

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**KWINANA QUAY COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP**

**Date:** Tuesday, 16 June 2009  
**Location:** Koorliny Centre, Sulphur Road, Kwinana  
**Time:** 5.30 pm – 7.00pm  
**Chairperson:** Chris Leatt-Hayter

**Community Representatives:**

**Chris Oughton** - Kwinana Industries Council  
**Allan Gade and Annette Gade** - Conservation of Rockingham Environment  
**Cr Ruth Alexander** - Town of Kwinana  
**Cr Val Oliver** - City of Cockburn and Coolbellup Community Association  
**Janet Moore** - Com Net  
**Neil Hartley** - Town of Kwinana  
**Nick Gregson** - BP Refinery  
**Steve Hesse** - Kwinana Progress Association  
**Tamara Vrekan** - City of Rockingham

**Fremantle Ports' Representatives:**

**Ainslie de Vos** - Manager External Affairs  
**Gino Valenti** - General Manager Business Sustainability  
**Helen Elliott** - Community Relations Co-ordinator  
**Jane Edwards** - Social Sustainability Coordinator

**Apologies:**

**Patrick Coffey** - Alcoa  
**Peter Ricci** - City of Rockingham  
**Milo Mihovilovich** - Minara Resources  
**Morris Danks** - Casuarina Wellard Progress Association  
**Peter Christian** - Verve Energy

**Presenter:**

**Wayne McKay** - Principal, Hillman Primary School

## **1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INVITATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

Chris Leatt-Hayter introduced himself to the group, welcomed those present and special guest Wayne McKay (Principal of Hillman Primary School) and read out the apologies.

He said community liaison was a high priority for Fremantle Ports. It was critically important to have a good understanding of community expectations so that issues could be addressed in an appropriate way.

In response to a call for additional agenda items, an item on Elaine Christy's seagrass presentation to the International Seagrass Biology Workshop at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, Vancouver Island, Canada, was included as a general business topic.

## **2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 March 2009 had been previously circulated and were confirmed. At the March meeting, Allan Gade had suggested that the coal handled at Kwinana Bulk Terminal should be water sprayed before leaving the quarry. In follow up, Gino Valenti reported back that the coal coming into the terminal had a moisture content of around 23 per cent and a coating was sprayed over the stockpile but it tended to dry out in high winds and Fremantle Ports was looking at how to keep the coal damp with a sprinkler system.

## **3. HILLMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Wayne McKay gave an interesting and detailed PowerPoint presentation outlining the development of Hillman Primary's school-wide maritime program, work underway to establish a community garden at the school as a student learning experience, and participation in fundraising and awareness for Purple Haze. He said Fremantle Ports' ongoing support for Hillman Primary School projects was much appreciated, as were the scholarships provided at Year 7 level for selected students planning to enter the Rockingham Senior High School Maritime Studies stream. Support from Fremantle Ports had also enabled four students from Hillman Primary to attend the Youth Environment Conference in Perth last year.

Wayne said successive generations of families had attended the school. There was a fantastic spirit in the school community amongst teachers, parents and students, with a great sense of community ownership.

It was important to ensure that Hillman Primary School students got the best education possible to help them reach their potential. Most students from Hillman Primary went on to Rockingham Senior High and the development of the maritime program at primary level would help achieve a seamless transition.

Other organisations such as Bunnings were now coming on board to support the support Hillman's environmental projects.

### **3. TRADE UPDATE**

Chris spoke about the impacts of the global economic downturn on port trade. In the Outer Harbour, the HIs melt project had been put on care and maintenance and this has presented Fremantle Ports with some challenges as there had been a lot of emphasis on the HIs melt business in terms of the organising of the Kwinana Bulk Terminal (KBT). However, the impact had been somewhat ameliorated by the Griffin Coal exports through KBT.

Chris said there had been a massive increase in grain exports this year and some of the containerised grain was now going back to bulk shipment. Container trade had done well in the first half of the last financial year but had declined by about 12 per cent in the five months since January. Motor vehicle imports were down by about 30 per cent, but steel imports were strong.

The extent of the impacts across Australia in terms of trade hadn't been as severe as in Asia and Europe.

### **4. FORWARD PLANNING**

Chris Leatt-Hayter said spoke about the continuing importance of the forward planning for future trade needs. New facilities would be needed in time to supplement the Inner Harbour.

The Optimum Planning Group established to look at how best to meet future growth was taking into account a wide range of issues such as financial and economic, environmental and social, transport links, land requirements and intermodal terminal facilities.

Fremantle Ports was providing the Optimum Planning Group with a lot of information. The work of the Group was progressing and its report would be put to government.

He said James Point Stage One was going through an approvals process.

Elaine Christy said recent publicity about the future of the Inner Harbour had resulted in some confusion and people in the community were looking for clarification.

Chris Leatt-Hayter said it was salient that the State Government had approved Fremantle Ports' planned expenditure of \$250 million on the deepening of the Inner Harbour and associated works.

He said managing land transport links was a very high priority for efficient freight operations.

In response to a question from Neil Hartley on the likely time at which the Inner Harbour will reach capacity, Chris said that based on current trends it would probably be around 2018 to 2019, and the Optimum Planning Group was looking at timeframes.

Elaine Christy spoke about the importance of protecting the health of Cockburn Sound, and in particular the importance of the existing seagrass and the replanting programs. Cockburn Sound was improving but needed time to recover.

Janet Moore spoke about concerns in the community over the proposed intermodal terminal and the level of consultation being undertaken. A workshop had been held by DPI but the timing of it made it difficult for some people to attend.

## **5. KWINANA QUAY**

Gino Valenti said work was progressing on the documentation for the Environmental Report and Management Plan on the Kwinana Quay project. This would be submitted to the EPA and then advertised for a three month public comment period. This was likely to be next year.

## **6. LOSS MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Gino presented Fremantle Ports' Loss Management Report for March to May 2009.

Incidents as follows:

- Fire on a vessel at the Kwinana Bulk Jetty. Local contractors engaged by the ship had been cutting and grinding stops welded to the upper deck. FESA responded quickly and investigation showed that no Permit to Work or Hot Work Certificate had been issued, no job safety analysis had been conducted and contractors had not been inducted. The engineering contractor was reminded of requirements for undertaking work within port boundaries. Further review identified need to follow up in writing and seek written assurance of understanding of systems to comply.
- Berth cleaning contractors washed product and rubbish over the edge of the wharf and into the sea. Contractor instructed to cease activities. Subsequent investigation resulted in contractor being restricted to undertaking cleaning works on landside equipment only.
- Contractor undertook abrasive blasting of paint from metal guards behind the Kwinana Bulk Terminal maintenance workshop on an unsealed area with no containment. Contractor was advised that blasting onto an unsealed surface and allowing paint to contaminate the ground and surrounding vegetation was not an acceptable practice environmentally and that it should cease. Clean up by KBT personnel, including removal of

all contaminated soil from the site. Future blasting and painting to be undertaken off site at a suitable facility.

- Bunkering barge alongside at Kwinana Bulk Terminal while hot work was taking place on the jetty. All hot work stopped and arrangements made for the barge to be removed. Investigation undertaken found that normal notification had not occurred. The reason given was that the bunkering company did not have a point of contact for the KBT facility.
- DEC Kwinana received a complaint regarding urea being spilt on the road at Kwinana Bulk Jetty. The site coordinator was contacted and confirmed that there had been a spillage due to stevedore's trucks not tarping up earlier in the day. The trucks had been instructed to tarp their loads and the sweeper truck arranged to sweep up any spillage. Site was inspected at 15.30 and found to be in a satisfactory condition. Information conveyed to DEC. Arrangements made with the stevedore to ensure more frequent sweeper truck visits to the area. DEC called back to say the sweeper truck had cleaned down the middle of the road but left urea along the roadsides. Stevedore requested to complete the cleaning job appropriately.
- Stevedore observed hot work operation about to commence (hot work permit issued) on an ammonium nitrate special berth and water turned off at the jetty. Hot work operation stopped. A leak had occurred under the jetty on the fire water supply line which was being repaired. Hot work permit apparently issued incorrectly.

Chris Leatt-Hayter said Fremantle Ports system for recording incidents and near miss situations was designed to ensure that all were recorded and actioned.

## **7. COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION**

Ainslie de Vos spoke about a number of current sponsorships in the Outer Harbour area including:

- Support for Hillman Primary School (4 academic scholarships, assistance with development of a maritime themed curriculum module, funding to assist formation of community garden and funding to enable some students to attend WA Youth Environment conference);
- continuing support for Rockingham Senior High School in a partnering arrangement;
- funding support for Gilmore College and Orelia Primary School's Horticulture Transition Program;
- support for environmental projects at Harmony, South Coogee and Phoenix Primary Schools through sponsorship of the Cockburn Community Development Strategy;

- sponsorship of the Paraplegic Benefit Fund's Prevention-Aqua water safety program in primary schools in the port area;
- continued major sponsorship of Fremantle Football Club's Purple Haze event to raise funds for the Starlight Children's Foundation; and
- Rockingham Mussel-fest.

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Elaine Christy spoke about the International Seagrass Biology Workshop at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, Vancouver Island, Canada,

It was important to tell people about the importance of seagrass and such conferences provided that opportunity. Seagrass acted as a trigger system.

Elaine also spoke about the replanting program at Mangles Bay in Cockburn Sound - a very sensitive area.

She said she had been asked to present a paper at the WA State Coastal Conference in Fremantle.

### **Conclusion:**

The meeting concluded at 7.00 pm. and was followed by refreshments.

**Next Meeting: 5.30 p.m. Tuesday 8 September 2009 at the Koorliny Centre.**