

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:	26/04/2023	Start time:	16:15	Time closed:	18:00
SECTION 2: PARTICIPANTS' DETAILS					
Name		Organisation		Initials	
Philip Christy		Pilbara Ports Authority		PC	
Heathcliff Pimento		Pilbara Ports Authority		HP	
Mark Logue		Pilbara Ports Authority		ML	
Craig Barbour		Pilbara Ports Authority		JG	
Ariana St-Pierre		Pilbara Ports Authority		AS	
John Freimanis (Guest)		Pilbara Ports Authority		JF	
Robert Peck (Guest)		Pilbara Ports Authority		RP	
Karlene (Guest)		Pilbara Ports Authority		KB	
Ashleigh Christensen		TOPH Councillor		AC	
Tekohi Rivera		Community Member		TK	
Gloria Jacob		Committee member Care for Hedland		GJ	
Byron Everett Klein		Volunteer Port Hedland Marine Rescue		BE	
Gary Silcock		Community Member		GS	
SECTION 3: AGENDA					
Item	Agenda Topic			Action Items	
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1.	WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES			PC	
1.1	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the Port Hedland Community Consultation Committee Meeting held in September 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record			PC	
2.	ACTION ITEMS			PC	

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3.	SAFETY PERFORMANCE			PC	
4.	MARINE OPERATIONS UPDATE			HP	
5.	LANDSIDE OPERATIONS UPDATE			JG	
6.	ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE			ML	
7.	COMMUNITY UPDATE			AS	
8.	PROJECTS / SPECIAL ISSUES <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SPOILBANK MARINA</li><li>• LUMSDEN POINT</li><li>• HMI &amp; MARITIME PRECINCT</li></ul>			JF RP KB	
9.	DISCUSSION AND QUESTION / OTHER BUSINESS			PC	
SECTION 4: NEXT MEETING					
Date:		Time Open:		Time Close:	

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**Minutes of meeting held at the Hedland Tower**  
Monday 26

**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

PPA General Manager Marine (Chair)	Philip Christy (PC)
PPA Harbour Master Port Hedland	Heathcliff Pimento (HP)
PPA Stakeholder Engagement Advisor	Ariana St-Pierre (AS)
PPA Environment and Heritage Manager	Mark Logue (ML)
PPA Project Manager (Spoilbank Marina)	John Freimanis (JF)
PPA Principal Engineer	Robert Peck (RP)
HMI General Manager Port Hedland Maritime Precinct	Karlene Bylund (KB)
Town of Port Hedland Councillor	Ashleigh Christensen (AC)
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

General Manager Terminal Operations	Craig Barbour (CB)
Port Hedland Historical Society	Arnold Carter (AC)
Community Member	Roger Higgins (RH)

**ITEM 2 ACTION ITEMS**

Nil.

**ITEM 3 SAFETY PERFORMANCE**

*General Manager Marine Philip Christy*

PPA's 12 month rolling Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) is steady at 2.14.

PPA facilitated 12,281 safe vessel movements across all ports between 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023.

**ITEM 4 MARINE OPERATIONS UPDATE**

*Harbour Master Port Hedland Heathcliff Pimento*

**Port Statistics:**

December 2022: 50.137 million tonnes, decrease 3% from 2021.

January 2023: 48.734 million tonnes, no change from 2022  
February 2023: 39.287 million tonnes, decrease 2% from 2022.  
March 2023: 46.475 million tonnes, decrease 2% from 2022.

### **Marine incidents at Port Hedland: 1 May – 31 August 2022**

Total marine events: 63

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.

#### **Cyclone Ilsa**

Severe Tropical Cyclone Ilsa (Cat 5). Crossed the coast between De Grey and Pardoo Roadhouse at midnight of 14 April 2023.

Port Hedland experienced gale and rain with no impact to marine and port infrastructure.

#### **AMSA NAVAID Replacement**

Beacons C1 to C14 are being replaced. Works expected to be completed by June 2023.

#### **Seafarers Update**

Seafarers crew members coming ashore:

January 2023: 93  
February 2023: 102  
March 2023: 80

#### **Temporary Simulator Centre**

The North Regional TAFE simulator has been installed at 7 Morgans Street.  
The simulator was tested satisfactorily on 17 March. PPA has an operational ship bridge simulator and 1 tug simulator. Based on current discussions, first training sessions with external parties may be undertaken before the end of May or in early June.

#### **New Marine Cadets**

Port Hedland and Dampier's Marine Cadet for 2023 started in March 2023.  
The Marine Cadets are preparing to travel to Broome to complete their Certificate III in Maritime Operations at the Broome TAFE.

There was a question as to where the vessels go when there's the need to clear the inner harbour for a cyclone. PPA responded that vessels head more than 50 miles away at sea, away from the approaching cyclone.

There was a query on how much damage would have occurred if vessels would have remained in the inner harbour. PPA advised that there could have been significant damage, however, PPA follows its response plan and hence clears vessels from the Harbour.

There was a question about how much notice does PPA get in the case of a cyclone alert. PPA advised that in the case of TC Ilsa, they did get plenty of notice. However, PPA consistently monitors the weather reports to prepare in the case of cyclones or lighting.

There was a question as to if vessel owners and masters are also monitoring the weather. PPA advised that masters and vessel owners have a duty to monitor weather for safety reasons.

## **ITEM 5 LANDSIDE OPERATIONS UPDATE**

*General Manager Marine Philip Christy*

### **Utah Point Milestone**

Throughput for Utah Point Bulk Handling Facility (Utah Point BHF) – 2022 Calendar Year:

ATLAS	MRL	CML	ELEMENT25	STRIKE RESOURCES	TOTAL
9,344,236T	10,195,052T	1,091,174T	158,500T	66,618T	20,855,580T
86 vessels	94 vessels	14 vessels	4 vessels	1 vessel	199 vessels

JANUARY 2023	FEBRUARY 2023	MARCH 2023
1,734,193T	1,521,169T	1,683,806t
17 vessels	14 vessels	16

### **UTAH Developments**

PPA will make some improvements to Utah Point in order to reduce dust and carbon emissions.

### **Cargo operations / direct freight services continue to grow**

The ANL PAX Service continues to connect Australia's Pilbara Region to the world. PAX will now operate on three loops with a 10-day transit from Singapore to Port Hedland and a 9-day transit from Singapore to Dampier.

The expansion will provide customers with access to over 400 ports via the transshipment hub in Singapore allowing for global access from the Pilbara region.

There was a question about if for example, someone was to send goods from Port Hedland to Darwin, would that be possible through the Port of Port Hedland. PPA advised that it was.

There was a query about if the 10-day transit from Singapore included turnaround times. PPA advised that it did not.

There was a comment on how this will be a great relief for the building industry in Port Hedland and promote local opportunities.

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

*Environment and Heritage Manager Mark Logue*

PPA is currently in the final year of the baseline data collection phase for the Marine Environmental Quality Monitoring Program. This has involved collecting data over three years to strengthen the understanding of the environment and to establish baselines for future monitoring.

In FY24, PPA will move into our 'monitor and investigate phase' where data will be compared against the baseline.

To date the Environmental Quality Objectives set for Water Quality, Sediment, Recreation, Secondary Contact and Aesthetics are all being met indicating environmental values are being protected within the Port. The established mangrove communities within the region continue to support a diverse range of fauna including invertebrates and birds and provide foraging and nursery areas for juvenile fish and crustaceans.

### **Maintenance Dredging 2023-2038**

In February 2023, PPA was issued a 5-year Sea Dumping Permit under the Commonwealth Sea Dumping Act to support maintenance dredging at the Port of Port Hedland as well as a Sea Dumping Permit for capital dredging for the Channel Entrance Project. Both projects will utilise existing spoil grounds "I", 7B and 9A.

The Channel Entrance Project involves the removal of a few high spots which present a navigational hazard to vessels transiting from the pilot boarding ground to enter the channel near beacons 30 & 31. The total volume of dredging for the project will be under 180,000m<sup>3</sup>. To dispose of sediments at sea, PPA undertakes sediment sampling to assess the suitability of material for disposal at the spoil grounds. Sediment sampling over the last five years was reviewed to support the application. TBT was an ingredient historically used in biofouling paints, which has been phased out of use due to impacts on marine life. Over recent years, PPA has seen decreasing concentrations with no exceedances of the National Assessment Guidelines for Dredging screening levels since 2020.

Similar results were shown for metals with concentrations at PPA's berths having decreased to below the guidelines in recent years due to improvement projects.

### **Environmental Approvals**

Eastern Operations — under assessment by Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)

- submitted April 2021
- increase throughput from 1.17 to 2.56 Mtpa
- facilitate increased trade for Lithium
- draft received by PPA and feedback given to DWER September 2022
- with the amended license issued on 29 September 2022.

There was a question as to if the composite of materials affect a ship loader's conveyer belt. PPA advised that yes it can.

There was a query about whether battery minerals will be exported through Lumsden Point. PPA advised that yes, the aim is for Lumsden Point to allow more space at East Side for direct shipping.

There was a query if PPA would consider providing shore power to power electric vessels. PPA advised there might be an opportunity with Lumsden Point. However, it is to be considered that shore power requires a significant amount of power, enough to power an entire town.

There was a question around if PPA would facilitate the provision of alternate fuel for vessels. PPA advised it is investigating the provision of alternative fuels, however this will depend on which green fuel wins the race.

## **ITEM 7 COMMUNITY UPDATE**

*Stakeholder Engagement and Communications 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.
- PPA has recently contributed nearly \$35,425 to the following Port Hedland organisations through its CSI:
  - JaBat Dance School: \$2,925 for the purchase of training equipment.
  - The Junction Co.: \$6,000 for the Twilight Christmas Festival & \$5,000 for the Jury Art Prize.
  - The Hedland Reds Junior Football Association: \$4,500 for the 2023 Season.
  - Port Hedland Cricket Association: \$2,000 for the Women's competition.
  - North Pilbara Football League: \$10,000 as Match Ball Sponsor.
  - Town of Port Hedland: \$5,000 for the South Hedland Street Art Festival.
- 2022-23 Partnership Agreement with the Town of Port Hedland. Support includes:
  - Community Sports Awards – Award category naming rights
  - Festive Lights Competition – Silver Sponsor
  - Australia Day Fireworks – Fireworks naming rights sponsor
  - Citizen of the Year Awards – Awards Sponsor
  - Sunset Food Markets – Event Sponsor
  - Welcome to Hedland – Gold Sponsor
  - Reconciliation Week – Silver Sponsor
  - SLAM Basketball – Bronze Sponsor
  - Matt Dann Live Show Season – Presenting Partner

Discussions are underway to finalise the 2023-24 Partnership Agreement.

### **Applications for appointment to the PHCCC for 2023-24**

PPA would like to thank committee members for being a part of Pilbara Ports Authority 2022-23 Port Hedland Community Consultation Committee.

Applications for appointment to the 2023-24 Port Hedland Community Consultation Committee are now open.

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

### **ITEM 9.1 SPOILBANK MARINA**

*Project Manager (Spoilbank Marina) John Freimanis*

#### **Project Update**

- Excavation of the marina basin is nearing completion, with 95% of fill material removed.
- Marine construction activities resumed in April, following a four-month break for turtle nesting season.



- Dredging is approximately 50% complete, and 68% of all breakwaters and revetments are complete.
- All 22 piles are installed at the boat ramp and jetty. Installation of the 27 piles for the boat pens commenced in March.
- PPA has installed 11 of 124 concrete panels for the boat ramp.
- Fabrication of the public jetty is complete and is expected to arrive on site in April.
- Delivery of the pontoons is under way, with most arriving to site in March and the remaining due in April, along with the gangways and walkways.
- Concept designs have been selected for public art pieces, progressing to detailed design and fabrication.
- Contract for final package of work (landside civils and landscaping) is close to being awarded.
- To date, 65% of project spend has been awarded to local and Aboriginal registered businesses.

There was a question about why the dredge took so long to come back from Dampier when recently leaving. PPA advised that there were some issues which caused delays.

There was a query about the number of pontoons for the new jetty. PPA advised that there were 50 pieces.

There was a question as to if the jetty was made in Australia. PPA advised that the jetty was made in China, but the pontoons were made in Brisbane.

## **ITEM 9.2 LUMSDEN POINT**

*Principal Engineer Robert Peck*

### **Project Update:**

- Work has started on a new multi-user facility and logistics hub at Lumsden Point in the Port of Port Hedland.
- Construction of the seawalls has begun, which will be followed by widening of the causeway to the wharf.
- The seawalls are being constructed in two phases; the east seawall, followed by the west seawall.
- Work began on the east seawall in January 2023. The tender for the larger west seawall closed in March and submissions are being evaluated.
- Seawall construction is scheduled for completion early 2024 and is an important first step to enable future work to progress.
- The remainder of the development includes:
  - Dredging of a deepwater approach, turning basin and berth pockets.
  - Reclamation of 10Ha wharf laydown area.
  - Two common user berths.
  - Multi-user minerals concentrate storage shed(s), including truck receipt and outload conveyors and shiploader.
  - Security and quarantine facilities and port operations buildings.



- Main Roads will construct a central road corridor and interchange at Great Northern Highway.
- Completion of the Lumsden Point project is expected in 2026.

There was a question about which dredge will be used for the project. PPA advised that the dredging component of the project requires a bigger dredge than the one currently used for Spoilbank Marina.

There was a question on whether there will be storage for renewable energy in Port Hedland. PPA advised that currently the storage is only for gas.

There was a question as to if the Port of Port Hedland will be exporting livestock through Lumsden Point. PPA advised that the port could export livestock, however, there has not been interest in live export in recent years.

There was a query about whether fuel would be imported from Lumsden Point. PPA advised that Qube is investing in a 5 hectares storage space for fuel.

There was a query about PPA's capacity to receive 50,000 containers per year. PPA advised that there is capacity, however this will depend on the demand. The aim of Lumsden Point is to free Eastside for Direct Shipping.

There was a question about what sort of ship will the new Lumsden Point berths be able to accommodate. PPA advised that there will be a 200m space on the berths.

There was a question as to if PPA is considering reusing the same mooring system as they have at Utah Point for Lumsden Point. PPA advised that they are currently investigating solutions to maximise efficiency.

There was a query about whether PPA would consider building an Outer Harbour. PPA advised that it's a possibility which relies on demand. The cost of building an Outer Harbour would be significant.

There was a query about if the roadside upgrade is in the scope for Lumsden Point. PPA advised that they are working with Main Roads to upgrade the intersection with the Great Northern Highway.

### **ITEM 9.3 PHVBS & MARITIME PRECINCT**

*General Manager Port Hedland Maritime Precinct Karlene Bylund*

Of the estimated 404 eligible properties:

- 191 properties have been acquired.
- 73% have been or are being valued.
- 49% have been sold or are selling to HMI.
- 4 properties are progressing to settlement.
- 4 properties are at contract stage.
- 288 offer letters have been issued.

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### **Maritime Precinct**

HMI is planning the development of the Maritime Precinct by leasing and facilitating the development and use of properties acquired by HMI. Plans are progressing for the proposed Pilbara Training College, the training facility proposed for development in the new Maritime Precinct in Port Hedland. Included in the key priority list for the Pilbara Training College are:

- a full mission ship bridge and tug simulator,
- a replica scale channel model,
- other industry relevant simulators.

Another component of the Maritime Precinct is the HMI Maritime Museum, Office and Community Space.

There was a question about whether the Port Hedland Voluntary Buy-Back Scheme was to have phase 2. HMI advised that not at this stage.

There was a query as to if the Town of Port Hedland engages with HMI around the Port Hedland Voluntary Buy-Back Scheme. HMI advised that they are working together with the Town of Port Hedland.

There was a question as to if modifying properties to fit commercial use requirements falls on the owner's or lessee's responsibility. HMI advised that lessees are responsible for structural modifications to buildings required for a change of use approval.

There was a query if HMI is engaging with Aboriginal groups. HMI advised there is ongoing collaboration with Aboriginal stakeholder groups.

### **ITEM 10 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION / OTHER BUSINESS**

GJ: Care for Hedland will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 27 May at the Bowling Club.

GJ: Pilbara Pride Festival will be held on 11 – 18 June with a Pride Parade on 17 June.

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