

**Meeting:** Port Botany Community Consultative Committee – Meeting No. 26

**Held:** Tuesday 11 February 2020, 5.30pm-7.30pm  
McNevin Room, Prince Henry Centre – 2 Coast Hospital Rd, Little Bay

**Present:**

Charles Abela (CA) – Community	Marie Gibbs (MG) – Patrick Stevedores
John Burgess (JB) – Community	Jennifer Stevenson (JS) – Hutchison
Peter Fagan (PF) – Community	Mark Millevoy (MM) – Vopak
Lynda Newnam (LN) – Community	Alan Chambers (AC) - Vopak
Bronwyn Englaro (BE) – Randwick Council	Mark Bernhardt (MB) – Origin Energy
Lachlan McGrath (LM) – Electorate Offices for Member for Kingsford Smith	Michael Kinnell (MK) – Origin Energy
Alexi Cassis - Electorate Offices for Member for Kingsford Smith	Craig Osborne – Caltex
Theresa Gustowski (TG) – Conversation Volunteers Australia	Aldo Costabile – Elgas Limited
Russell Brown (RB) - ACFS	Karen Jones – Orora
Catherine Blaine (CB) – Port Authority of NSW	
	Jonathan Lafforgue (JL) – NSW Ports
	Greg Walls (GW) – NSW Ports
	Adriane Whiley (AWH) – NSW Ports
Roberta Ryan (RR) – Chairperson	Vida Cheeseman (VC) – NSW Ports
Stella Cimarosti (SC) – Minute taker	Sarah Downey (SD) – NSW Ports
	Trevor Brown (TB) – NSW Ports

**Apologies:**

Item	Description	Action/Responsibility
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies and Introductions</b>	
1.1	<b>Apologies</b> Paul Pickering (PP) – Community Mal Jagdev-Imrich (MJI) – Community Patrick Medway (PM) – Bayside Chamber of Commerce Clare Harley (CH) – Bayside Council Dylan Parker (DP) – Electorate Offices for Member for Maroubra Erin Barker (EB) – EPA Matthew Wright (MaW) – Botany LAC Mark Shaw (MS) – DP World Adrian Phillips (AP) – Terminals Pty Ltd Mark Walker (MW) – Qenos	
1.2	LM introduced Alexi to the group. Alexi will be taking over for Lachlan moving forward. The chair thanked Lachlan for he contribution to the CCC.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Presentations</b>	
2.1	<b>Restoring Sir Josephs Banks Park – TG</b> Presentation attached to minutes. Key points:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conservation Volunteers Australia has a three year partnership with NSW Ports to protect and enhance Sir Joseph Banks Park.</li> <li>- They are currently about halfway through this partnership.</li> <li>- What has been achieved so far:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 323 volunteers engaged</li> <li>o 41KG of litter collected</li> <li>o 6503 seedlings and trees planted</li> <li>o 9665 m2 of weeds removed</li> <li>o 30 project days delivered</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Thank you to Bayside Council for their support in delivering the project. Providing water to the seedlings to ensure they grow.</li> </ul> <p>Questions:</p> <p>MG asked if Bayside Council is taking on the maintenance work after the volunteers have completed their work.</p> <p>TG advised that Bayside would be doing continued maintenance however, this will happen in partnership. Bayside Council will take care of the bigger task such as watering and volunteers will come back and do smaller tasks such as weeding.</p> <p>MG asked about the fire control for the area. To make sure that the fire material/litter material is reduced. How do we make sure that this doesn't become a fire hot spot?</p> <p>JB noted that often offcuts from mowing/weeding are retained to provide protection and habitat for animals. While this might be a fire hazard it provides habitat for the animals.</p> <p>TB noted that typically councils have plans for fire management in these kind of spaces.</p> <p>JB commented on the history of the site. It was underwater years ago. When the ports came in the land was reclaimed and the deal was that the Council had to maintain it however, Council never had the money to maintain it. Council have made some better progress in this space to improve it however, historically the area has been ignored. An artist was commissioned to build the animal sculptures and they have been neglected and need to be fixed.</p> <p>LN noted that the fire management plan could be found on Councils website.</p>	
2.2	<p><b>Vopak Site B4A Development – MM &amp; AC</b> Presentation attached to minutes.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project involves the construction of three new storage tanks</li> <li>- The land has been vacant since 2015</li> <li>- In 2016 State Significant Development approval was received. Internal approvals to proceed with the project have now been provided.</li> <li>- Detailed design and engineering has begun as well as work to finalise what approvals and documentation is required for the development approval.</li> <li>- Construction is due to start in March 2020 with completion due at the end of June 2021.</li> <li>- Planning documents can be found on the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's website.</li> <li>- Currently finalising and seeking approvals for the construction management plans.</li> <li>- The traffic management plan was approved by the Department.</li> </ul>	

	<p>Questions:  PF – What will the tanks contain?  AC – Diesel.  PF questioned if Vopak had any view on the possibility of a cruise ship terminal being built in such close proximity to the tanks. Very close to the site is one of two options being considered for the location of the new cruise terminal. Is there concern with having this material close to a high density of people?  AC noted that Vopak has not considered any future surrounding developments that have not been approved.  PF noted that the community are concerned about this.  AC noted that if this were to go ahead a quantitative risk assessment would be carried out. This would mean looking into an exclusion zone (What you can/can't put within a range of certain materials). There are Australian standards around this which would need to be complied to.  PF asked what the standard was.  AC responded that it was Australian Standard 1940 storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids.</p> <p>CA asked if any deodorising would be done or a flare?  AC advised that there would be no flare.  CA noted that sometimes the diesel comes in with odour and deodorising is carried out.  AC advised that no deodorising would be carried out.  CA noted that they are big tanks. What percentage increase would these create?  AC advised they would create a 30% increase.</p> <p>RB asked if a study as to how the new tanks would affect the contours of the site has been carried out.  AC noted that a preliminary study has been carried out. Once detailed design has been finalised a final study will be completed. AC also noted that these are combustible not flammable materials and the contours will not go outside the boundaries of the new facilities.  RB asked what percentage would be bunding.  AC responded 110% minimum.  RB asked if it was a flammable site.  AC advised it wasn't.  RB asked if the geotechnical report found anything out of the ordinary.  AC advised not really - mostly sand in the area.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Accept minutes of last meeting</b>	
3.1	MG and JS accepted minutes.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Actions arising from previous minutes</b>	
4.1	Action 3.3 from May 2019 – dry weather odour.	Remains open. To be picked up offline with CH.
4.2	Action 7.2 from August 2019 – Hutchison sand pile. CB noted that RB did not action this due to the environmental issues associated with moving the sand to this area where seagrass is present. JB noted that it shouldn't matter where the sand comes from, it's going to have the same impact. The area is continuing to be degraded and needs to be topped up with sand. It would have been nice to see sand from Botany Bay go back into Botany Bay.	
4.3	Item 6.2 from October 2019 minutes BE confirmed council received an email from RB on 30 October in regards to shorebird monitoring volunteers which was forwarded onto Renee Ferster-Levee who has conducted workshops for Council.	

	LN noted that Phil Straw was the consultant who carried out the shorebird monitoring.	
4.4	Item 6.2 from October 2019 minutes CB noted that the assets team is having a look at the signage to get some replacements out. A lot of the damage was cosmetic so that will be repaired.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Port Botany Community Assets</b>	
5.1	CB advised that the Port Authority of NSW have recently completed a major upgrade of the sewer pumps and are about to do some further upgrades after the storm damage (surrounding the fish feeding areas).	
5.2	JB advised that there are 25 banks of lights around the boat ramp and of those 25 only three are operational. JB noted that he was unsure if they are broken or have been turned off. They need to be either repaired or turned on. There have been break ins and it is unsafe. We have also been advised that the CCTV camera here is also not working. Can we look into this? CB advised she would pass this onto the maintenance team.	CB maintenance team to be requested to fix lights and CCTV
5.3	LN noted that the beach was looking poor this morning. CB noted that there had just been a major storm and this was likely why it was looking poor. JB noted that the groynes here are a waste of space. LN commented that they enhance the ugliness of the area.	
<b>6</b>	<b>NSW Ports Sustainability Update</b>	
6.1	<b>Stakeholder perception survey feedback.</b> VC noted that a reputation based survey was carried out in October/November 2019. The survey was completed in order to gauge community and stakeholder perception around trust for NSW Ports. Both the community and stakeholder were invited to participate. 10 participants were from this group and 70 participants were from the community. The survey helped to identify key strengths and weaknesses from the business and key drivers – what the community want us to do. We found: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Areas of opportunity around the way we share information and how we can work through this forum to be more open and engaging.</li> <li>- The community and stakeholders want to know more about sponsorship.</li> <li>- We have a lack of channels in terms of our communication.</li> <li>- Participants noted that information on the website is hidden and there are no specific channels such as social media.</li> </ul> In response to this we are a looking at a project to drive that digital communications and redevelop the website. Community are welcome to provide input into this. We will also be looking at social media down the track and to open the dialogue around the initiatives that will be delivered.  MG asked about dialogue with the tenants. VC responded that NSW Ports were working through this.  JB noted the need to repair and maintain Joseph Banks Park. Raise Some funds with regards to the old zoo exhibits would go a long way. Some are beyond repair. It would be a shame to see the statues need to be removed. We need more than communication – we need to see this work being done. VC noted that there is a process for sponsorship.	VC to provide advice to JB and the group around sponsorship.
<b>7</b>	<b>Operational and Development Activities in the Port</b>	

7.1	<p><b>Hutchison</b> JS advised that the sand pile is being slowly removed. Still got a few more months on the one that is being removed at the moment. JB asked where the sand would be going? JS advised it is being shipped by the contractor to their site and they then on sell it.</p>	
7.2	<p><b>Patrick</b> MG noted that Patrick have two pieces of work happening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently working on the construction and environmental management plan for the removal of crane two.</li> <li>- Construction of the rail project is coming along well. I visit the site periodically. Pleased to see the contractor is very responsive. The project is making progress.</li> </ul>	
7.2	<p><b>DP World</b> No one present</p>	
7.3	<p><b>Vopak</b> Nil to report</p>	
7.4	<p><b>Elgas</b> Nil to report</p>	
7.5	<p><b>Caltex</b> Nil to report</p>	
7.6	<p><b>Origin Energy</b> Nil to report</p>	
7.7	<p><b>Terminals</b> No representative present.</p>	
7.8	<p><b>Orora</b> KJ advised that at the last meeting it was mentioned that Orora have been sold. The sale is due to go through at the end of March. Orora will be called Opal once the sale goes through. Co-generation plant – engineering/design works happening over in Europe at the moment. This needs to happen before Orora start work on the EIS.</p>	
7.9	<p><b>Qenos</b> No one present.</p>	
7.10	<p><b>NSW Ports developments</b> GW noted that there is one development for container storage on the site previously leased by Qenos. The site is currently being prepared. Operations are scheduled to start early May however, some time may have been lost due to the weather. NSW Ports have completed the work to resurface Friendship Road, Simblist Road, and Charlotte Road.</p>	
7.11	<p><b>La Perouse Wharf</b> CA noted that surveying was being carried out for a new ferry wharf at La Perouse. TB noted that NSW Ports were not aware of this work. JB advised that around two years ago it was proposed. NSW Ports should be aware as they are responsible for navigation in the Port and a new ferry service would likely have an impact on this. BE noted that Council have been contacted by TfNSW regarding this work. LN noted that a feasibility report was carried out by Arup. BE advised that TfNSW will carry out community consultation after the investigation work has been completed. A consultant has been engaged to carry out consultation. Investigations started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Feb. Contact – Ferry Wharves Project Team: <a href="mailto:Maritime@transport.nsw.gov.au">Maritime@transport.nsw.gov.au</a> PF noted that this is of major interest to the community and noted it may be a concern for NSW Ports.</p>	

	<p>TB advised that NSW Ports made a submission about two years ago when the proposal initially came out. CA noted that perhaps TfNSW could come and present when they are ready with their proposal. BE noted that Council have suggested that to TfNSW but they are not in a position to do this until after they have completed their investigation work. LN noted that there were submissions made two years ago and no response was received from TfNSW.</p>	
7.12	<p><b>Port Botany Cruise Proposal Business Case</b> CB noted that the team are progressing with technical studies. They will be conducting community consultation in the middle of the year. At that time they will share information collected in the first consultation and how that has been considered. Design concepts will be available at this point as well.</p>	
7.13	<p><b>Planning and legislation update</b> GW noted that the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will be progressing with their legislation changes. LN asked if they would be advising people who made submissions. GW noted that he was not sure but assumed further consultation and communication would take place.</p>	
7.14	<p>JB noted that the site on the corner of Botany Road and Beauchamp Road is being used by a building company for their supplies. Questioned if this was an appropriate use for the site.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Port Botany Expansion Rail Noise Update</b> TB advised no complaints had been received about rail noise.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Safety and Environmental Incidents/Complaints</b> TB advised three complaints had been received regarding engine noise. Two complaints were received between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of January. One was received on the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> of January. NSW Ports are investigating this.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Bio Security</b></p>	
10.1	<p>JB noted that 18 months ago a shipping container lost its load. There are currently still 16 containers still missing. Is there anything further being done to try and find the remaining lost containers? The containers will have started to break down and we don't know what's in them or what damage they will do. JB also noted that the Federal Police seized the vessel that lost the containers. LN asked if they were seized at Port Botany? JL advised that the <i>YM Eternity</i>, a sister ship of the vessel which lost the containers, berthed into BD11 on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of February at 6:30am. They were detained by the Admiralty Marshals. Early this morning (11<sup>th</sup> of February) the ship was allowed to sail.</p>	
10.2	<p>TB noted that NSW Ports continue to contact relevant contractors regarding biosecurity. NSW Ports are monitoring advice from the Government around coronavirus and taking precautions. JB asked if NSW Ports anticipate it will have an impact on the vessels JL noted that its being monitored and the situation continues to change so it is hard to say.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>General Business/Next meeting</b></p>	
11.1	<p>MG noted that Patricks would be installing a WIFI system onto one of their cranes. This would allow crews to access the internet. The device was created by the seafarers. It is a portable orange box which allows access to WIFI at the port.</p>	
11.2	<p>NSW Ports has appointed a new chair. PF commented that the Save Yarra Bay Community Group are concerned that effective communication with NSW Ports has been</p>	RR/TB to action







**Conservation**  
Volunteers Australia

**NSW Ports**

## Revitalising Sir Joseph Banks Park, Botany

An community environmental project supported by NSW Ports



# Who are Conservation Volunteers Australia?



- Founded in 1982
- Leader in practical conservation
- Host 2000+ projects and 12,500+ volunteers nationally per year
- Fun, easy & rewarding activities

## Our vision:

*To strengthen the health of communities and the environment for mutual benefit*

# A day in the life of a Conservation Volunteer

- 1 Team Leader with a team of up to 10 volunteers
- Tools, equipment and training are all provided
- Undertake a range of conservation activities;
  - Weed control
  - Litter collection
  - Preparing the site for planting
  - Revegetation
- Guided tour of the site by CVA Team Leader







# Sir Joseph Banks Park

- 28 ha in size
- The Park is a **recreational open space** but also functions as a significant **wildlife corridor** within Botany Bay
- Comprised of **coastal scrub/woodland**, **frontal dunes** and remnant patches of **Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub** (an EEC)

History of urban disturbance



Decline in ecological condition



# Our Partnership with NSW Ports



**3 year partnership** to engage the community in order to protect and enhance Sir Joseph Banks Park



*CVA, NSW Ports and Bayside Council at the project launch in 2018*



*A group of NSW Ports employees braving the rains at a tree planting event*





# Works conducted by CVA thus far..



**323 volunteers  
participating in a project**



**30 project days  
delivered**



**6,508 seedlings & trees  
planted**

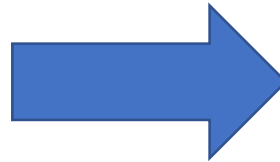


**9,665 m<sup>2</sup> of weeds  
removed**



**41kg of litter  
collected**

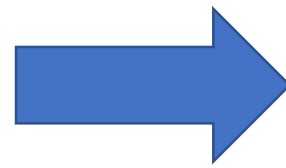
# Works conducted by CVA thus far..



*CVA volunteers have mulched and replanted this section of the Park, after a fire swept through this section of the site. Volunteers have also maintained weed regrowth in these areas.*



# Works conducted by CVA thus far..



*CVA volunteers have weeded, mulched and replanted this section of the Park.  
Bayside Council has reported seedling survival rates of > 75%*



# World Environment Day

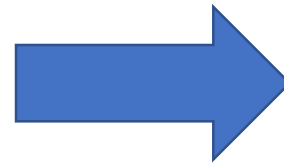
*Annual competitive tree planting event, with corporate teams fighting for the top spot!*



June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
2,500 seedlings planted



# Next steps for Sir Joseph Banks Park?



*Site preparation for World Environment Day 2020!*



# Inhabitants of Sir Joseph Banks Park

Teams have found a wide range of amazing animals while working at the Park!



Brushtail possums



Blue-tongued lizards



A nesting Pacific Black Duck



Yellow-tailed black cockatoos



Marsh snakes



Eastern long-necked turtles



Eastern dwarf tree frogs





## Want to get involved?

- Generally one project scheduled per fortnight
- No long term commitment required – volunteer as little or as often as you like!
- Come and say hello after the presentation to find out how to register for a project!



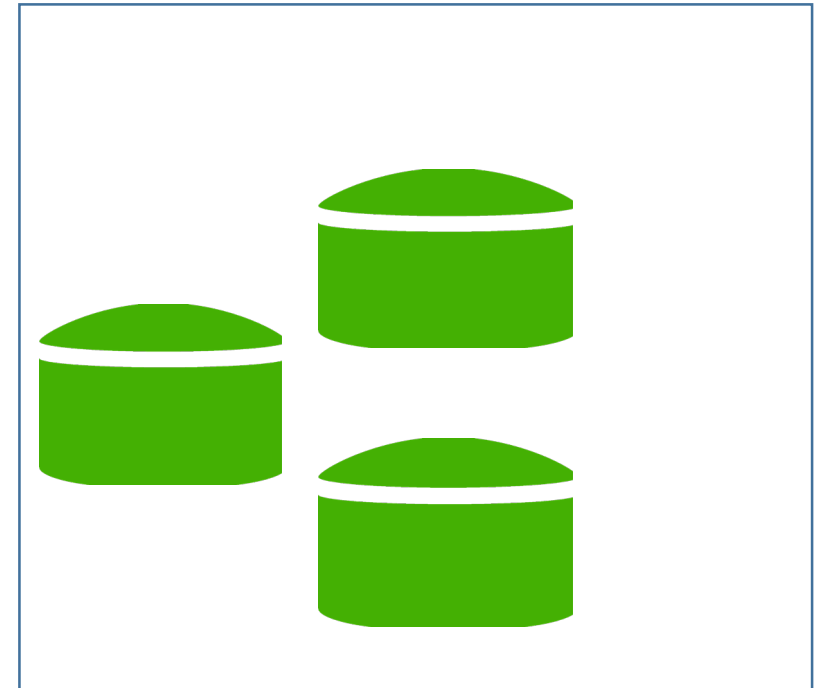
Thank you!  
Questions?





## B4A EXPANSION PROJECT – Over View

- Construction of a satellite facility to increase existing storage capacity of Combustibles.
- This Includes Construction of 3 New Tanks and associated process and civil infrastructure.





Site B

B4A 3 TANKS





# B4A EXPANSION PROJECT- Key Milestones

- Obtaining of Development Approvals is Nearing Completion as of 10 Feb 2020

- Construction includes three new tanks and all associated Process and civil infrastructure – Late March 2020 start.

- The B4A Practical Completion is Forecasted in Mid 2021

## ✓ HIGH LEVEL SCHEDULE

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS- Construction

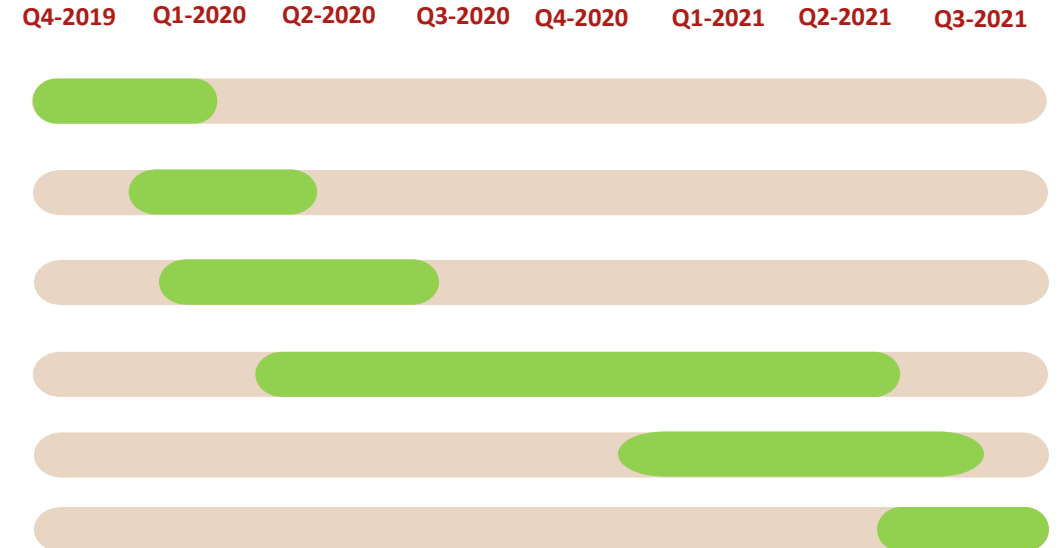
ENGINEERING

PROCUREMENT

CONSTRUCTION

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS- Operations

COMISSIONING



# B4A EXPANSION PROJECT- Focus on Environment

- **Vopak is committed to integrate Environmental Responsibility into all aspects of the B4A Expansion Project .**
- **Numerous studies were conducted to analyse the Impact of Construction and Operations.**
- **Associated plans devised to minimise the impact of Construction and operation activities.**
- **Assessment of Baseline Site Condition was done to asses the suitability of land for commercial and Industrial use.**

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESMENT

- HAZARDS AND RISKS
- Traffic and Transport
- Air Quality
- Noise and Vibration
- Soil and Water
- Waste
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Baseline Data
- Residual Risk Analysis

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLANS

- Traffic Management Plan
- Air Quality Management Plan
- Noise and Vibration Management Plan
- Soil and water Management plan
- Waste Management Plan
- Green House Gas Emissions Management Plan

## BASELINE SITE ASSESMENT

- Baseline Contamination Report
- Baseline Soil Condition
- Baseline Ground water Results





Thank you