

# MINUTES OF THE INNER HARBOUR COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

<u>Date:</u> <u>Location</u>: <u>Time:</u> Chairperson 28 November 2017 Boardroom, Fremantle Ports Administration Building 5pm to 6.30pm Ainslie de Vos

#### **Community representatives:**

Maryrose Baker, Fremantle Inner City Residents' Association (FICRA) Cr Andrew McPhail, Town of East Fremantle Cr Jenny Harrington, Town of East Fremantle Cr Jon Strachan, City of Fremantle David Hawks, The Fremantle Society Eric Wilson, Port Beach Users Group and Polar Bears Laurie Apps, Fremantle Park Association Ron Kawalilak, Gibson Park Precinct Ann Forma, North Fremantle Precinct

#### Fremantle Ports' representatives

**Gino Valenti**, General Manager Business Development and Risk Management **Jeanette Murray**, External Affairs Coordinator **Helen Elliott**, Community Relations Coordinator **Ainslie de Vos**, Manager External Affairs

#### **Guests**

Andrew Worland and Brendan Corry, Rosslyn Hill Mining

Apologies Chris Leatt-Hayter, Chief Executive Officer Dr Simon Avenell, Chair Robert Potts, Beaconsfield Precinct David Earl, Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct Don Whittington, Fremantle Park Association Gerard MacGill, North Fremantle Precinct Carol Shannon, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation Mary Chila, White Gum Valley Precinct

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

Ainslie de Vos welcomed all, announced apologies and called for additional agenda items. Minutes of previous meeting on 12 September 2017 had been circulated and were accepted. No actions from previous meeting. Additional agenda items:

- Outer Harbour meeting (Ann Forma)
- The Dock bar at B Shed (Maryrose Baker)

# PRESENTATION BY ANDREW WORLAND AND BRENDAN CORRY, ROSSLYN HILL MINING:

#### Hydrometallurgical Plant and Mine Expansion

After operating concentrate mining, processing and transport from the Paroo Mine, at Wiluna, Rosslyn Hill's goal is to construct and operate an onsite hydrometallurgical facility to process lead concentrate to produce lead metal (ingots). Rosslyn Hill has embarked on the approvals process. It will increase the mine life from 4.5 to 10 years. The operation is estimated to employ 250 full time employees; 70,000 tonnes per annum lead metal (ingots) exported; value-adding bulk commodity that has been previously processed offshore; ingots high quality for end-use world customers; low technical risk hydrometallurgical plant; substantially improved mining operation.

#### 2. TRADE UPDATE

Information provided by Gino Valenti:

Year to date figures for October 2017: Total port trade down by 4.3% but container trade up by 5.7%. Non-containerised trade up by 19.6% with imports up by 51.4%, which includes iron and steel imports up by 90.1% and industrial/agricultural vehicles up by 62.0%. Ship arrivals are down by 4.2% but ships are getting bigger so fewer ships calling. Bulk business trade was down 9.2% with grain exports not expected to be as big as last year. Iron ore exports are down but spodumene (lithium source) and bauxite are new bulk trades.

#### 3. WESTPORT TASKFORCE

Information provided by Gino Valenti:

The Westport Port and Environs Strategy Taskforce has had its first meeting. Chair Nicole Lockwood, who is on the Infrastructure Australia and WA Tourism boards, and chair of the WA Freight and Logistics Council, has been briefing stakeholder groups and spoke at the Outer Harbour Alliance forum recently. Fremantle Ports is heavily involved and welcomes the taskforce. The taskforce will consider the enormous body of studies on Outer Harbour options that has been done since the 1960s.

- Taskforce membership Chaired by Nicole Lockwood, various Directors General and Chair of Fremantle Ports' Board
- First meeting 24 October, next meeting 6 December
- · Various workstreams and a large reference group established
- Chair initially engaged in one-on-one meetings with reference group members
- Expect first public consultation document to be released by mid-December (called Preparing for the Strategy)

A number of issues to be considered as part of Westport, some needing decisions earlier than others:

- Inner Harbour capacity
- Future use of Victoria Quay
- Potential development of North Fremantle land
- Container terminal leases (Inner Harbour)
- Intermodal Terminal Development
- Road and rail strategies

- Getting on with Westport planning but recognise that it will be some time before an Outer Harbour is built
- The need for improvements in efficiency and productivity of landside transport for the Inner Harbour is still critically important
- Government has established a Fremantle Inner Harbour Freight Supply Chain Strategy and a Steering Group to oversee this, jointly chaired by Fremantle Ports and Department of Transport, membership from DoT, FP, MRWA and Freight & Logistics Council.

## 4. INNER HARBOUR TRANSPORT LINKS

Information provided by Gino Valenti:

Seven Point Plan

Broad range of initiatives have been compiled to form strategy:

- 1. Road transport (improving the existing system)
- 2. New technology and innovation (adoption of emerging vehicle technologies)
- 3. Road infrastructure (High St upgrade)
- 4. Other road network improvements (other hot spots)
- 5. Rail transport (promoting use of rail)
- 6. Intermodal Development (Forrestfield and other hubs)
- 7. Additional funding for port-related initiatives

Current focus:

- planning for High St upgrade
- container movement study
- initiatives to increase rail share / ongoing funding for rail subsidy
- initiatives to reduce peak period running of trucks
- merits of High Productivity vehicles.

## 5. VICTORIA QUAY WATERFRONT

Information provided by Ainslie de Vos:

Fremantle Ports has plans for some refurbishment of the Fremantle Passenger Terminal in the first half of 2018 and will keep the group informed of initiatives in this area.

## 6. CRUISE UPDATE

Information provided by Ainslie de Vos:

- Giant cruise ship *Ovation of the Seas* returning (29/11/17); transit visit (Singapore to Sydney); 3,800 passengers; 400 disembarking; 400 embarking; 500 have booked tours; remaining 3,300 independent (shuttle bus to Fremantle CBD, walk, picked up, take train, take Uber/taxi)
- WA Government-Carnival Australia regional ports announcement 8/10/17, which will assist in Carnival homebasing its ships in Fremantle:
  - \$7m to fix issues at Broome Port: cruise ship access in all tides
  - Geraldton Port now has ShoreTension units.
- Cruise ship visits: 2016-17: 45 homebasing, 15 international (total: 60); 2017-18: 24 homebasing, 19 international (total: 43)
- Recent interesting ship visits: Japanese icebreaker and research vessel *Shirase* and scientific research vessel *JOIDES Resolution*.

## 7. . COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

Sponsorship program 2016-17: Key areas were environmental projects, education programs, youth leadership, and arts/cultural projects.

Recent sponsorships included:

- Ships in the Night artwork by Jo Darbyshire for High Tide 17 ship names projected moving slowly across Fremantle Ports administration building eastern face.
- Fremantle Chamber Orchestra concert, 12 November, B Shed
- Act-Belong-Commit Rock Symphony (free), Perth Symphony Orchestra, Calista Oval, Kwinana, Saturday 2 December
- Primary sponsor of Fremantle Ports Swim Thru at South Beach, Saturday 9 December, Freo Fins (Fremantle Masters Swimming Club)
- Impact 100, Fremantle Foundation: Ngalla Maya, a not-for-profit Aboriginal employment access organisation, was awarded this year's Impact 100 gamechanging \$100,000 grant last month. Fremantle Ports was a foundation member of the Fremantle Foundation and has supported its Impact 100 Fremantle initiative each year.
- Staff collecting for Christmas hampers for St Patrick's Community Support Centre
- Donation of expired first aid supplies to Dogs' Refuge Home, Shenton Park

Education support: iDiversity students work experience day, Kwinana Industries Council, four students with learning challenges spent a day in our work environment with receptionist Colette Moollan, and IT and Signal Station staff.

Fremantle Ports Maritime Day 2017: An estimated 15,000 visitors came to celebrate the 9<sup>th</sup> Maritime Day on 4 November and see the 80-plus exhibits throughout Victoria Quay and in B Shed. The Border Force detector dogs were a big hit with the public, as were submarine HMAS *Waller* and bunkering vessel *Vacamonte*.

Photos shown of greening of public open space (Ocean Walk) at Rous Head.

#### 8. LOSS MANAGEMENT

Information provided by Gino Valenti:

Communication of significant incidents, complaints and improvements relating to Inner Harbour operations, and that may be of interest to Community Liaison Group members. Information for the period September - November 2017:

Incident 15/11/17, Security alert: Member of the public observed using laptop and WiFi antenna at the Truck Marshalling Area in Rous Head. When approached by the port safety coordinator he advised he was engaged to test the security of the WiFi at North Quay and various other parts of the business. He presented a document of his own signed by Fremantle Ports representatives to conduct this type of work. He was then questioned about his awareness of the hazards while he was in the port area and he declared he didn't know the muster points or the hazards involved with being a port user as he had not completed the Port User Induction of all contractors when undertaking work on Fremantle Ports' assets. Response: Requested the person to leave site and report to the Fremantle Ports representative who had engaged him to undertake the work and to complete a Port User Induction for their own safety. Internal investigation into cause of incident is being undertaken.

Incident 13/11/17, Security alert: VQ Patrol Officer noticed a large drone operating in the harbour, following Rottnest ferry outbound. Drone operator was approached at A Berth and requested drone flying approval. No appropriate written approval was provided, although a

permission request to City of Fremantle to operate around Bathers Beach was provided. Drone operations were requested to cease. Response: Advised the operator that all drone operations in the harbour require Fremantle Ports approval. Operator advised he was contracted to fly the drone on behalf of an advertising production company. The director of the company was subsequently advised of restrictions and requirements for approvals for drone usage.

Incident 29/10/17, Truck rollover: Security Centre identified that a truck had rolled over at Rous Head near Truck Marshalling Area roundabout. Response: Port Services Officer attended incident and determined that container truck with two trailers loaded with furniture travelled around the roundabout and rear trailer rolled onto its side. The driver was unsure why the trailer had rolled over. The driver was not hurt but seemed to be in shock. Assistance provided to driver and situation handed over to his supervisor. Organised for Traffic Management Coordinator to attend and provide traffic management with the support of Port Services until the trailer was removed.

Complaints 9/11/17, Livestock odour: Complaints received from two North Fremantle residents and a Palmyra resident in relation to livestock vessel odour. Palmyra resident said the smell was very bad and was very worried about the welfare of the sheep on a hot day. Totally opposed to the livestock export trade. Response: Acknowledged that odour had been particularly bad on this occasion. Manager External Affairs explained that the sheep are inspected by vets and that the air on board the ship is constantly changed while the vessel is at the berth. Explained that the trade is highly regulated, Federally by the Dept of Agriculture and Water Resources and in WA by the Dept of Primary Industry and Regional Development.

Incident 21/9/17, Contractor safety standards: Contractor working for the WA Museum putting up banners on VQ when approached by Fremantle Ports' Safety Coordinator to check for compliance to work instructions. The contractor advised a Fremantle Ports permit to work had been issued, but there was no 'sign on' to the permit and the instructions on the permit had not been read. On further investigation it was discovered the contractor had not checked the log book on the Elevated Work Platform in two years. The contractor had come to site with two workers and only one hard hat between them, and begun working in public space with no plan to prevent public entering the work space. Response: Safety Coordinator instructed the work team to pack up and leave site and not return until they were trained and competent to complete the task in compliance with legislative and Fremantle Ports' requirements. Relevant information was sent to the WA Museum for follow up.

Complaints 13 & 16/11/17, Truck air brake noise: Two complaints received in relation to container trucks and livestock trucks using air brakes. Complaints were from the vicinity of High St/Hampton Rd and Northbank, both suggesting the incidence of this had increased recently. Response: Internal follow up with Fremantle Ports' Traffic Management Coordinator indicated that it may be due to peak season increases in trade. Advised that if residents were able to note any truck company details he would follow up with specific companies. Added message to electronic signage asking trucks to limit exhaust brake usage.

Complaint 9/10/17, Use of term 'South Quay': Person rang to complain about the ABC calling Victoria Quay, South Quay. Asked if the name had been changed. Asked why Fremantle Ports was not calling the ABC every time it calls VQ, South Quay. Said calling it South Quay was 'very annoying' and 'part of a republican push to obliterate Queen Victoria' and that it should be challenged. Response: Explained the name had not been changed and the ABC was reporting what the Transport Minister said. Person then said he had lived in the Fremantle area for 40 years and he was finding it very annoying that VQ was called South Quay and that Fremantle Ports should be doing something about it. Fremantle Ports has

reminded officers at the City of Fremantle, officers involved in the Westport planning and the Transport Minister's staff, that the correct name is Victoria Quay and that continued use of the term is likely to create unnecessary confusion.

## 9. . GENERAL BUSINESS

- Outer Harbour meeting (Ann Forma) Discussed in Westport Taskforce update.
- The Dock bar at B Shed (Maryrose Baker) A temporary bar will be operating in B Shed, Victoria Quay. The Dock pop-up wharf bar will operate between 3-10 pm from 22 December to 4 January (closed for Christmas Day and New Year's Day).
- Gino Valenti's last meeting: Gino is retiring from Fremantle Ports in January after almost 20 years' service and 16 years at the Department of Mines. Chair Ainslie de Vos thanked Gino for his contribution to the group.
- Emissions from ships: Cr Jenny Harrington to forward email. Update 5/12/17: Jenny Harrington forwarded an email from resident Charles Maclean (via Cr Tony Watkins) asking about ship emissions.

**Action:** Information on ship emissions to be provided at next meeting (see Record: 1285508).

**Conclusion**: Meeting concluded at 6.30pm.

Next meeting: 5pm Tuesday TBA March 2017, Fremantle Ports Administration Building