

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams
Tuesday 26 May 2020

ITEM 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Chair welcomed all members and declared the meeting open at 4:37pm. Discussion commenced with members advised of meeting protocols to assist in facilitation of the online format.

ITEM 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Present:

Chair:

General Manager Engineering & Infrastructure Charles Kretzmann (CK)

Committee Members:

Ngarluma & Yindjibarndi Foundation

Bruce Jorgensen (BJ)

Community member

Shaun Burgess (SB)

Dampier Community Association

Ken Mulvaney (KM)

Community Member

Heather O'Keeffe (HO)

Dampier Seafarers Centre

Frank Nicol (FN)

PPA Staff:

Harbour Master (Port of Dampier)

Vikas Bangia (VB)

Environment and Heritage Manager

Dan Pedersen (DP)

Community Relations Advisor

Tegan Read (TR)

Apologies:

City of Karratha

Peter Long (PL)

City of Karratha

Jake Leahy (JL)

Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation

Carly Blackney (CB)

Community Member

Joel O'Brien (JO)

KDCCI

Tanya Dodd (TD)

RDA Pilbara

Diane Pentz (DPe)

General Manager Physical & Human Resources

Damien Miles (DM)

RDA Pilbara

Anita Watts (AW)

Australian Marine Services

Graham Evans (GE)

Community Member

Joel O'Brien (JO)

King Bay Fishing Club

Kathy Wilkinson (KW)

ITEM 3 RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Committee members ratified previous meeting minutes as a true and accurate account of discussion. Chair proceeded with agenda items.

ITEM 4 OPERATIONS UPDATE

Harbour Master (Port of Dampier) Vikas Bangia

VB discussed the following topics:

- **Safety update:** PPA's 12 month rolling LTIFR is currently at 0.89 against the 2019/20 target of 1.54. PPA's commitment to robust safety procedures for all staff, contractors, service providers and visitors was reiterated and commended.
- **Port of Dampier year-to-date (YTD) statistics:** Slight decrease in YTD shipping statistics in comparison to previous year. Iron ore was down three per cent with LNG down four per cent. Imports have seen an increase of three per cent. Overall a total decrease of three per cent throughput at the Port of Dampier.
- **Recovery Post Tropical Cyclone Damien:** A total of fourteen vessels reported to have broken away from moorings with eight in State waters and six in Port waters. PPA priority was ensuring safety of people, followed by assessing environmental impacts. To date, all six vessels in Port waters have been recovered with four remaining in State waters. Salvage works have been impacted by COVID-19 as international expertise is required.
- **Management of Moorings:** Port of Dampier has 178 moorings, 124 cyclone rated and the remaining 54 non-cyclone rated. Despite stringent maintenance standards, failure of the Mooring Hawser led to the fourteen vessels to break moorings. Investigation in conjunction with Department of Transport (DoT) is underway.
- **Dampier Cargo Wharf (DCW) Southern Extension:** Contract awarded to GHD with Stage 1 non-intrusive Geophysical Survey scheduled to commence in 1 June. Stage 2 Intrusive Geotechnical drilling, on-site testing and sampling to follow. Jack Up Barge, Ocean Driller and Jetwave support vessels to assist.
- **Dampier Cargo Wharf (DCW) Northern Extension:** Northern extension will increase deck length by 20 metres. The increase in deck capability will allow a 190 metre vessel on the Western Wharf and two 65 metre vessels or one 120 metre vessel on the Eastern Wharf. Draft and displacement remain unchanged. Plans to progress project with an overall increase in functionality.
- **Dampier Cargo Wharf (DCW) Shift of Piles:** Displacement of DCW piles identified during routine maintenance inspection. DCW was closed for two days to enable a condition assessment. Operational controls have been implemented until the engineering plan is closed out. Expected to have no impact on trade operations at DCW.
- **Hydrographic Survey:** Annual Hydrographic Survey of Facilities Channel, DWC West and DCW East was completed on 26 May. New depths will be declared with no change reported.
- **COVID-19 Update:** Working with State and Commonwealth Government agencies to ensure quarantine arrangements are applied fully to shipping at our ports. PPA has always applied strict biosecurity processes to protect Australia from unwanted pest and diseases. PPA has tightened its protocols consistent with Australian Border Force and the Department of Health conditions and with emergency directions that have been issued by the WA Government.
- **Impact of Seafarers:** Concerns for seafarer welfare addressed as a result of extended contracts and removal of shore leave. Additional support is being provided by all terminal operators. An advanced order system is being managed through Dampier Seafarers Centre.
- **Trade Facilitation:** Port of Dampier had the opportunity to facilitate the cargo offload of a vessel unable to be supported by Broome Port. Pipe for Impex was offloaded from the Sider Jasmine following risk assessment and implementation of additional safety measures.

- **Marine Cadet Program:** Our first Dampier Cadet, Ben Hobart, has signed-off his first contract. Awaiting his joining instructions for his next contract scheduled for June.

Questions and comments:

FN: I start by thanking those people and organisations providing the bit of welfare that we can at the moment by enabling the supply of items. Is there any thought being taken at the Government level regarding crew change and are we going to facilitate crew transfers in the future?

VB: We facilitated a crew change last week in Dampier. The Australian Government are allowing the crew change, however, it is the 14 day quarantine and limitation of flights causing the biggest barriers at this moment.

FN: Is there any scope for chaplaincy being provided on board and being seen as an essential service?

VB: We would support that and happy to discuss this in detail offline.

ITEM 7 DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS AT THE PORT UPDATE

General Manager Engineering and Infrastructure, Charles Kretzmann
CK discussed the following topics:

- **Project Summary:** Work to progress development and projects has not slowed – pressure remains high and we hope to have project announcements in the near future.
- **Prospective Trade Opportunities:** PPA is currently liaising with customers on the following projects:
 - Rio Tinto; Koodaideri
 - BBI Groups; Balla Balla
 - Woodside; Pluto Train 2 & Scarborough
 - Perdamen; Urea
 - EcoMag; Magnesium Carbonate & Soda Ash
 - Yara; Ammonium Nitrate
 - Direct shipping services

It is anticipated that the timing of these projects may be impacted by COVID-19.

- **Dampier Cargo Wharf (DCW) Extension & Landside Redevelopment:** Plans for a new land-backed wharf on the southern end of the DCW. This will support projects proposed in the Burrup Strategic Industrial Area and provide opportunities for new shipping services to the port. Multi-user, multi-product facility capable of accommodating bulk carriers, a liner service including RoRo cargo vessels, additional laydown area and cruise ships.
- **Future Port of First Entry:** New infrastructure is in development. Similar facilities have been completed in Port Hedland, some existing infrastructure in Port Hedland set to relocate to Dampier.
- **Dampier Cargo Wharf (DCW) Asset Condition:** Regular inspection identified some movement of piles in the first pile row of the DCW deck extension. This row of piles has an usual design aspect without direct deck panel anchoring. Operational controls are in place, with minimal impact to ongoing operations while engineering options are being sourced. Full condition assessment activities, in line with the Wharf Structural Condition Assessment Manual (WSCAM), will be undertaken in June/July.

ITEM 8 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE

Environment and Heritage Manager, Dan Pedersen

DP discussed the following topics:

- **Ports WA Environment Working Group:** The collaborative forum for exchange of information on environmental management across all WA Port Authorities is chaired by PPA. The forum has led to collaborative monitoring programs and assists with the ongoing management of environment projects, specifically to ports, often leading to best practise methods.
- **Technical Advisory and Consultative Committee (TACC):** The last meeting was held in May with updates provided on marine operations, dredging methodology followed by information share but industry partners.
- **Shipping Air Emissions Inventory –** PPA initiated pilot study to develop a robust model to estimate a range of air emissions derived from the combustion of bunker fuels from commercial vessels at our port sites. The findings would set a new benchmark for determining vessel emissions in WA Ports in real-time. The study is conducted in partnership with RightShip through their Maritime Emissions Portal.
- **Marine Environmental Quality SAP:** Plan provides a framework to monitor, characterise and report long-term trends in marine water and sediment quality within the port and surrounding waters. Environmental Quality Indicators for water and sediment quality, establishing associated Environmental Quality Criteria that are locally relevant and appropriate to the port and surrounding waters.
- **Migratory Whales:** Public reminder to all boat users to keep appropriate distance and operate their vessels safely around migrating whales. Protection rules apply under the Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018 for whale watching. Parks and Wildlife Services ask people to adhere to these rules over the next few months.

ITEM 9 COMMUNITY UPDATE

Community Relations Advisor, Tegan Read

TR discussed the following topics:

- **City of Karratha – 2020/21 funding partnership:** Discussions are underway between PPA and the City of Karratha to continue funding partnership for 2020/21. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, some community events and initiatives have been cancelled. PPA are working with the City to remain connected with our community during this time. Members will be notified when further details are available.
- **Community Support Initiative (CSI):** PPA has recently supported the following through the CSI, Karratha Women's Football Association: \$1,722 to secure the 2020 season ball sponsorship; Nickol Hawks Cricket Club: \$2,582 for a portable shade structure; Karratha Hockey Association: \$2,407 to purchase a sunshade and signage.
- **2020 Staff Community Grant:** The CSI staff Community Grant provides PPA employees the opportunity to nominate a charity or not-for-profit organisation. This year staff voted to split the \$10,000 grant between two organisations:
 - Pilbara Wildlife Carers Associations; \$5,000
 - Karratha Community Men's Shed; \$5,000
- **PPA COVID-19 Community Relief Fund:** Applications are open for the COVID-19 Community Relief Fund with members strongly encouraged to share with their networks and community organisations. The streamlined process aims to alleviate the financial strain experienced due to the pandemic.

ITEM 10 AOB

Chair opened the discussion for comments or questions. CK thanked all those in dialling in and closed the meeting at 5:42pm.

ITEM 10 ACTION ITEMS

Action No.	Action	Who
Nil		