

## **MINUTES OF THE INNER HARBOUR COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP**

**Date:** Tuesday 25 February 2020  
**Location:** Fremantle Passenger Terminal  
**Time:** 4.45pm to 6.30pm  
**Chair:** Chris Leatt-Hayter

### **Community representatives:**

**Andrew Sullivan**, City of Fremantle  
**Carol Shannon**, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure  
**Ron Kawalilak**, Gibson Park Precinct  
**Carol Shannon**, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation  
**Richard Mehan**, Fremantle Inner City Residents' Association  
**David Hawks**, The Fremantle Society Inc.  
**Shirley Burbidge**, Fremantle Volunteer Heritage Guides  
**Don Whittington**, Fremantle Park Association,  
**David Earl**, Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct  
**Tony Watkins**, Town of East Fremantle  
**Eric Wilson**, Port Beach Users Group and Polar Bears  
**Fiona Whittles**, Notre Dame University  
**Rod Murray**, South Fremantle Precinct  
**Gerard MacGill**, North Fremantle Precinct  
**Dennis Claughton**, Flying Angel Club

### **Fremantle Ports' representatives:**

**Chris Leatt-Hayter**, Chief Executive Officer, Fremantle Ports  
**Sean Craig**, General Manager Business Strategy and Sustainability  
**Neil Stanbury**, Manager Corporate and Community Relations  
**Thor Elliott**, Trade Development Manager  
**Jeanette Murray**, External Affairs Coordinator  
**Jane Edwards**, Community Engagement Specialist  
**Drew Mazalevskis**, Social Licence Officer  
**Oscar Holligan**, Stakeholder Engagement Officer

### **Apologies:**

**Vanessa Carn**, Administrative Assistant, Fremantle Ports  
**Cr Andrew McPhail**, Town of East Fremantle  
**Danicia Quinlan**, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce  
**Maryrose Baker**, Fremantle Inner City Residents' Association  
**Robert Potts**, Beaconsfield Precinct  
**Gill Harrison** and **Jason Fair**, Western Australian Maritime Museum  
**Michelle Reynolds**, Rottnest Island Authority  
**Sue-Lyn Aldrian-Moyle**, Artsource  
**Ed Blackley**, White Gum Valley Precinct

## 1. TOUR OF FREMANTLE PASSENGER TERMINAL

Thor Elliott conducted a tour of the terminal. Cruise ship *Radiance of the Seas* was alongside, preparing to depart.

## 2. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INVITATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Leatt-Hayter welcomed all, announced apologies and called for additional agenda items. Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were accepted (noted: Fiona Whittles to be added to attendance).

## 3. TRADE UPDATE

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

Container trade is subdued and the vehicle trade down by 10%. Trade at east coast ports is also the same. While coronavirus has had no significant impact yet, all evidence from China is that there are issues with some major ports experiencing gridlock. Grain exports from Fremantle are likely to be impacted.

Cruise: Due to cruise lines rescheduling ships to avoid South-East Asian ports, Fremantle now has more cruise ship visits scheduled, including *Sapphire Princess* which will homebase in Fremantle from May to September this year.

## 4. WESTPORT

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

The Westport Taskforce will be presenting its final report to the WA Government in March. **Action:** Westport to be invited to provide a speaker to the next IHCLG meeting.

## 5. VICTORA QUAY WATERFRONT STEERING GROUP

Information provided by Neil Stanbury:

The Steering Group's report, finalised at the end of 2019, identified opportunities for improvements in the near term. The report is with the Minister for Ports.

## 6. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Information provided by Neil Stanbury:

- Port Walk on 7 March is fully booked but three more events will be held this year.
- In November/December, Fremantle Ports proudly sponsored:
  - Main stage at the George Street Festival
  - People's Choice Award at the Castaways Sculpture Awards at Rockingham
  - Kwinana Summer Symphony at Calista Oval
- Lucy Saw Centre & Warrawee Women's Refuge: A Fremantle Ports representative joined about 100 people on 29 November celebrating 40 years of service by the Lucy Saw Centre Association which helps to empower women and children to live free from family and domestic violence. Fremantle Ports provided the Association with premises at Kwinana Beach in the early years virtually rent free. Now the Association runs refuges in Rockingham and Fremantle, outreach services from Subiaco to Singleton, and is the lead agency from Mt Pleasant to Busselton.
- *Seawall Bunker* installation at Sculptures at Bathers: Fremantle Ports sponsored a major installation artwork for Sculptures at Bathers 2020. Called *Seawall Bunker*, it was a giant sandbag structure on the beach that made people think about climate change and the connection between Nyoongar people and the Arthur Head coastal area. Fremantle Ports volunteers helped artist Bruce Abbott with his mammoth sculpture.
- East Fremantle Primary School new nature playground - part-funded by Fremantle Ports

- Naragebup Rockingham Regional Environmental Centre - funding for after-school program for seven Thursdays (1.5 hours); 19 students (4-12 years)
- Coogee Live support: Fremantle Ports is proudly supporting an engaging art activity at Coogee Live that will shine a light on child and adolescent mental health. Through Fremantle Ports' support, well-known artist Kevin Bynder will work with festivalgoers to paint a dolphin sculpture over the festival weekend (7 and 8 March).
- Quay to Summer 2019-20 has included the Victoria Quay Christmas Carnival on 7 December, the Victoria Quay Movie Marathon (7 nights in January), the Victoria Quay Traders Market on 1 February, and the Victoria Quay Food Truck Sundays (3 Sundays in February).
- Paint the Port Community Day 14 March - We are holding an afternoon inviting people to try their hand at painting, drawing and photographing the port with a range of prizes to be won.
- Sound & Waves concert 25 March - Perth Symphony Orchestra's production of *Sounds & Waves*, a celebration of the unique and spiritual relationship West Australians have with the ocean. Set by the ocean in iconic B Shed, the program will include a bespoke mix of music. This concert is supported by Fremantle Ports.
- Rous Head Fairy Tern Sanctuary - Australian Fairy Terns are having a break from nesting at Fremantle Ports' Rous Head Sanctuary this summer, after six continuous seasons. Researcher Claire Greenwell says it is not unusual for a colony to not return to a site one year as fairy terns move around to confuse predators.
- Red Imported Fire Ants: DPIRD believes it has eradicated the small original infestation; infestation hasn't spread; quarantine area will remain in place for 2 years; DPIRD continuing to undertake surveillance of port and surrounding areas.
- Perth Festival's Highway to Hell - information provided on road closures around the port on 1 March.

## 7. INCIDENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Neil Stanbury reported upon significant complaints received in the past quarter:

### **3 January 2020: Sand on road, Port Beach Road**

The complainant reported to us that sand was blowing across the corner of Port Beach Road just opposite Leighton Beach Bld and also collecting near the kerb in the bicycle lane. This created a risk of bicycles slipping. ACTION TAKEN: Fremantle Ports liaised with the City of Fremantle, which is responsible for the road on behalf of MRWA, which cleaned the area. The sand issue is the result of the public using this area as a crossover, when parking to visit the beach. Fremantle Ports is addressing the underlying problem by closing off the corner to vehicle entry and also treating the ground with hydromulch, which will occur in March/April.

### **30 January 2020: Sand blowing across from Port Beach Road land toward apartments**

The complainant lives in apartments north of Fremantle Ports' land on Port Beach Road and was unhappy with sand blowing across the road toward his property. He was also concerned with the safety risk to families crossing the road at the bend near the surf club. ACTION TAKEN: Fremantle Ports has placed large boulders around its boundary line at the bend in Port Beach Rd, to prevent people entering its land at this unsafe location. It will further prevent kerb parking by working with MRWA to place a fence around the perimeter of the property, 1m in from the kerb. Once fenced, the ground will be treated with hydromulch to control sand blowing. These works will occur in March/April.

### **29 January 2020: Parking for support workers to disabled people, Victoria Quay**

A couple of complaints were received from carers/companions of disabled people visiting the E Shed Market Friday evening disco that they had received parking fines from Victoria Quay parking contractor Wilson Parking. They were under the mistaken

impression that if they were attending the disco as a support worker they did not have to pay. ACTION TAKEN: Explained that paid parking on Victoria Quay is 8am-8pm every day except for cars with ACROD permits (for ACROD or standard bays). After discussion and investigation it was decided that Fremantle Ports would extend free parking to cars displaying government-issued Companion Cards. Companion Cards are usually used for ticketing not parking. This is over and above what is done in most other public parking locations.

#### **26 January 2020: Wheelchair access on and off cruise ships**

The complainant had a handicapped friend who was disembarking from cruise ship *Vasco da Gama*. This person claimed they had to wait an hour and 25 minutes to be provided with a ship wheelchair. ACTION TAKEN: The provision of wheelchairs and porters for embarkation/disembarkation is a responsibility of cruise companies using the facility. Fremantle Ports does have some wheelchairs at the facility for emergency purposes. Passengers requiring wheelchair assistance can notify cruise ships in advance and receive priority assistance. Fremantle Ports will remind cruise operators of the incident and importance of meeting passenger needs.

#### **6 February 2020: Odour from livestock vessel**

A Fremantle resident rang to complain about odour from the livestock vessel *Anna Marra*. She asked why livestock ships couldn't be kept out at sea. ACTION TAKEN: Fremantle Ports explained that it had a preferred berthing policy to minimise the impact of ship odour on the city, which generally minimised problems by livestock vessels being tied up at berths 1 and 2. On the day of the complaint, a north-westerly breeze was blowing.

### **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Eric Wilson asked about the concrete segments left near the Port Beach store and when they would be removed. Chris Leatt-Hayter said they were left over from works for Berth 10 at North Quay and he would find out about them and report to the group. **Action:** Information on the concrete segments left near the Port Beach store to be provided at the next meeting.
- David Hawks provided information on the condition of Arthur Head, said it was critically important that remedial works be done and that it would cost about \$2 million to remediate. He asked Fremantle Ports to provide financial support (about half the community investment fund). Chris Leatt-Hayter said Arthur Head was not Fremantle Ports' responsibility but Fremantle Ports would consider how we might support the Fremantle Society's efforts to find a solution. He said Fremantle Ports was not in a position to provide financial support because we had many priorities of our own and limited funds. Cr Andrew Sullivan said it was unreasonable to expect the City of Fremantle ratepayers (a small ratepayer base) to pay \$2m and that the City was working with other parties to find a funding solution.
- Dennis Cloughton said the Flying Angel Club continued to host Pacific nations representatives who were involved with Australia's Pacific Patrol Boats program. Austal Ships is building the patrol boats. The FAC is providing accommodation and taking the representatives to/from training.

Meeting closed at 6.10pm

#### **Actions:**

- Westport Taskforce to be invited to provide a speaker to the next IHCLG meeting.
- Information on the concrete segments left near the Port Beach store to be provided at the next meeting.