



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

**Date:** 12 March 2019  
**Location:** Boardroom, Fremantle Ports Administration Building  
**Time:** 5pm to 6.30pm  
**Chair:** Dr Simon Avenell

### **Community representatives:**

**David Hawks**, The Fremantle Society  
**David Earl**, Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct  
**Ann Forma**, North Fremantle Precinct  
**Danicia Quinlan**, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce  
**Ron Kawalilak**, Gibson Park Precinct  
**Robert Potts**, Beaconsfield Precinct  
**Carol Shannon**, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation  
**Eric Wilson**, Port Beach Users Group and Polar Bears  
**Rod Murray**, South Fremantle Precinct  
**Cr Andrew McPhail**, Town of East Fremantle  
**Don Whittington**, Fremantle Park Association  
**Cr Jenny Harrington**, Town of East Fremantle  
**Su Groome**, White Gum Valley Precinct  
**Fiona Whittles**, Notre Dame University

### **Fremantle Ports' representatives**

**Chris Leatt-Hayter**, Chief Executive Officer  
**Sean Craig**, A/General Manager Business Strategy and Sustainability  
**Neil Stanbury**, Manager Corporate and Community Relations  
**Jeanette Murray**, External Affairs Coordinator  
**Jane Edwards**, Social Sustainability Coordinator  
**Vanessa Carn**, Administrative Assistant

### **Apologies**

**Gerry MacGill**, North Fremantle Precinct  
**Sue-Lyn Aldrian-Moyle**, Artsource  
**Michelle Reynolds**, Rottnest Island Authority

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

Simon Avenell welcomed all, announced apologies and called for additional agenda items. He welcomed new members Danicia Quinlan, Su Groome and Fiona Whittles, and congratulated member Rev. Dennis Cloughton (absent), the Chaplain and Manager of the Flying Angel Club, on being appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in January. Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were accepted.

## 2. TRADE/CRUISE UPDATE

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

### Trade:

Container trade was up by about 6% up to Christmas and is now up by about 4% (FYD). Motor vehicle imports are down about 8% for the financial year to date and this is similar to other ports around the country. Live sheep exports are down.

### Cruise:

- 35 cruise ship calls in 2018-19 (19 individual ships making 16 international/transit calls and 19 homebase visits)
- About 60,000 passengers being handled (17,000 transit passengers and 23,000 disembarking/22,000 embarking)
- New ships in March: *Silver Muse*, *MSC Magnifica*, *Viking Sun*.

### Port performance:

- Comparative data from *Waterline* report (BITRE) for December 2017 quarter:
  - Fremantle had the best average container turnaround times and the best average truck turnaround times at the five capital city ports (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Fremantle)
  - Fremantle's crane rate of 34 containers handled per hour for the period was 'significantly higher than the five ports average of 28.1'
  - the percentage of containers transported by rail in Fremantle was the highest of the five ports at 16 per cent for the period
  - the number of containers carried for each truck movement in Fremantle was 1.7 containers per truck, which was above the five ports average of 1.6.
- Fremantle's percentage of containers on rail in February was about 22%, the highest nationally.
- The most recent [North Quay Truck Survey](#) has shown that since 2014, while container trade has grown, truck numbers have fallen.
- The recently released [Container Movement Study 2017](#) has shown that more containers are being transported after hours, easing pressure on roads.
- The State-Wide Array Surveillance Program (a biosecurity program by WA port authorities and the WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development) has been awarded the Australian Biosecurity Award 2019. It previously won a State award (Golden Gecko for Environmental Excellence 2018). Fremantle Ports has been involved in the program since the pilot in 2010.

## 3. WESTPORT

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

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.

#### **4. VICTORIA QUAY UPDATE**

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

Victoria Quay Steering Group: The new government steering committee for Victoria Quay has been convened with representation from Fremantle Ports, City of Fremantle, relevant government departments, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce, and has met.

Quay to Summer activation: Fremantle Ports' activation of Victoria Quay over summer included a host of different events, including The Dock bar in B Shed during December, a range of family-friendly events, including movie nights, kids' programs (fishing school, puppet workshops), a big market day (Portside Traders Market on 16 March), and two food truck markets. Most of the events were free/gold coin donation. Short video clips were shown (available on [Fremantle Ports' YouTube channel](#).)

#### **5. PORT BEACH EROSION**

Information provided by Neil Stanbury:

Public input/consultation for Port Beach was occurring on the City of Fremantle's website until 24 March. Copies of the MP Rogers report had been provided to Eric Wilson and Gerry MacGill since the last meeting.

#### **6. COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION**

Information from Neil Stanbury:

- Fairy tern sanctuary at Rous Head had another successful breeding season, with a researcher naming it the most successful site in metropolitan area. More information is [here](#) and video is [here](#).
- Staff have recently volunteered at OzHarvest (November and February) cooking for homeless people.
- Fremantle Ports attended and provided prizes for Curtin University's Centre for Aboriginal Studies enabling and bridging courses students. These students had attended mentoring sessions/presentations/port tours in 2018 and are now in university courses.
- Recent visitors have included students from the Masters of Supply Management course, Curtin University. Presentation provided by Logistics Branch.
- Some staff recently took part in Dolphin Watch training. Fremantle Ports has supported dolphin research for more than 20 years.
- Fremantle Ports helped Perth Festival to produce the Five Short Blasts program. Allan Gray and Ainslie de Vos were featured in the audio that accompanied the boat rides.
- Fremantle Ports will be working with the Fremantle Biennale that is happening towards the end of this year.
- Recent community investment has included support for the Coogee Jetty to Jetty Swim on 10 March.

- Fremantle Ports and Victoria Quay both have Instagram accounts. Please follow us at [https://www.instagram.com/fremantle\\_ports/](https://www.instagram.com/fremantle_ports/) and [https://www.instagram.com/victoriaquay\\_fremantleports/](https://www.instagram.com/victoriaquay_fremantleports/). We're also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FreoPorts/>

## 7. LOSS MANAGEMENT

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 (November 2018 - February 2019).

### **Incident: Oil spill, *Nauma* - 11 January**

Just before midnight on Friday 11 January, heavy fuel oil spilled from the general cargo ship *Nauma* while berthed at North Quay. The spill occurred due to a crack in a bunker fuel tank, which then allowed the oil to leak out through a sea chest. Initially, the quantity of oil spilled was unknown. By the end of the incident response it was calculated at 40,000 litres. Fremantle Ports was quickly able to contain the spill around Berth 11, by using a triple row of floating booms. Most oil was removed within 24 hours using skimmers.

Response and recovery: Work continued to remove the remaining oil from under the berth. Containment booms remained in place for several weeks while the vessel was inspected and repairs done to the hull. The ship was prevented from leaving the Inner Harbour until the clean-up finished and the ship safe to depart. A number of debriefs have been held already. Oil spill exercise late last year proved helpful. The Australian Transport Safety Bureau and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority were also involved in the response. The cost of the response will be recovered from the vessel's insurer. Environmental impact: Oil movement: The oil was contained against the berth and prevented from moving either upriver or downriver. Wildlife: Nine birds were oiled, of which five were lightly oiled and capture not attempted. One heavily oiled crested tern was captured and euthanised. One oiled black duck was captured and treated, but later euthanised because of a knee injury – not known if this was the result of oiling. Water: All water sample analytes were below the respective LORs. Mussels: Sampling mussels have been successfully deployed at this location and will be retrieved and tested at the end of this month. Sediment: Sediment sampling is on track to be undertaken this week.

### **Incident: Stink bug found on ship - 18 December**

Ro-ro vessel *Thalatta* berthed at Berth 12 at North Quay on 18 December. The following day a live Brown Marmorated Stink Bug was found by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR). These stink bugs pose a high biosecurity risk to Australia because of their tendency to 'hitchhike', their highly-mobile nature and the lack of effective lures. They are a threat to at least 300 plant types in Australia, including many fruits and vegetables.

Response: 75% of cargo had been unloaded but on 20 December the vessel was ordered to reload all cargo and sail three nautical miles from land for further inspection and fumigation. The vessel was not able to satisfy DAWR that the vessel was clear of BMSB and sailed to Singapore on 4 January 2019. DAWR is currently preparing to implement more stringent biosecurity arrangements to mitigate the risk of a BMSB incursion, including: a closer focus (including mandatory treatment) on suppliers who have previously provided contaminated cargo; require all containers with high-risk goods from high-risk countries (approx. 20% of imported containers) to be treated offshore; other vessel inspection measures depending upon point of origin, season and risk assessment. DAWR has prepared an Industry Advice Notice on the above policy changes for industry and this is expected to be issued soon.

### **Complaints: Rail noise - December - February**

Between December and February, we received six complaints about rail noise. The complaints coincided with intermittent failure of the PTA's water-spraying infrastructure.

Response: Fremantle Ports, has closely monitored this issue and immediately notified the PTA on each occasion the system has failed. PTA engineers have inspected the problem several times and will tomorrow replace modems. Fremantle Ports is actively participating in a 'whole of industry' working group to look at ways to minimise rail noise.

### **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Action:** Main Roads WA to be invited to next meeting to provide presentation on Leach Highway (Carrington St to Stirling Hwy) upgrade works.

**Next meeting:** 5pm Tuesday 11 June 2019