



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

**Date:** 11 June 2019  
**Location:** Boardroom, Fremantle Ports Administration Building  
**Time:** 5pm to 6.30pm  
**Chair:** Dr Simon Avenell

### **Community representatives:**

**Danicia Quinlan**, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce  
**Ron Kawalilak**, Gibson Park Precinct  
**Carol Shannon**, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation  
**Eric Wilson**, Port Beach Users Group and Polar Bears  
**Su Groome**, White Gum Valley Precinct  
**Cr Jon Strachan**, City of Fremantle  
**Rev. Dennis Claughton**, Flying Angel Club  
**Maryrose Baker**, Fremantle Inner City Residents' Association

### **Guest presenters:**

**James Houghton**, Project Manager Infrastructure Delivery Directorate, Main Roads WA  
**Carolyn Walker**, Stakeholder and Community Engagement, Main Roads WA

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

**Sean Craig**, A/General Manager Business Strategy and Sustainability  
**Denis Doak**, Environmental Manager  
**Neil Stanbury**, Manager Corporate and Community Relations  
**Jeanette Murray**, External Affairs Coordinator  
**Jane Edwards**, Social Sustainability Coordinator  
**Vanessa Carn**, Administrative Assistant

### **Apologies:**

**Chris Leatt-Hayter**, Chief Executive Officer, Fremantle Ports  
**Cr Andrew McPhail**, Town of East Fremantle  
**David Earl**, Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct  
**David Hawks**, The Fremantle Society Inc. (John Dowson invited in lieu)  
**Don Whittington**, Fremantle Park Association,  
**Gerard MacGill**, North Fremantle Precinct  
**Rod Murray**, South Fremantle Precinct

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

Simon Avenell welcomed all, announced apologies and called for additional agenda items. Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were accepted. Action from previous meeting: Main Roads WA to be invited to next meeting to provide presentation on High Street (Carrington St to Stirling Hwy) upgrade works. (See item 2.)

## 2. HIGH STREET UPGRADE PROJECT - STIRLING HWY TO CARRINGTON ST

Information provided by James Houghton:

Information was provided on scope: improving safety and efficiency; project update; timeline; concept development and consultation; urban aesthetic design; pre-construction works: demolitions; and construction impacts:

- Scope: improving safety and efficiency - the pedestrian underpasses, noise walls, service road, roundabout, raised media and netball parking will provide: improved safety for all road users, reduced serious crashes, improved efficiency for transport, minimised clearing of mature trees.
- Scope: improving safety and efficiency - 33,000vpd on High St; 26,000vpd on Stirling Highway; reduce conflicts with turning vehicles and pedestrians on High St; Wide median: separate traffic and preserve several mature trees; reduced travel times in both directions in peak hours; single lane service road for residents north of High Street; improved pedestrian/ cyclist connectivity; improved local amenity; long-term solution: Westport.
- Roundabout: reduced risk of crashes (no head-on) and truck rollovers; improved traffic flow; reduced delays; no red light "running"; lower traffic speeds; westbound: stay in left bypass lane; northbound: freight movement to port; eastbound: left turn bypass lane.
- Project update: Key activities: investigations (traffic, noise, geotechnical); environmental approval May 2019; tender phase in progress; excision of Class A and Class C reserves (ongoing); expected award date late 2019.
- Timeline (indicative) provided: May 2019 - environmental approval received; June/July 2019 - call for Construction Reference Group nominations; early 2020 - start of construction; early to mid-2021 - est. construction completed.
- Concept development and consultation: Concept developed with the City of Fremantle; Commitment: retain as many mature native and non-native trees as possible by introducing a median strip; stakeholder engagement: consultation April/May 2018 (6 weeks); outcomes informed final concept; local residents - discuss noise walls, underpass design, landscaping; Fremantle Netball Association; public and private golf courses; Fremantle Ports, Westport.
- Concept development and consultation: noise walls to offer residents protection from traffic noise; service road allows safer access for High St residents (north side); engagement with local residents regarding noise wall location, design and configuration is ongoing; two new underpasses: Forrest Street and Stirling Highway; Montreal Street/High Street – key features: maximise natural light and visibility; landscaping, stairs and ramps to promote openness, safety, visibility and access for all users.
- Urban aesthetic design: Requirement for public artist and arts coordinator
- Pre-construction works - demolitions: 14 properties on High St and 2 on Holland St.
- Construction impacts: Preliminary staging plans received during EOI process; contractors aware of need to minimise impacts on traffic; main risks of impact on traffic is during construction of new roundabout, construction of underpasses, tie-ins to existing roads at each end, short-term local road closures.

To register for updates on this project, subscribe at

<https://project.mainroads.wa.gov.au/home/current/highstreet/Pages/default.aspx>

### 3. TRADE/CRUISE UPDATE

Information provided by Sean Craig:

#### Trade:

Trade statistics (year to end of May):

- Container trade up 2.7%
    - imports down 0.9%
    - exports up nearly 10% (mostly containerised grain exports up 52%)
  - Bulk business down 26% or 2 million tonnes (largely due to loss of iron ore exports)
    - Bulk bauxite exports up 85%
    - Bulk grain exports (wheat, barley) up 41%
  - Vehicle imports down 7% (or 6,677 vehicles)
  - Industrial & agricultural vehicle imports up 13%
  - Iron & steel product imports up 27%
  - Live sheep exports down 32% (or 460,000 sheep)
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the international container trade in Fremantle Port celebrated in March. In March 1969, Fremantle welcomed the first international container ship to Australia and Berth 12 container terminal was officially opened. (Information on website [here](#).)

#### Cruise:

- 35 cruise ship calls in 2018-19 (19 individual ships making 16 international/transit calls and 19 homebase visits)
- 62,544 passengers handled (17,435 transit passengers and 22,701 disembarking/22,408 embarking)
- 29 visits scheduled for 2019-20: international (14), homebase (15). Next visit is *Sea Princess* on 20 October.
- *Pacific Eden*: After 6 seasons homebasing in Fremantle, *Pacific Eden* departed 21 March for last time. Returning 13 January 2020, rebadged as *Vasco da Gama* (changing from cruise line P&O to Cruise and Maritime).

### 4. WESTPORT

Information provided by Sean Craig:

Second [Westport](#) report [What we have found so far](#) was released in December. The report is the culmination of Stage 1 of the Westport process, summarising evidence and data compiled by work streams; 8 strategic options have been put forward; feedback closed on 4/2/19 but further opportunities are provided. Community event meeting on 15/6/19 in Kwinana. There will still be many opportunities to provide your input to Westport this year, including: • community surveys [mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/community-survey](https://mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/community-survey) • interactive map [mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/have-your-say](https://mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/have-your-say) • events [mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/westport-events](https://mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/westport-events) • Westport Beacon feedback.

### 5. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Information provided by Denis Doak:

- Inner Harbour Air Quality Monitoring Program Update: Fremantle Ports has started air quality monitoring in the Inner Harbour using an environmental consultant. The trial will be for 12 months and then it will be determined whether it continues. There are three monitoring locations (eastern end of North Quay, on Cantonment Hill signal station (Fremantle Sea Rescue) and at a Telstra location just south of Victoria Quay on Market Street). Measurements are taken of particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub> & PM<sub>2.5</sub>), carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide and ozone and compared to the National Environment

Protection Measure (Ambient Air Quality). Highest results for January-March this year were shown. Key conclusions: All air quality parameters were generally below the applicable National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure air quality criteria. There was one exceedance for PM<sub>10</sub> at the Telstra monitor in March 2019 for less than 10% of the 24-hour reporting period. An assessment of wind speed and direction found that these particulates were from the south-east and not from port-related sources. The monitors are generally returning measured data lower in concentration than the co-located regulatory KIC Tindal Avenue monitor (in Kwinana). Based on the limited data to date, the sensors can be considered to be returning data suitable for comparative purposes, as intended by the program.

- Cruise ship waste recycling program: Recyclable waste from some cruise ships visiting Fremantle is now being recycled on land with plans to extend the program to all cruise ships. Fremantle is the second port in Australia to do this. After research by Fremantle Ports showed that all of the waste from cruise ships visiting Fremantle had been going to deep burial and no recycling was occurring, we brought all of the relevant parties together to find a solution.
- Water quality monitoring video was shown (see it [here](#)).
- *Nauma* oil spill incident is ready to be closed out (see details of incident in minutes of March 2019 meeting). Good environmental monitoring results; the final report is with Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions (DBCA) for final sign off.
- Port Beach erosion: Neil Stanbury said engineers have been looking at the situation and the City of Fremantle is considering long-term solutions. There were 217 responses from the public during the recent consultation. The City of Fremantle report is due to be released next month. Eric Wilson said there was a good working group but predictions for the future of the beach were dire. He said the changerooms were nearly undermined by the latest erosion.

## 6. VICTORIA QUAY UPDATE

Information provided by Neil Stanbury:

- Victoria Quay Steering Group: The new government steering group for Victoria Quay, chaired by Simone McGurk MLA and with representatives from Fremantle Ports, City of Fremantle, relevant government departments and Fremantle Chamber of Commerce, has been tasked with identifying a future vision for the quay. The group is reviewing considerable previous planning work and examining what is possible, taking into account tourism, place activation, retail and short-term residential possibilities. The committee expects to report to the State Government later this year.
- Quay to Summer award: At the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce's Fremantle Business Awards on 7 June, the Quay to Summer program of events won the City of Fremantle Leadership Award Destination Marketing Campaign. Fremantle Ports' activation of Victoria Quay over summer included a host of different events, including The Dock bar in B Shed, a range of family-friendly events, including movie nights, kids' programs (fishing school, puppet workshops), a big market day (Portside Traders Market) and two food truck markets.
- The Under the Bridge Freo Food Trucks are in B Shed on Monday nights (5-8pm) now for a winter season until 19 August.
- B Shed recently starred in an Alinta Energy TV advertisement as an iconic WA destination.

## 7. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Information from Neil Stanbury:

- MOU with Notre Dame University: The University of Notre Dame Australia and Fremantle Ports have signed a partnership agreement designed to create new study, research, training and graduate opportunities for both organisations and the wider Fremantle community. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) features a range of initiatives

including jointly-funded research scholarships, shared use of facilities for events, professional development opportunities for Fremantle Ports staff and the port providing internships and prizes in health sciences, business leadership and environmental studies for high-achieving students.

- Recent sponsorships: Fremantle Volunteer Heritage Guides (Roundhouse - education program and firing of 1pm cannon); Fremantle Primary School mural; Rockingham Castaways Sculptures - sponsor of the People's Choice Awards; Spearwood Alternative School - Autumn Harvest Fair; East Fremantle Farm Inc - community garden; Australian Marine Sciences Association - national conference in Fremantle; Fremantle Chamber Orchestra - program sponsor; Hilton Harvest Community Garden - event sponsor; Woylie Project - Principal sponsor of the Aboriginal Writers' Development Program; Rockingham and Kwinana Chamber of Commerce Business Awards; Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club.
- Education visitors: Students from Curtin University's Centre for Aboriginal Studies and Murdoch University's Kulbaradi Aboriginal Centre for mentoring and port education; 250 Perth Modern students in 6 groups over 2 days for Year 9 Humanities & Social Sciences.
- Support for a Story Dog program at Fremantle Primary School
- Fremantle Ports Swim Thru (held by Freo Fins), and supported by Fremantle Ports, raised \$7,000 for St Pat's and Freo Street Doctor.
- Employee volunteers recently collected funds early one morning at Fremantle Train Station for Guide Dogs WA.
- Annual report awards for public sector: best report in Government Enterprise Sector; best complaint handling overall.
- Fortress Fremantle Lecture, WA Maritime Museum, *Fremantle Port during the Pacific War* by author Tim Baldock, free lecture 2-3pm Sunday 23 June.

## 8. INCIDENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Information from Neil Stanbury:

To inform the group of significant incidents and complaints relating to Inner Harbour operations which may be of interest to members (March - June 2019).

Complaint 13 March: A man reported to reception that he had been sprayed with glyphosate while riding along the cycle path of Peter Hughes Drive. He reported that a white ute was driving on the cycle path spraying the chemical. The wind was blowing and sending the spray everywhere and covering him. How it was handled: Our investigations found the use to be by a contractor to the PTA. Fremantle Ports only does spot-spraying with glyphosate and in accordance with data sheet specifications. The PTA was informed.

Complaint 6 April: A man complained about cars drag-racing while he was riding through Rous Head with two young children. Police notified. How it was handled: Explained to complainant that we have a full-time traffic coordinator who liaises with Rous Head tenants where it's suspected dangerous driving might be employees of those companies. Complainant reminded that for safety reasons, riding bikes on North Quay is not permitted and signage there is clear about that. Cyclists can still ride along the seawall past Sandtrax Beach.

Complaint 29 April: A woman residing in the Lux Apartments alongside Yacht Grot and opposite Shacks, about beeping noises from the harbour over the weekend. How it was handled: A review by environmental officers found this was coming not from Victoria Quay as the complainant believed, but instead was coming across the harbour from the container terminal. In the near future, it will be a requirement for mobile container-handling equipment to change out 'beeping' alarms to lower-frequency 'croaker-style' reversing alarms.

Complaint 6 May: A woman rang to say she was very concerned that a yellow plastic dinghy had washed up between Port and Leighton Beaches and Fremantle Ports was not doing anything about this environmental hazard. How it was handled: Complainant informed that this was a matter falling under the responsibility of the City of Fremantle, not the port.

Complaint 2 June: A man contacted us about rubbish on the side of Tydeman Road in North Fremantle. He had picked up seven bags of rubbish from the roadside and wanted to know if the port could notify truck drivers of this problem. How it was handled: The complainant was informed the road is outside Fremantle Ports' area and is the responsibility of the City of Fremantle, which was immediately notified. However, Fremantle Ports has put a recurring notice on its variable message signs: 'Please place rubbish in the bins provided'. The issue has also been raised at the WA Port Operations Taskforce, attended by companies working in and around the port.

### **Fremantle Ports' social media**

A video made by Fremantle Ports about two local photographers was shown. See it [here](#). Our YouTube channel is [here](#).

Other social media:

- <https://www.facebook.com/FreoPorts/>
- [https://www.instagram.com/fremantle\\_ports/](https://www.instagram.com/fremantle_ports/)
- [https://www.instagram.com/victoriaquay\\_fremantleports/](https://www.instagram.com/victoriaquay_fremantleports/)

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Next meeting:** 5pm Tuesday 3 September 2019