
**Minutes of meeting held at the Integrated Marine Operations Centre,
The Esplanade, Port Hedland**
Wednesday 26 August 2020

ITEM 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Chair welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 3:37pm. Discussion commenced with introductions by members in attendance. Chair acknowledged departing Acting General Manager Marine (East), Myron Fernandes, before announcing incoming Harbour Master Port Hedland, Heathcliff Pimento. Committee members were introduced to General Manager Terminal Operations, Kim Gebers, who will Chair the Port Hedland CCC meetings moving forward.

ITEM 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Present

Chair and Chief Executive Officer	Roger Johnston (RJ)
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PPA Staff

Acting General Manager Marine Operations	Myron Fernandes (MF)
General Manager Engineering & Infrastructure	Charles Kretzmann (CK)
Environment and Heritage Manager	Derek Walker (DW)
Stakeholder Engagement & Communications Advisor	Tegan Read (TR)

General Manager Port Hedland Maritime Precinct	Karlene Bylund (KB) (guest)
General Manager Terminal Operations	Kim Gebers (KG) (guest)
Principal Engineer	Robert Peck (RP) (guest)
Director Corporate and Government Affairs	Deirdra Tindale (DT) (guest)

Committee Members

Town of Port Hedland	Carl Askew (CA)
PHCCI	Peter Carter (PC)
Port Hedland Historical Society	Arnold Carter (AC)
Port Hedland Yacht Club	Jim Henneberry (JH)
North Regional TAFE	Joel Schreiber (JS)
Port Hedland Seafarers Centre	Roger Higgins (RH)
Community Member	Gloria Jacob (GJ)
Community Member	Gary Silcock (GS)
Community Member	David McGowan (DM)

Apologies

Town of Port Hedland	Hon Fred Riebeling
RDA Pilbara	Diane Pentz
Care for Hedland	Kieran Lawler
Port Hedland International Airport	Rod Evans

ITEM 3 ACTION ITEMS

Chief Executive Officer, Roger Johnston
RJ presented the following topics:

- **Lumsden Point Update:** The RFP process has concluded and PPA is currently preparing a revised business case for staged development of Lumsden Point.

Questions and comments:

AC: Do we have a timeline for Lumsden?

RJ: It will depend on the outcome of the business case and if any supporters are in a position to privatise.

ITEM 4 OPERATIONS UPDATE

Acting General Manager Operations, Myron Fernandes
MF presented the following topics:

- **Safety Update:** PPA's 12 month rolling LTIFR closed at 1.88 against the 2019/20 target of 1.54. This equates to 4 LTIs over the financial year. PPA's commitment to robust safety procedures for all staff, contractors, service providers and visitors was reiterated and commended.
- **Record Port Performance:** PPA delivered a total annual throughput of 717.2 million tonnes (Mt) for the 2019/20 financial year. This is an increase of 19.9Mt, or three per cent from the previous year and a new record for PPA. The Port of Port Hedland achieved a total annual throughput of 538.1Mt, an increase of 24.8Mt or five per cent from the previous year.
- **Monthly Port Statistics:** April throughput was 45.45Mt, an increase of five per cent from 2019; May throughput was 48.36Mt, an increase of eight per cent from 2019; June throughput was 52.37Mt, an increase of six per cent from 2019; and July with a throughput of 44.08Mt, an increase of six per cent from 2019.
- **Year-to-date (YTD) statistics:** There is an increase in YTD throughput up five per cent in comparison to the same period last year. This equates to an increase of around 2.3Mt throughput.
- **Marine Incidents:** There have been no significant marine incidents in the April-July period. A total of 37 incidents were reported during this period, 17 of which were main engine incidents. This average of 4 per month, continues to trend downwards.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** PPA continued to facilitate the Annual Emergency Response Exercise under COVID-19 conditions. This year's multi-day exercise included an oil spill exercise, fire on a vessel scenario, salvage workshops with international shipping companies and a multi-day search & rescue exercise.
- **Marine Pilot Transfer Service:** A second replacement helicopter (H135P3 Helionix) was introduced into service at Port Hedland in April. This has resulted in positive safety and service reliability outcomes.

- **COVID-19 Marine Safety Bulletin:** PPA Port of Port Hedland remains guided by the Australian Border Force and Australian Government Department of Health in relation to establishing required protocols to manage the COVID-19 issue during port operations. CCC members directed to the latest bulletin issued on 19 August 2020 available on the PPA website.

Questions and comments:

PC: What is the absolute maximum tonnage that can be shipped?

RJ: Our channel capacity at Port Hedland is very close to 700Mt.

ITEM 5 PROJECTS AND SPECIAL ISSUES UPDATE

Principal Engineer, Robert Peck

RP presented the following topics:

- **Spoilbank Marina:** In June 2020, the State Government announced PPA as the lead agency for the delivery, ownership and operation of the project. Works will be delivered in two stages with Stage 1 - site access road to be delivered by Main Roads WA. PPA will be responsible for Stage 2 covering earthworks, dredging and revetment, marine structure and landscape/land features.
- **Utah Road Upgrades:** Stage 4 of works commenced on 26 August 2020. This will see a 1.2km stretch of Utah Road upgraded following some deterioration from increased loads of iron ore and other products. The contract for the works was awarded to AllRoads Pty Ltd.

Questions and comments:

JS: I know a lot of water is needed for all the greening of the Spoilbank, has this been considered?

RJ: Yes, that is being taken into consideration with the design. Access to adequate water sources and native plants etc.

ITEM 6 OVERVIEW OF THE PORT HEDLAND VOLUNTARY BUY-BACK SCHEME

General Manager Port Hedland Maritime Precinct, Karlene Bylund

KB discussed the following topics:

- **Objectives:** The State Government's objectives of the PHVBS are to:
 - Support a cap on, and reduction of, the permanent residential population of the affected areas of the West End;
 - Assist in the relocation of sensitive land uses that are proposed to be prohibited in the affected area of the West End; and
 - Provide for the development of a Maritime Precinct and other consequential development.

- A voluntary option for eligible residential dwelling owners to secure a guaranteed settlement price. Owners can choose to:
 - Participate in the PHVBS;
 - Continue to own and reside in their dwelling;
 - Own and rent out as a residential dwelling; or
 - Retain the land, with a view to future non-residential development options as part of a Maritime precinct.
- **Eligibility:** The PHVBS applies to both single and multi-residential dwelling owners within the area between Taplin Street and the port in the West End of Port Hedland. The PHVBS does not apply to residential dwellings in the area owned by the State Government or mining companies. The PHVBS does not apply to commercial or industrial property as the proposed zoning changes do not impact commercial or industrial property zonings. At the time the offer is made, eligible residential property owners will be offered a settlement price calculated as follows:
 - the agreed market value of the property as at August 6, 2019 (indexed);
 - a premium of 35 per cent of the agreed market value; and
 - an amount of up to \$20,000 for verifiable transaction costs.
- The PHVBS will be industry funded and administered by the Pilbara Port Authority's wholly owned subsidiary. Subsidiary being established and PHVBS is scheduled to complete at end June 2023.
- Information sessions will be held in the coming weeks for eligible owners with pre-registration required.
- **Port Hedland Maritime Precinct:** A Port Hedland Maritime Precinct Master Plan is being developed and is proposed to provide for:
 - Commercial;
 - Leisure;
 - Tourist;
 - Cultural;
 - Training; and
 - Other uses relevant to the location and history.
- A wholly owned subsidiary of Pilbara Ports Authority is responsible for the planning and development of properties purchased via the PHVBS into uses consistent with the Port Hedland Maritime Precinct Master Plan (currently in development) in collaboration with DevelopmentWA and Pilbara Development Commission.
- The ultimate development of the Maritime Precinct will be staged and partly dependent on participation in the PHVBS.

Questions and comments:

GS: Can you rebuild if your house blows down?

KB: Yes, you can rebuild in that instance.

JH: If it is addressing a health concern, why isn't it available to commercial properties? If you are unsure maybe you could find the reason it is suitable for people to work there but not live.

KB: We have been given the mandate and framework to work within. The aim is to reduce the long-term residence in the area as a precaution.

JH: As the Commodore of the Yacht Club, we are looking forward to working with both the Town of Port Hedland and PPA for the Maritime Precinct.

GS: are you going to have an office in town if I want to send people to see you?

KB: Yes, we are in the process of leasing office space in town.

GJ: There are a lot of owners that have not heard anything regarding details, so I think you need a communications strategy to rectify it.

KB: Yes, we do have that in process, this will include a suite of FAQs for interested community members.

ITEM 9 OTHER BUSINESS

Chair thanked all members for attending and apologised for running overtime. Reminded all attendees of the community sundowner event taking place following the meeting with the PPA Board and Executive Committee. Meeting closed at 5:24pm

ITEM 11 ACTION ITEMS

Nil