
**Minutes of meeting held at the Integrated Marine Operations Centre,
The Esplanade, Port Hedland**
Tuesday 29 June 2021

ITEM 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Chair welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 3:31pm. Discussion commenced with Acknowledgment of Country.

ITEM 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Present

Chair and General Manager Terminal Operations

Kim Gebers (KG)

PPA Staff

General Manager Marine Operations
Harbour Master, Port Hedland
Environment and Heritage Manager
Stakeholder Engagement & Communications Advisor
General Manager Engineering & Infrastructure (Guest)
Project Manager, Spoilbank Marina (Guest)

Phil Christy (PC)
Heathcliff Pimento (HP)
Derek Walker (DW)
Tegan Read (TR)
Charles Kretzmann (CK)
John Freimanis (JF)

Committee Members

Port Hedland Historical Society
North Regional TAFE
Port Hedland Seafarers Centre
Care for Hedland
Care for Hedland
Community Member
Community Member
Port Hedland Yacht Club
Town of Port Hedland

Arnold Carter (AC)
Joel Schreiber (JS)
John Hague (JH)
Sam Arif (SA)
Peter Phipps (PP)
Gloria Jacob (GJ)
Gary Silcock (GS)
Jim Henneberry (JH)
Cr Kylie Unkovich (KU)

ITEM 3 OPERATIONS UPDATE

General Manager Marine Operations), Phil Christy
PC presented the following topics:

- **Safety Update:** PPA's LTIFR year-to-date, is currently at 0.96 against the 2020/21 target of 1.58. PPA's commitment to robust safety procedures for all staff, contractors, service providers and visitors was reiterated and commended.
- **Monthly port statistics:** Mixed monthly throughput for the February to May period. February throughput was 37.882 million tonnes, a decrease of 3% from 2020; March throughput was 47.361 million tonnes, no change from 2020; April throughput was

45.756 million tonnes, a decrease of 2% from 2020; and May with a throughput of 48.457 million tonnes, no change from 2020.

- **Year-to-date (YTD) statistics:** There is an increase in YTD throughput up 2% in comparison to the same period last year. This equates to an increase of just over nine million tonnes throughput. Utah has experienced an increase of 1% in comparison to the same period last year.
- **Port Boundaries:** On 1 June, the Port of Port Hedland waterside boundaries were re-declared for the first time in 50 years. The extended boundaries now include all anchoring points, allowing the Port's Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) team to have more oversight of vessel movements. This change will improve safety and enable the VTS to safely manage more vessel movements. It will also enable the Port to provide LNG bunkering services in port waters, with the use of LNG helping reduce carbon emissions on large iron ore carriers.
- **Marine incidents:** 43 Marine incidents were recorded at the Port of Port Hedland for the period between 1 March 2021 – 31 May 2021. PPA records these as incidents to allow sufficient investigation, however, they are marine events not all incidents. On 30 May VTSO reported a small recreational vessel intentionally crossing the channel in front of the Bulk Carrier Rutland. Committee members were reminded of the Port of Port Hedland's Water-Side Restricted Zones.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** The Port of Port Hedland held the annual Pollution, Fire and Salvage Emergency Response exercises from the 4 to 6 May 2021:
 - Annual Oil Spill: 46 PPA staff and 13 external representatives participated in the exercise. The scenario was designed to test Port Hedland's first Strike Response Plan, equipment deployment, and the IMT structures. Shoreline assessment and aerial observations from a helicopter and drone were also included.
 - Fire Exercise: 19 PPA staff and 16 external representatives from Terminals, DFES and service providers participated in the exercise. The exercise was designed to test PPA's initial response capabilities along with collaboration with DEFES in response strategies. The exercise included, deployment of fire trucks from DFES, St Johns Ambulance, tugs and evacuation of an injured causality.
 - Salvage Workshop: PPA joined participants from DoT, Salvage Contractors, towage, ship operations and all terminals for the annual workshop. The exercise aims to test ship operator's response, salvage plans and communications between all agencies.
- **Marine Cadetship update:** PPA's first marine cadet, Kyal Randazzo, is currently completing his final Officers Qualifications. Port Hedland's second cadet, Morgan Ruston, is set to join a vessel in Brisbane for his second deployment. The Port of Dampier's first Marine Cadet, Ben Hobart, has completed 2 tours of duty and is joining his next vessel in July. Dampier has two new Cadets, Katelyn Arnold and Jeri Ingleton, both currently training Perth and set to join vessels in December 2021.
- **2021 Maintenance dredging campaign:** Trailer Suction Hopper Dredge 'Jaun Sebastian de Elcano' will be undertaking the campaign's Sweeping and Survey Operations. Dredging works in Port Hedland are expected to take 28 day (24-hour

operation) commencing on 6 July. These works coincide with dredging campaigns in the Port of Ashburton and Port of Dampier.

- **New Maritime Directions:** In accordance with new Maritime Directions issued by the State Emergency Coordinator; Mariners, Vessel Operators, Port Facility Operators, Marine Pilots, Ships Agents, Manning Agents, Stevedores, Surveyors, all workers who board exposed vessels and all shore-based personnel operating in Ports in Western Australia are advised that new Directions have been issued to protect the health interests of the community through requirements to comply when conducting certain activities in and around Western Australian waters and ports, particularly when it involves vessels from international or restricted locations (exposed vessel). The suite of directions include:
 - Exposed On-Board Worker Directions;
 - Transport and Accommodation Services (Expose Maritime Worker) Directions;
 - Maritime Crew Member Directions; and
 - Rig and Platform Crew Member Amendment Directions.

The latest directions are available on the government website www.wa.gov.au

Questions and comments:

KU: Does the Port doing any community education around boating safety?

TR: PPA run an annual Recreational Vessel Safety Campaign across all three of our Port communities. These messages are aired on local radio, in the newspapers, and via social media. We traditionally target school holidays when tourists are visiting. Signage is also posted at the Town boat ramps.

ITEM 4 PROJECTS AND SPECIAL ISSUES UPDATE

*General Manager Terminal Operations, Kim Gebers
KG presented the following topics:*

- **Port Hedland Voluntary Buy-Back Scheme (PHVBS):** The PHVBS is progressing well with HMI now acquired 11 properties and a further 22 sales contracts signed in recent months. Over 69% of eligible properties are participating in the PHVBS.
- **Maritime Precinct Masterplan:** The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is the responsible authority for the determination of development and land use proposals within Port Hedland West End Improvement Scheme No.1 (IS1). Planning for the Maritime Precinct is also progressing well with initial developments within the Maritime Precinct are in planning in partnership with others:
 - The new Seafarers' Centre - PPA has purchased the former Sealanes building, a prime location in the commercial portside sub precinct. PPA General Manger Marine Operations, currently in discussions with terminal operations regarding project funding. The development of a new fit-for-purpose Port Hedland Seafarers' Centre was recently announced and is the first iconic development confirmed for the new Maritime Precinct. This is an example of how Hedland

Maritime Initiative intends to partner with industry to transform unused space for the purpose of developing a Maritime Precinct.

- Pilbara Training College – the vision is to provide an educational centre of excellence supporting the continued education across all areas of the Maritime and Mining industry, serving the Pilbara as well as the State and the Nation. A consultant is being engaged to work with the PPA / HMI team, as well as other key stakeholders to further develop the College concept.
- **Lumsden Point Development:** The development of Lumsden Point is underway with commencement of works for the additional general cargo facilities. A \$82.6 million dredging footprint has been completed with the inbound access road and MOF Wharf underway - expected completion August 2021.
- **Spoilbank Marina:** CCC members received a project overview including details of upcoming works. Included, the construction of a temporary bund and breakwater extensions, dewatering of the basin and excavation of material, construction of basin revetments, and dredging of the channel. Construction of the site security fence and upgrading public access roads to the Yacht Club and beach access will be carried out between July and September 2021.
- **FMG Module Offloading Facility (MOF):** Works commenced on 21 May with 19 dead man piles driven in preparations for driving 55 berths face piles required to develop the MOF. Piling commenced 24 May and is scheduled for completion in late July. First FMG vessel is scheduled to arrive on 23 August but there are considerable works required to meet this date

Questions and comments:

AC: I would just like to say how pleased I am to see work being done at Lumsden Point, it has been underutilised.

GJ: The community need to know more about the Spoilbank Marina project. What type of communications are you planning?

TR: A Communications and Stakeholder Working Group has been established with a robust communications strategy in place. The last edition of the Spoilbank Newsletter was released this week and further updates are made available via the Spoilbank Facebook page.

ITEM 5 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE

Environment and Heritage Manager, Derek Walker
DW discussed the following topics:

- **Utah Point – Part V (EP Act) Licence Amendment:** In March 2017, PPA applied for a Licence amendment to increase throughput and add Spodumene as an approved Product. This was an increase from 21.35 Million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) to 24.1Mtpa, with an additional 2Mtpa of Spodumene run of mine product. The amended Licence was received in May 2020 before PPA and a third party appealed the amended

Licence. PPA's Licence appeal was based on the removal of the material change condition. The third-party appeal was based on the boundary monitoring network. PPA reverted to the old Licence pending the appeal decision. In June 2021, PPA was notified that the appeal was dismissed and the Licence dated May 2020 would take effect. PPA are currently preparing a Licence amendment to apply for an increase to Licences throughput, an increase from 24.1Mt per annum to 28Mt per annum.

The application process:

- The increase application is based on current and near future demand at the facility.
- Includes site improvements and modifications as identified in PPAs continual improvement plan
- Required dust modelling from all identified emission points
- Required to align with the Regulatory Strategy for Port Hedland – no net increase in emission from the facility as a result of the proposed amendment and throughput increase.
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- **Spoilbank Marina:** PPA is currently in the final stages of submitting a Sea Dumping Permit Application to DAW for assessment. This process commenced in May 2021 with a Supplementary Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) as per National Assessment Guidelines for Dredging (NAGD).
- **Community Clean-Up Events:** PPA organised a clean-up event along Wilson Street and Gilbert Street on 11 June 2021. 27 volunteers from PPA and Qube collected 10 bags of rubbish and 2 car tyres during the clean-up.

ITEM 6 OTHER BUSINESS

Chair opened discussion for members and attendees to raise any questions or make comment.
Chair closed meeting at 4:55pm.

ITEM 7 ACTION ITEMS

Action No.	Action	Who
	Nil	