



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

**Date:** 20 November 2018  
**Location:** Boardroom, Fremantle Ports Administration Building  
**Time:** 5pm to 6.30pm  
**Chair:** Dr Simon Avenell

### **Community representatives:**

**Maryrose Baker**, Fremantle Inner City Residents' Association (FICRA)  
**Lawrence Apps**, Fremantle Park Association  
**David Hawks**, The Fremantle Society  
**David Earl**, Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct  
**Gerry MacGill**, North Fremantle Precinct  
**Cr Dave Hume**, City of Fremantle  
**Olwyn Williams**, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce  
**Ron Kawalilak**, Gibson Park Precinct  
**Carol Shannon**, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation  
**Eric Wilson**, Port Beach Users Group and Polar Bears

### **Fremantle Ports' representatives**

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

### **Apologies**

**Rod Murray**, South Fremantle Precinct  
**Cr Andrew McPhail**, Town of East Fremantle  
**Robert Potts**, Beaconsfield Precinct  
**Cr Jenny Harrington**, Town of East Fremantle  
**Michelle Reynolds**, Rottnest Island Authority  
**Don Whittington (Lawrence Apps attending)**, Fremantle Park Association  
**Cr Jon Strachan (Cr Dave Hume attending)**, City of Fremantle

## **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: Meeting to be organised with Gerry MacGill, Eric Wilson and Fremantle Ports, City of Fremantle and MP Rogers representatives to discuss the latest MP Rogers report on Port Beach. (See Item 5.)

## **2. TRADE/CRUISE UPDATE**

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

Container trade is going well and was up 7% in 2017-18, expected to be up about 6% again in 2018-19. Both imports and exports up, including furniture and household goods, and agricultural products. Motor vehicle imports and bulk trades fairly flat, but now exporting bauxite through Kwinana Bulk Terminal.

Cruise: Fremantle Ports is working very closely with other WA ports to increase cruise calls to WA. Some other WA ports have berth availability and access issues related to wind/tidal. Australian cruise conference was recently in Broome with all cruise lines represented. Fremantle Passenger Terminal \$3m refurbishment will be completed by 4 December; 35 cruise ship calls expected in 2018-19 (19 individual ships making 16 international/transit calls and 19 homebase visits); 17,000 transit passengers and 23,000 disembarking/22,000 embarking. Olwyn Williams asked about what images would be in the terminal building to promote Fremantle. Response: The new banner at the top of the escalators will contain photos of Fremantle tourism attractions with only one image of Cottesloe.

## **3. WESTPORT**

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

Second [Westport](#) report soon to be released: *What we have found so far.*

## **4. VICTORIA QUAY UPDATE**

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

A new government steering committee for Victoria Quay is to be convened with representation from Fremantle Ports, City of Fremantle, some government departments, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce.

Fremantle Ports planning greater activation of VQ over summer. Program called *Quay to Summer*. From December to March there will be The Dock bar plus a range of family friendly events, including movie nights, kids programs, a big market day, and food truck markets.

## **5. PORT BEACH EROSION**

Information provided by Neil Stanbury:

Meeting held on 16 October with Eric and Gerry and specialist coastal and port engineering consultants MP Rogers (City of Fremantle and Fremantle Ports also attending). Neil said recently sand had been replenished naturally. Fremantle Ports still working with representatives from City of Fremantle, the Department of Transport, Department of Lands, Planning and Heritage and Dept of Water and Environmental Regulation on the erosion issue to assist in developing future management strategies.

Discussion:

- Eric: Gerry and he appreciated meeting. Agreed sand had been replenished naturally recently. Most erosion damage had occurred at Sandtrax and Leighton. Cottesloe and Swanbourne were protected by rockier coast.
- Gerry asked why report couldn't be released. Chris said Fremantle Ports would consider whether report would be released to those interested.

## 6. COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

Information from Neil Stanbury:

- Workplace giving partners 2018-19 are Native ARC (Animal Rescue Centre), Bibra Lake and Perth Children's Hospital Foundation. Recent volunteering occurred at Native ARC and PCH and staff are currently donating Christmas hampers for St Patrick's Community Support Centre.
- Recent visitors included environmental studies students from Notre Dame University. Environment Manager Denis Doak hosted them and presented on Fremantle Ports' environmental management.
- Golden Gecko Award for Environmental Excellence presented to Fremantle Ports, other WA port authorities and Department of Primary Industries and Resource Development: Recognition for State Wide Array Surveillance Program (SWASP), world first in use of molecular techniques in a collaborative marine biosecurity surveillance network to more rapidly detect and respond to potential incursions of introduced marine pests; Fremantle Ports involved since pilot in 2010; initially established in 3 WA ports as early warning system for introduced marine pests; since evolved into a viable and cost-effective surveillance system that spans port facilities across WA.
- Two national awards to Fremantle Ports for logistics (landside) innovation: Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Australia 2018 Excellence and Innovation Awards - Award for Excellence and Innovation in Humanitarian and/or Defence Transport and Logistics, and Award for Excellence and Innovation in Moving Freight.
- Fremantle Ports Maritime Day 2018 was very successful, held on 27 October. Various photos shown.
- New websites shown: [Fremantle Ports](#) (corporate) and [Victoria Quay](#) (focused on visitor experience). Features include new 360-degree harbourcams, comprehensive weather data, interactive trade statistics and galleries of historic photos.

## 7. LOSS MANAGEMENT

Information from Neil Stanbury:

### **Incident: Floating timber section in harbour - 10 October**

Report: The owner of a 41-foot private recreational vessel reported striking a 2m section of jarrah floating in the Inner Harbour late in the afternoon, resulting in damage to his propeller and propeller shaft. Response: Fremantle Ports was not immediately notified by the vessel owner. The following morning Fremantle Sea Rescue was contacted by another boat owner about timber in the water near Aquarama and removed the wood. Port vessel crews usually watch for hazards like this as a matter of course.

### **Incident: Air quality complaint from vessel at Victoria Quay - 12 October**

Report: Fremantle Ports received a night-time complaint alleging local air quality was being affected by a ship berthed at Victoria Quay. Response: The complaint was followed up the next morning by Fremantle Ports and it was confirmed the issue was smoke haze from prescribed forest burn-offs.

### **Incident: Plastic tarpaulins on sheep trucks - 9 October**

Report: Complainant claimed tarpaulins on two trucks he had seen were being used to hide sheep from the public and he was concerned for the welfare of the sheep in the heat. Response: The Traffic Management Coordinator reviewed CCTV footage for the period identified by the complainant which showed no sheep trucks with tarpaulins. Complainant may have seen pocket trucks carrying pallets and not livestock, or pocket cattle trucks (in photo shown) which have sides to capture excrement. Discussed with complainant.

### **Incident Bitumen spill on wharf - 16 October**

Incident: During the unloading of bitumen from a tanker at Berth 1 on North Quay, there was a spill of bitumen on to the berth. There was no release to the marine environment. Response: Pumping was stopped and the spill cleaned up. It was confirmed no bitumen went into the water.

### **Water sprays on train tracks not working - 27 October**

Incident: Water sprays on a section of track were not working when trains headed into the harbour, resulting in a higher noise level than usual. Response: Fremantle Ports identified this issue and reported it to the Public Transport Authority. A range of agencies continue to work together on strategies to reduce rail noise.

### **Car doing burnouts - 22 September**

Incident: At about 4.30pm, Port Security received a call about a car doing burnouts in the car park near the E Shed Markets. Response: Port Services Officers spotted the vehicle stopped on Peter Hughes Drive, where the occupants graffitied a section of fence. Fremantle Ports security footage was reviewed and police notified.

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Chris Leatt-Hayter thanked members for attending meetings throughout the year and wished them a safe festive season.

**Conclusion:** Meeting concluded at 6.20pm.

**Next meeting:** TBC