

**Meeting No. 137  
Wednesday, 19 June 2019  
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.**

**NSW Ports' Board Room, Level 3 Maritime Centre  
91 Foreshore Road, Port Kembla**

## **Minutes**

### **PRESENT**

Trevor Brown	NSW Ports
Andy Davis	University of Wollongong
Ron Hales	Community Representative
Nigel Harpley	Ixom
Natalia McGregor	NSW Ports
Mark Peterlin	Community Representative
Renee Winsor	Wollongong City Council
Evan Wissell	Australian Amalgamated Terminals (AAT)
Rose Day	NSW Ports
John Macpherson	Pacific National
Lawrence Zammit	Bluescope Steel
Sharad Bhasin	Port Authority
Allison Broad	University of Wollongong
Greg Newman	Environment Protection Authority

### **1. Apologies**

Dene Ladmore	Quattro Ports
Chris Haley	Chairman
Philip Laird	Community Representative
John Morrison	University of Wollongong
Luke Pascot	Port Kembla Coal Terminal
Robyn Simpson	LINX

**2. Presentation** – Allison Broad presented on the ecological condition of offshore anchorage areas (refer to Appendix A).

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting No. 136 held on Wednesday, 3 April 2019**

### **4. Key Initiatives and Actions**

#### **5. Climate Change**

The IMO's Marine Environmental Protection Committee recently adopted a resolution regarding cooperation with ports to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from shipping (Appendix B). Trevor Brown indicated that NSW Ports position on the matters raised in the resolution is as follows–

- There is no indication that ships are ready for or seeking shore power facilities in Australia. NSW Ports is not actively pursuing this option.
- A Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project is proposed for Port Kembla and the proponent is considering offering LNG bunkering as a possibility for the future. This is happening in a few other ports around Australia already.

- havens Ports has introduced an Environmental Incentive for shipping which is offering rebates to ships with low emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases. So far we have received over 160 registrations from ships.
- Optimisation of port calls including 'just in time arrival' links back to the work that UoW is doing on anchoring. NSW Ports is open to the possibility of modifying anchoring practices and adopting appropriate from the research findings.

## **6. Road and Rail Infrastructure**

Trevor Brown advised that Philip Laird had requested the meeting note any positive infrastructure announcements for the region from the NSW Budget 2019/2020.

*[Post meeting note: the Budget confirmed NSW Government funding for continued construction of the Albion Park Rail bypass, Berry to Bomaderry upgrade and new Nowra Bridge. There were no funding announcements for Mt Ousley Rd or rail projects for the region.]*

## **7. PKHEG Website**

No update on this, website release has been delayed.

## **8. Legislation and Policy**

Lawrence Zammit noted that the Queensland government's new waste levy will encourage reduction in waste to landfill.

## **9. Round Table Reports** (update on Harbour related information)

### ***EPA***

Greg Newman provided a written report from EPA (Appendix D)...?

### ***AAT***

Evan Wissell reported that work has commenced on construction of new office facilities at the AAT Terminal. . LED lighting installations are progressing well with 164 new lights scheduled for installation through July/August in the main building. AAT terminal 96% LED.

Pacific National are using the AAT rail siding for the import of Canadian grain which started last week and is going to 100 containers per day. TB commented that it is great to see the level of collaboration in getting this initiative underway.

### ***Community Representatives***

Mark Peterlin advised that the pine tree in PK outside the Breakwater Battery Museum is a direct descendant of the Lone Pine from Gallipoli. Perhaps council could propagate these and gift them to other councils?

Mark said the Dawn Service at the PK RSL is losing momentum and numbers, would it be possible to relocate it to PK near the lone pine? This would require relocation of the RSL wall remembrance plaque.

Natalia McGregor – informed the group that the PK Heritage Park group who has managed the Breakwater Battery Museum, is in the process of becoming re-incorporated and a new committee formed. The idea about having the Dawn Service outside the Breakwater Battery Museum has been raised and Mark's point will be noted and shared with the new committee.

Natalia also offered the PKHEG members an opportunity to express interest in being involved with the heritage park as a committee member or volunteer.

### ***Wollongong Council***

Renee Winsor – The council is planning to release a Sustainability Strategy. Anyone is welcome to have input and the link will be available on the website. The strategy will incorporate Council's commitments made through the Global Covenant of Mayors – including calculation of the carbon budget for Wollongong LGA. The PKHEG members may be asked for their feedback.

## **IXOM**

Nigel Harpley reported that the connection of the sulphur storage tank to the site's ventilation system has been completed. Morgan Cement have advised IXOM of its intention to demolish the large redundant shed adjacent to Foreshore Road. Work will commence in 2 – 3 weeks and will take 8 weeks to complete. It will involve a lot of asbestos removal. It will be undertaken as complying development and there will be letter box drops to neighbours, etc.

## **Port Authority**

Sharad Bhasin advised that by January 2020, a new fuel sulphur limit of 0.5% will apply to shipping. The low sulphur fuel specs are coming into effect around the world. Scrubbers are being put into some vessels as either open or closed loop systems. EPA discussions are underway to determine whether Australia will allow open loop scrubbers or only closed loop (closed loop contains all waste water). Scrubbers are not cheap – potentially a few million dollars per vessel.

Trevor Brown reported that data obtained through the NSW Ports shipping Environmental Incentive scheme shows that many ships are already using low sulphur fuel.

## **NSW Ports**

NSW Ports has complied with the new biosecurity standard and Biosecurity kits will be put out at both common user berths 201 & 206.

Media reports are circulating about new LNG project. AIE have secured a supply contract with Energy Australia and they have appointed a JV to construct the facility. However, no final investment decision has been made. Currently they are undertaking design work.

NSW Ports is working on a qualitative assessment of major environmental risks at Port Kembla, kicking off with a risks and major incidents workshop next week which will include tenants and service providers.

Mark Peterlin commented on recent scenario testing that took place at a workshop in Sydney. A tsunami event was simulated to determine how NSW would respond and manage power in such an emergency.

## **UOW**

Andy Davis advised that the Blue Economy conference is on next week in Fremantle which Allison will be presenting at.

The report and findings on 150 known contaminants by John Morrison and Brian Jones is now available. Trevor Brown to send around to the group (Appendix E).

## **10. General Business**

### ***New Community Rep***

Trevor Brown reported that letters were sent to Bruce and Olive on behalf of PKHEG thanking them for their long service to the group. There is now an opening to find another community representative on the committee. There is a formal process to engage a new representative, anyone interested needs to offer their credentials and fill out an application form.

### ***Potential Bitumen Facility at the Port***

Mark Peterlin asked about reports of a new bitumen facility proposed for Port Kembla. There are concerns about what this might mean for fumes and carcinogens. This sort of facility goes against the PKCIF and revitalisation plan because it is very dirty. The community would not welcome such a development.

Trevor Brown confirmed that an enquiry has been submitted but no determinations have been made. It would be an *import* facility only and not a manufacturing plant. Appropriate environmental controls would apply to any development.

## **11. Next Meeting:**

**DATE:** Wednesday, 7 August 2019

**VENUE:** NSW Ports Board Room

Level 3, Maritime Centre  
91 Foreshore Road  
PORT KEMBLA

**TIME:** 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

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