



MINUTES OF THE INNER HARBOUR COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Date: 13 March 2018
Location: Boardroom, Fremantle Ports Administration Building
Time: 5pm to 6.30pm
Chairperson Dr Simon Avenell

Community representatives:

Carol Shannon, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation
Maryrose Baker, Fremantle Inner City Residents' Association (FICRA)
Ron Kawalilak, Gibson Park Precinct
Rod Murray, South Fremantle Precinct
Cr Andrew McPhail, Town of East Fremantle
Don Whittington, Fremantle Park Association
Robert Potts, Beaconsfield Precinct
Eric Wilson, Port Beach Users Group and Polar Bears
David Hawks, The Fremantle Society
Olwyn Williams, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce
Ann Forma, North Fremantle Precinct
Cr Jon Strachan, City of Fremantle

Guest presenter

Tim Collins, Director, Westport Project

Fremantle Ports' representatives

Chris Leatt-Hayter, Chief Executive Officer
Alison Coates, A/General Manager Strategy and Planning
Ainslie de Vos, Manager External Affairs
Jeanette Murray, External Affairs Coordinator

Apologies

Gerry MacGill, North Fremantle Precinct
Gill Harrison, Western Australian Maritime Museum
Cr Jenny Harrington, Town of East Fremantle
David Earl, Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INVITATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Dr Avenell welcomed all and especially Tim Collins as guest speaker and Alison Coates (replacing Gino Valenti). He announced apologies and called for additional agenda items. Minutes of the previous meeting on 28 November 2017 had been circulated and were accepted.

- **Action:** Information on ship emissions to be provided at next meeting. (Cr Jenny Harrington forwarded email on 5 December from resident Charles Maclean via Cr Tony Watkins asking about ship emissions.) - Will be discussed in Item 7.

Additional agenda items:

- Fremantle Passenger Terminal
- 'Graffiti' bridge

2. WESTPORT UPDATE

Information provided by Tim Collins, Director, Westport Project:

- The vision: Westport will deliver an integrated strategy to meet freight and trade logistics for Perth and surrounding regions (including Bunbury) for the next 50-100 years. It will guide the planning, development and growth of the Port of Fremantle at the Inner and Outer Harbour, the required rail and road networks, and the opportunities for the Port of Bunbury to handle trade expansion.
- Objectives: Engage with stakeholders and the community at all stages to:
 1. Plan for a modern port to meet Perth and surrounding region's (including Bunbury) future growth for the next 50–100 years
 2. Provide land-use and transport plans that support port operations, compatible land uses, port users, community needs and economic growth
 3. Assess the commercial implications and logistics opportunities of future port infrastructure
 4. Identify expansion of industrial areas and technology parks to support economic development and future employment opportunities
 5. Maximise compatibility of port and landside development with the environment
- Governance structure explained.
- Westport Taskforce leaders: Nicole Lockwood (Independent Chair) and Tim Collins (Project Director)
- Activities: First reference group forum held 11/12/18; Steering Committee tour of Inner Harbour 31/1/18; Technical Consultants Briefing 6/2/18.
- Discussion paper *Westport: Preparing for the Strategy* released 14 December; summary of responses to be released 16/3/18.
- Next deliverables: What have we found so far? (around August 2018); How will we assess the options? (around October 2018); Westport Consultation Draft (June 2019); Westport Strategy (September 2019).
- Current activities: Collating submissions/information from discussion paper; preparing report and setting up work streams.

See Westport information [here](#).

3. TRADE UPDATE

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

Inner Harbour trades: All Inner Harbour trades are very buoyant so far this year with the container trade up around 8% year to date and the motor vehicle trade up around 10%.

Bulk: Mineral Resources Ltd is ceasing exporting iron ore from Kwinana Bulk Terminal in June this year.

4. VICTORIA QUAY/CRUISE UPDATE

- Fremantle Ports is upgrading aspects of the Fremantle Passenger Terminal. The works were announced by the Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Tourism on 11/3/18. Works costing about \$3m will be starting shortly. External works will include painting of the building, a new canopy over the main entrance, updated signage and new banners. Internal works will include refurbishing the ground-floor foyer, new glass security screens separating the existing escalators and in the first-floor Customs Hall, and modern furniture for the transit area in the first-floor Function Hall. Fremantle Ports engaged Cox Howlett and Bailey Woodland architects to design the works and consult on heritage conservation requirements. The work has State Heritage Office approval. Painting is expected to begin this week and all works will be completed within six months. (See artist's impressions [here](#).) Discussion included improving connectivity with Fremantle CBD. Chris said Fremantle Ports had met with the PTA and City of Fremantle to discuss potential replacement of the existing footbridge.
- Photos and information were provided on three cruise ships in port on 12 January; *Ocean Dream*, Peace Boat Organisation on 24 January; and *Queen Mary 2* on 12 February.
- Cruise ship visits 2017-18: 43 in total comprising 19 international and 24 homebasing visits. Cruise passengers (est.) 2017-18: transit (16,450); disembarking (35,150); embarking (35,150).
- HMS *Sutherland*, British frigate, visited on 15 February.

5. COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

Information provided by Ainslie de Vos:

- Fremantle Ports was a sponsor of the Coogee Jetty to Jetty Swim XXII on 11 March, conducted by Cockburn Masters Swimming Club.
- The Dock pop-up bar and eatery had a successful opening over the festive season in B Shed so Fremantle Ports has given approval for it to open in B Shed again between 1 March and 2 April from Thursdays to Sundays and public holidays. More information: <https://www.thedockwharfbar.com/>
- Sponsorship for Indigenous Pre-Medicine and Health Sciences Enabling Course graduates, Centre for Aboriginal Studies, Curtin University (has been ongoing for a number of years).
- Recent workplace giving and volunteering activities and fundraising have included staff cooking at OzHarvest; raising \$400 by baking and selling cupcakes for Guide Dogs WA; and collecting and donating 335 books to Paint Kwinana REaD. These last two charities are being supported by workplace giving by staff (payroll deductions). Funds going to Guide Dogs WA are sponsoring Skipper, a guide-dog-in-training.
- Recent visitors to the administration building have included Reunion Island exchange students at Perth Modern School. Further visits by Perth Mod students are planned for this year.
- Administrative Manager - Asset and Infrastructure Management Alan Pearce achieved a 50-year service milestone with Fremantle Ports on 25 January. Alan has an encyclopaedic memory of port history and photographs and over the years has used his considerable skills and knowledge to help members of the public, architects and authors seeking specific information about ships, events or historic photographs.
- Fremantle Ports Maritime Day 2018 will be held on Saturday 27 October on Victoria Quay.

6. PORT BEACH ROCKS

Information from Ainslie de Vos:

The rocks and rubble impacting Port Beach and beach users in the past few months is a concerning issue with some complaints received and media articles. Fremantle Ports has met with CoF senior officers and CoF has convened a working group with representatives of Fremantle Ports, Department of Transport and Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.

Divers engaged by Fremantle Ports in 2017 previously found no evidence of rocks migrating from the Rous Head seawall. Question: Are rocks being dumped or exposed? Answer: Much of the rocky material is tamala limestone (about 80%) and a major source is likely to be the 8 million cubic metres of limestone deposited on the shoreline when the harbour was created. Other likely contributors are material from the various industrial sites that were located on land behind Port Beach in the 1900s, previous erosion of the Port Beach car park in winter storm events and possibility of illegal dumping of building materials from the greater Fremantle area.

Eric Wilson said the source of rocks was a vexed question with 20-30 studies done. His personal observation after 77 years visiting the beach is that the problem is worse this year and more prolonged. He believes the material being uncovered has been deposited there in earlier times, that the beach is losing about 2m of sand a year; that the current seawall at Rous Head is not responsible but that rocks escaped from Rous Head before the latest seawall was built.

7. SHIP EMISSIONS

Fremantle Ports will be undertaking air quality monitoring on a trial basis in the Inner Harbour and has been surveying cruise ships in regard to emissions since 2015. The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has a global program in place to progressively reduce emissions from ships, including reducing sulphur in bunker fuels from 3.5% to 0.5% by 2020. Every vessel calling at the Port of Fremantle is required to have an EIAPP certificate (Engine International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate) and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) on its Port State Inspection verifies compliance. However, with improved manoeuvring performance, the majority of vessels visiting Fremantle Port switch to diesel, which has lower NOx (nitrogen oxide) and SOx (sulphur oxide) levels on arrival.

8. LOSS MANAGEMENT

Communication of significant incidents, complaints and improvements relating to Inner Harbour operations, and that may be of interest to members. Information provided by Alison Coates for December 2017 - February 2018.

- Incident, sea rescue 27/1/18: Three people returning from Rottneest were washed overboard from 6.5m boat, south of Outer Harbor anchorages. Shipping movements ceased during search and rescue operation. Missing persons located by *Far Statesman* oil rig tender vessel and retrieved by Fremantle Ports crew on board pilot boat *Berkeley* using man overboard recovery equipment. Taken to waiting ambulances at Corkhill Landing on Victoria Quay. Response: Debrief sessions with Water Police and Small Craft identified improvements including: installation of wire guards on *Berkeley* and checking wire guards on *Parmelia* and *Paddy Troy* and a rescue coil line attached to stern of *Berkeley*.
- Incident, seabed obstruction 27/2/18: A seabed obstruction was detected at Berth 8 during routine depth maintenance sweep bar operations along North Quay wharf face. Multibeam sounding from FP *Response* vessel indicated a concrete obstruction reducing the 14.5m charted depth to approx. 12.8m, representing an immediate risk for deep-draft ships. Response: Fremantle Ports dive team undertook urgent inspection and advised

Harbour Master of risk. Inbound deep-draft ship scheduled for Berth 8 was re-allocated to Berth 10. Dive team and crane removed obstruction.

- Complaints, Port Beach rocks, 18/1/18, 16/2/18, 27/2/18: Three direct complaints (plus several media inquiries) received about rocks and other materials on Port Beach. Response: Explained issue had a long history dating back to 1890s when Inner Harbour basin was created. Some 8 million cubic metres of rocky material and sand deposited at that time on shoreline. Port Beach essentially a reclaimed shore. Other potential contributors include material from various industrial sites in the past; previous erosion of carpark and other coastal infrastructure; natural accumulation of larger material due to sorting by beach processes; anecdotal evidence of unauthorised tipping. Fremantle Ports has found no evidence to indicate fill material is migrating from the Rous Head reclamation area. Representatives of Fremantle Ports, the City of Fremantle, Dept of Transport and Dept of Planning, Lands and Heritage in current discussions to assist in developing some future management strategies. Ongoing monitoring of seasonal erosion/accretion patterns.
- Complaints, truck noise, 12/12/17, 2/2/18: Complaint from local resident about trucks using air brakes at Stirling Highway/Tydeman Road intersection (12/12/2017). Response: Road is within Main Roads WA heavy vehicle network. Air brakes not unlawful but provided links to Main Roads procedures for making a complaint. Later contacted complainant again to explain that regular messaging via Fremantle Ports VMS reinstated, asking drivers to limit the use of air brakes in built-up areas. Complaint about increase in trucks using engine brakes on approach to Canning Highway intersection (2/2/2018). Response: Reinstated regular message on our electronic VMS asking truck drivers to limit the use of air/exhaust brakes in built up areas near the port. Issue drawn to attention of the DOT, with a view to jointly putting together some information for industry on this matter. Complainant has reported improvement.
- Complaints, rail noise: Complaint from local resident about rail noise as freight train passes near the Roundhouse. Loud clunking noise, vibrations and overall increased noise (17/1/2017). Response: Response acknowledging receipt of complaint and undertaking to follow up. Subsequently discussed with PTA who confirmed receipt of complaint and would advise outcome in due course. Report: Resident near rail line near Roundhouse complained about noise and speed of train. Concerned there would soon be a derailment. Resident raised several issues including loud horns, trains are too long, often leaving with empty carriages (19/2/2018). Response: Clarified that an investigation into rail noise, before water treatment was introduced, looked into speed of trains. Explained that if trains travelled too slowly, there could be instances where people jumped onto them. Explained that train drivers were required to blow horn when approaching pedestrian or vehicle crossings. Confirmed complaint would be registered and could be taken to rail working group. Cr Jon Strachan commented that he had noticed newer rolling stock was now being used and was quieter.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Fremantle Passenger Terminal (discussed earlier)
- 'Graffiti' bridge - Don Whittington asked whether a mural could be painted on the rail bridge passing over Tydeman Road as it was marked by graffiti. **Action:** Ainslie de Vos will contact the PTA and CoF about the issue.

Conclusion: Meeting concluded at 6.21pm.

Next meeting: 5pm Tuesday 29 May (TBC) 2018, Fremantle Ports Administration Building