen 15,915,791mt of ore shipped through Utah.

### **Eastern Harbour**

- Direct Freight service continues to grow, with 1,144 Twenty Foot Equivalent Units (TEU) being imported this year.
- Figures from Jan-Oct 2023
  - 3 refrigerated containers of frozen meat products have been exported.
  - 38,923mt of ammonium nitrate imported.
  - 965,454mt of spodumene exported.
  - 2,510,965mt of salt exported.
  - 159,892mt of copper exported.

There was a question as to where the exported frozen meat products go. Pilbara Ports advised that the products are exported to Singapore.

## **ITEM 6 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE**

*Environment and Heritage Manager Derek Walker*

### **Vertebrate Pest Management**

- The Greater Port Hedland Vertebrate Pest Management Program (VPMP) coordinates the timing of the feral animal control efforts across Fortescue, RHI, DSL, BHP, Town of Port Hedland (ToPH) and Pilbara Ports tenure. Implementing the program will assist the long-term survival of affected native species, threatened species and ecological communities that inhabit the hinterland of Port Hedland for breeding and foraging purposes, and protect the Flatback Turtle nesting beaches (both eggs and hatchlings).
- Results have shown considerable reduction in the number of foxes since the VPMP commenced, even throughout the breeding season. These results have allowed Pilbara Ports to refine the scope of the VPMP to focus predominantly on feral cats including fox trapping opportunistically.

### **WA beach clean-up – Tangaroa Blue**

On the 14 October, Pilbara Ports held its annual WA Beach Clean-up at 6-mile beach event with Tangaroa Blue Foundation. The event is focused on collecting marine debris. Approximately 40 people attended and 60kg of waste was collected for documentation and analysis. This data feeds into the Australian Marine Debris Initiative which aims to reduce littering.

There was a question about if there's any contaminated material coming from the dredging at Spoilbank Marina and if so, where does it go. Pilbara Ports advised that there is no contaminated material coming out from the dredging. The soil collected from dredging is stockpiled and moved to Lumsden Point where it is tested for suitability to reuse. However,

Pilbara Ports found many large tyres and is working with Town of Port Hedland to find a suitable use for them.

## **ITEM 7 COMMUNITY UPDATE**

*Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Advisor Ariana St-Pierre*

- Community Support Initiative: Community groups can apply for up to \$10,000 in small grants through Pilbara Ports Community Support Initiative (CSI). Applications are accepted year-round from community groups in Port Hedland, Dampier/ Karratha, and Onslow.
- Pilbara Ports has recently supported the following Port Hedland Community Groups through its Community Support Initiative (CSI):
  - South Hedland Cricket Club: \$2,500 for Cricket Balls
  - South Hedland Tennis & Bowling Club Inc.: \$3,000 for their Movies Series Events
  - Hedland Lions Cricket Club: \$2,500 for Cricket Balls
  - Lisa's Kangaroo Retreat: \$5,000 towards the purchase of a bus
  - Port Hedland Chamber of Commerce and Industry: \$5,000 towards the Business Excellence Awards

Pilbara Ports has also recently formed a two-year partnership with the Port Hedland Volunteer Marine Rescue with funding allocated toward its Facility Replacement Project.

As part of our 2023-24 Partnership Agreement with the Town of Port Hedland, Pilbara Ports agreed to sponsor:

- Community Sports Awards
- Festive Lights Competition – Silver Sponsor
- Sunset Food Markets – Event Sponsor
- Reconciliation Week – Silver Sponsor
- Matt Dann Live Show Season – Presenting partner for the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow
- SLAM – Bronze Sponsor
- Welcome to Hedland – Gold Sponsor
- Ship to shore – Event partner
- Citizen of the year awards
- Spinifex Spree Carnival
- Odyssey Hedland Music and Arts Journey

## **ITEM 8 PROJECTS / SPECIAL ISSUES**

### **ITEM 8.1 SPOILBANK MARINA**

*Senior Project Officer Georgia Tribolet*

#### **Project update**

- The marina basin has been excavated to full depth and connected to the ocean.
- Dredging is complete, with a new navigation channel successfully created. This will enable boats to safely enter and exit the marina.
- The public jetty has been installed. The two-platform jetty has been designed to account for Port Hedland's fluctuating tides. The top level is wheelchair friendly and includes lowered handrail sections, so kids and people of all abilities can fish from the jetty.

- The marina pen pontoons, gangways, navigation aids and boat ramp panels have all been installed.
- The boat ramp is over 90% complete with all 124 pre-cast concrete panels and pontoons installed.
- Breakwater construction is nearing completion.
- The sixth and final major contract was awarded in May, for the landside civils and landscaping package. Work commenced in June and will continue until late 2024.
- This package includes construction of:
  - marina roads
  - car and trailer parking
  - retaining walls
  - footpaths
  - landscaping
  - public amenities building
  - shade structures
  - barbecue areas; and
  - installation of utilities and services.
- The marina will be opened in stages. The first stage to open to the public will be the entrance road, main carpark, and boat ramp. Note: The marina will open in stages. Pilbara Ports is working hard to have the first stage open as soon as possible, which will include the boat ramp along with the entrance road and main carpark. Pilbara Ports will be able to share a more specific timeframe for the boat ramp opening once construction is finished in December 2023.
- Fabrication of the public artwork is under way. A total of nine unique artworks by ten different Kariyarra artists has been selected for the marina.

There was a question regarding if the packages of works are being completed during the day. Pilbara Ports advised each work package has a different set of rules around their working hours but only during daytime. The Ertech packages start at 6:30am, with no load power tools until 7am, and finish at 6pm. The marine works have a strict 7am to 7pm policy, following our environmental approvals.

There was a question about if there will be a fuelling station in the marina. Pilbara Ports advised that it is not included in the plan at this stage.

## **ITEM 8.2 LUMSDEN POINT**

*Project Director (Lumsden Point) Robert Peck*

### **Key features of the project:**

- Dredging for the berth and access channel
- Two land backed wharves – general cargo (PH5) and critical minerals (PH6)
- Logistics hub and landside infrastructure
- Causeway between the wharf and landside facilities
- Minerals concentrate precinct (multi-user shed, conveyors and shiploader)

- Two hybrid-electric harbour cranes (to assist lifting wind turbine blades up to 120m in length)
- Access corridor and intersection
  - Grade separated rotary interchange – least interruption to traffic flow.
  - Specifically designed to accommodate wind turbine blades (130m design vehicle length) and Oversize Overmass (OSOM) loads.
  - 18-hectare southern laydown area

**Funding:**

- The Commonwealth Government is investing \$565 million to support common user port upgrades in the Pilbara, part of which will enable the development of Lumsden Point.
- This is in partnership with the Western Australian Government, which has committed \$96.6 million to the project.
- Pilbara Ports is engaging with the Federal Government to progress funding arrangements to enable works to proceed as scheduled.

**Anticipated milestones:**

- Seawall construction completion (April 2024)
- EOI issued for Port Land Opportunity at Lumsden Point (September/October 2023)
- Dredging starts (tender award early 2024, work starts mid 2024)
- Construction of seawalls complete (March 2024)
- Causeway construction commences (April 2024)
- General Cargo Berth operational (Second half 2025)
- Critical Minerals Berth operational (2027)

There was a question about what type of industry will be part of the Lumsden Point precinct. Pilbara Ports advised that an expression of interest process is being run by its Business and Trade team, who can provide an update at a future CCC meeting.

There was a question regarding if the fuel supply will be imported from Lumsden Point. Pilbara Ports confirmed that the fuel will be imported to Lumsden Point. How the fuel will be transported out of Lumsden Point has yet to be determined. There's been talks of a potential retail station, but nothing has been confirmed yet.

There was a question about if Lumsden Point berths will be using the Cavotech system used at PH4. Pilbara Ports advised that they've explored the option. However, with the requirements relevant to the big cargo coming in to Lumsden Point, such as the wind turbines blades, Pilbara Ports need the wharf free of obtrusions above deep level. The current off the shelf Cavotech designs don't fit the requirements Pilbara Ports need for this wharf, and the lead times and risk associated with adopting a new system would potentially compromise the operational target dates.

There was a question about if Pilbara Ports is still projecting that 50,000 containers per year will be shipped through the ports by 2027. Pilbara Ports advised that we expect approximately 300,000 containers per project, solely for the upcoming renewable energy projects. Pilbara Ports added that there have been enquiries for about 4 or 5 projects.

There was a question about when the Port Hedland community will be seeing wind turbines on the road. Pilbara Ports advised that this depends on when the projects officially start. However, Pilbara Ports aims that berth 5 at Lumsden Point will be operational by mid-2025 and will eventually accommodate the project.

There was a question regarding if the trees featured in the artist impression will be planted at Lumsden Point entrance. Pilbara Ports advised that they have a remediation fund which will allow for planting vegetation for this project to give the entrance of Lumsden Point a polished feel.

There was a question as to if the trees will be native. Pilbara Ports advised that this was the aim.

### **ITEM 9.3 NELSON POINT TUG HAVEN**

*Principal Engineer Svetlana Khaykina*

#### **Works completed:**

- Works commenced in early October 2023.
- 75 piles driven along the outer wall out of 147 total.
- 60m of recurve wall completed (out of 70m total) in front of Rivtow shed.

#### **Upcoming works:**

- Installation of capping beam and walkway, Beacon 50, and stairs to crew transfer pontoon.
- Demolition of existing internal piles, pontoons, and sheet pile wall.
- Installation of internal pontoon piles, pontoons, and associated services.
- Revetment upgrade between Tug Haven and Public Jetty.
- Tug Haven Dredging (TBC).

Expected completion of works is May 2024. When completed, this facility will provide safe mooring for the larger tugboats for 1/1000-year cyclone event and storm surge.

There was a question regarding if there were any complaints from the piling noise related to the Nelson Tug Haven project. Pilbara Ports advised that when the inner wall was in construction, there were a few complaints from the nearby businesses. The proximity of the piles to the shore made it slightly harder to muffle the noise even though several noise muffling measures were put in place. One of the key factors that played a part in these complaints, is that this project started just as the COVID-19 pandemic was coming to an end. This meant that although significant engagement with local business was conducted, a few businesses in the west end had been closed or were operating from a different location during the pandemic and hadn't received the notices. Pilbara Ports advised that they have taken these complaints seriously and have changed the project schedule to limit the noise. Pilbara Ports hasn't received any complaints since the outer wall part of the project has started.

## **ITEM 9.4 PHVBS & MARITIME PRECINCT**

*Manager Hedland Maritime Initiative Richard Bairstow*

Of the estimated 404 eligible properties:

- 213 properties have been acquired.
- 85% have been or are being valued.
- 60% have been sold or are selling to HMI.
- 9 properties are progressing to settlement.
- 19 properties are at contract stage.
- 317 offer letters have been issued.

### **Extension of the Port Hedland Voluntary Buy-Back Scheme (PHVBS)**

- Minister for Ports, Hon David Michael MLA recently announced an extension of the PHVBS term for a further two years to 31 December 2025.
- HMI will continue to administer the PHVBS for the extension period with some changes to its operational terms.
- The types of properties eligible under the PHVBS will be expanded to include specific non-residential properties located on lots that are otherwise fully eligible.
- The valuation mechanism will also be modified to determine an offer price for property owners selling their properties.
- During the next phase of PHVBS, planning for the redevelopment of the West End precinct will begin.
- The WA Planning Commission, supported by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, will facilitate the progression of structure planning in line with the provisions of the Improvement Scheme.
- Funding from the PHVBS will be available for future development in the Town of Port Hedland, with a contribution of \$22 million.

There was a question about if there would be a compulsory element to the Port Hedland Voluntary Buy-Back Scheme. HMI advised that there is no legislation around a compulsory element to the scheme and the intention was to keep it voluntary. Regarding the future of the Buy-Back scheme after December 2025, the decision is still with the Government.

## **ITEM 9 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION / OTHER BUSINESS**

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