

Meeting No. 145
Wednesday, 10 February 2021
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

WebEx online meeting

Minutes

Attendees	
<p>Community members Ron Hales Philip Laird Mark Peterlin</p> <p>Business Representatives Nigel Harpley – Ixom Brian Kiely – PK Gateway Lorrie Zammit – BlueScope Stephanie Roberts- BlueScope Greg Newman – EPA Michael Curley – PK Coal Terminal Evan Wissell – AAT Cory Page – LINX Paul Bollen – Morgan Cement</p> <p>University of Wollongong Allison Broad Andy Davis</p> <p>NSW Ports representatives Trevor Brown Sarah Downey Vida Cheeseman</p> <p>Port Authority of NSW Peter Ernst</p>	<p>Wollongong City Council None present</p> <p>Dept of Agriculture None present</p> <p>Chris Haley – Chairperson Natalie Murphy – Minute Taker</p> <p>Apologies Andy Brownjohn – BOC Gases Michael Graham – Pacific National John Morrison – UOW Dave Allen – Quattro Ports Renee Winsor – Wollongong City Council Peter Maywald – Community Member</p>

1. Introduction & Apologies: Chris Haley welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted apologies. Welcome to Peter Ernst representing Port Authority of NSW. Peter is Head of Operations – Port Kembla and South Coast at Port Authority of NSW.

2. Presentation – BlueScope Steel involvement in NSW Bin Trim Program– Lorrie Zammit – Appendix A

- Introduction of Stephanie Roberts to PKHEG. Stephanie works within the environment team within BlueScope looking after Spring Hill and the Western Sydney facility. This meeting is Stephanie's 1st attendance.
- Presentation: The Bin Trim program is founded by EPA. BlueScope has registered for this program across 13 sites. Results of reduced volumes of waste into landfill and reduced costs associated with waste.
- Lorrie Zammit encourages all operators to get involved in the program. Free assistance and support are provided, and Lorrie is happy to answer any questions.
- Rebates are available for recycling equipment.
- Levi Gibson is the EPA representative working on the Bin Trim Program and he has offered to come and give a presentation to the PKHEG.

3. Key Initiatives and Actions: Refer to Appendix B – TB

- No changes to Initiatives and Actions from previous meeting.

4. Climate Change

4.1 Plan for industry updates on sustainability initiatives throughout 2021– CH/SD

ACTION: Trevor Brown from NSW Ports and Greg Newman EPA will present at next meeting their industries initiatives to meet 2050 emission targets.

5. Legislation and Policy

- **LZ:** The most recent update to policy directly affects VIC. In summary there have been some changes around reporting incidents to EPA and the community.
- **GN:** New Construction noise guideline: The existing guideline is several years old. There is a requirement to update and expand on communication within the community and assessment. This legislation mostly affects grand scale development in areas like Sydney. An EPA presentation is included as **Appendix C**. You can also visit the link below for more information:
<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/noise/industrial-noise/construction-noise>

6. Round Table Reports (update on Harbour related information)

6.1 Wollongong City Council: RW (absent)

- Renee Winsor was absent from the meeting however Renee sent in her response to the Action point from the last meeting re: Update from Councils Storm Water Traffic Manager re Allans Creek gross pollutant control.
- As stated in previous minutes:

The WCCC letter from 2018 attached states: “At this stage, Council's resourcing and funding is fully committed and would be unable to progress feasibility assessment during the current financial year. Notwithstanding we will consider undertaking the feasibility study for Allans Creek in a future financial year subject to measures identified in Stormwater Management Plan for the catchment, funding and resource availability.”

- Councils response from Nur Joy, Civil Asset Management Unit Leader on 4 February 2021 was:
“We are yet to undertake the feasibility study for Allan creek. The advice in the letter is still current”.

6.2 EPA update: GN

- Following on from last meeting GN was to present water samples from Darcy Road Drain (EPA Source) The EPA’s specialist environmental sampling team conducted tests in November, which indicated levels of some metals in the water in the drain were above water quality guidelines (see results on the website). <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/community-engagement/community-news/darcy-road-drain-sampling>
- Additional information advised by GN after the meeting is that:
- Darcy Road drain was sampled in two locations on the North side Foreshore Road and north side of Darcy Road
- Testing will continue monthly (EPA) for 6 months with review after 6 months.

6.3 NSW Ports - TB

- AIE gas terminal is progressing. Some documentation for construction was recently approved by Dept of Planning. AIE are working on some documentation for dredging and waste management. It is anticipated that AIE will make a presentation to the Group at the next meeting.

6.4 AAT - EW

- The number of vessels has slightly increased from last year.
- Working through 2 windfarm projects. Last of the blades to arrive by May.
- Tunnel boring machine 1 + 3 completed by May.
- There are a couple of wind projects currently in discussion for PKH.
- Car volumes are slightly depressed. Tesla has marketed heavily in Illawarra and an expected 1000 vehicles due into PKH. Coastal shipping to other areas from PKH.

Q: Where is the wind farm infrastructure manufactured?

A: They are manufactured predominately in China and India. Tesla is made in China.

6.5 UoW – AD & AB

- UoW are currently exploring an anchoring project. There are a series of grab samples from Newcastle.
- UoW are working with Geoscience Australia and ANU to analyse samples
- Allison is a PHD candidate at UoW currently undergoing a thesis on the impacts of large ships anchoring offshore in Wollongong compared to no anchoring whilst at anchor or after. Remotely operated vehicles are gathering the information. Allison to give updates as it happens.

6.6 PK GATEWAY – BK

- Busy with projects on site.
- 2 weeks ago, PK Gateway completed replacing panels on sheds 1,2 and 3 on Christy Drive. It was a \$40k investment in acetate panels but lighting was required even during the day. This now allows natural light.
- 1 year ago, we cut out a concrete wall and reused the waste on a rail site rather than land fill.

Q: VC – Do you have an estimate of electricity saved over the long term with replaced panels?

A: Panels were ISO accredited. We could cross reference to determine electricity saved.

6.7 COMMUNITY: PL

- Neighbourhood Forum 5 has requested that some public access be granted to the northern break wall. Question regarding access perhaps just one day a month is directed to PK Coal Terminal.

A: MC – Public access remains closed at this time. Risks to the public are unpalatable. There is currently a significant amount of work underway to surrender part of PKCT associated with Berth101 (Old Coal Berth) lease. There is however significant construction by AIE gas terminal ramping up impacting the risk profile even further. The site operates 24hrs a day 365 days a year.

Q: PL – Should the Community Forum take this up with the new lessor?

A: MC – PKCT will still be a have control over access. Information will be disclosed when it comes to hand.

- PL noted he would like this agenda item to continue to be raised at the next meeting to continue to see if Industry and the Community can come to an agreement on some sort of access.

6.8 IXOM – NM

- Business as usual

6.9 NSW Port Authority – PE

- Port Authority received a new punt in PKH. It is primarily an oil spill response vehicle assisting area from Stanwell Park to Kiama. It is the first responder to these areas within that perimeter.
- A local manufacturer was used to build the punt.
- Vessel is named Allourie. Local elders were consulted and a local schoolboy named the vessel.

ACTION: Peter to send some photos of the Punt to the Committee

7 General Business

7.1 Marketing and Communications – SD

- PKHEG feedback survey was issued in January to gather feedback on this meeting as an effective method of engagement. Thank you to all who took part and shared their views and ideas.
- We were particularly interested in members views about the frequency of the meetings and we are proposing moving to quarterly meetings given the increased frequency of off cycle communications and the availability of 24/7 community engagement channel on our Facebook page.
- We are committed to delivering quality engagement forums and given the work involved in preparing for meetings, our proposal is in the interest of maintaining a viable engagement experience for members and for the benefit of Port Kembla harbour, in line with the groups vision and purpose.
- GW raised a concern regarding what the community may want and asked what their preference was. The community representatives are mixed in their views and all

agreed a trial was acceptable with a view to reviewing the experience of quarterly meetings at the end of 2021.

- Peter Ernst will replace Sharad as Port Authority of NSW representative on this committee and we'd like to thank Sharad for his contributions to the PKHEG over many years.
- NSW Ports' inaugural Community Care Grants Program is launching soon which offers one-off grants of up to \$10,000 to support local projects, services and initiatives that create resilience, shape community spirit or deliver environmental benefits for the communities surrounding NSW Ports operations [Port Kembla] T&Cs apply and PKHEG members will receive the communications about the program via email.
- 25 March 2021 is the date for the Port Kembla Clean Up Australia Day event. Keep an eye out for the registration email soon.
- The proposed 2021 Meeting schedule for PKHEG are:
 - 5 May 2021
 - 4 August 2021
 - 3 November 2021
- Ad hoc meetings will be called as necessary with a review of frequency of the meetings at the end of 2021.
- **Q: MP – Community Member:** Mark was curious to know how companies had fared financially after COVID-19 pandemic?
- **A: LZ - BlueScope:** BlueScope has recorded high profits with strong performance. There was a recent communication from BlueScope CEO who perceived the future of BlueScope as very bright.
- **A: AD - UoW:** The university sector has been devastated. Probably for the next 2 years. Andy has been made redundant from UoW.
- **A: VC – NSW Ports:** The CEO of NSW Ports has released a video report outlining the 2 ports as relatively stable with the industry being resilient. Please see the video link below:
<https://comms.nswports.com.au/pub/pubType/EO/pubID/zzzz5fdb36a5cc7cc285/?vid=j0UMo9fqEic>
- **Q: RH – Community member** directed a Q to LZ from BlueScope: Does BlueScope still support the Wollongong Rise and Shine Program?
- **A: LZ** to get back to the group at the next meeting.
- **Q: RH to LZ:** Where is BlueScope regarding a hydrogen transition regarding the Dendrobium Mine?
- **A: Lorrie** responded post meeting with a link for further information: In reference to Ron Hales' enquiry relating to Hydrogen in the Steelmaking process, please advise the PKHG forum members that this matter was discussed at the last CCC meeting. Details (minutes of CCC meetings) can be obtained at this address

<http://bsi-illawarraweb-prod.elasticbeanstalk.com/community/community-consultative-committee/>

Meeting finished at 10.45am

1. Next Meeting:

DATE: 5 May 2021
VENUE: TBC
TIME: 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

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