



MINUTES OF THE INNER HARBOUR COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Date: 12 September 2017
Location: Boardroom, Fremantle Ports Administration Building
Time: 5pm to 6.30pm
Chairperson Chris Leatt-Hayter

Community representatives:

Maryrose Baker, Fremantle Inner City Residents' Association (FICRA)
Cr Andrew McPhail, Town of East Fremantle
Robert Potts, Beaconsfield Precinct
Cr Jon Strachan, City of Fremantle
Dennis Claughton, Flying Angel Club
Don Whittington, Fremantle Park Association
David Earl, Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct
David Hawks, The Fremantle Society
Mary Chila, White Gum Valley Precinct

Fremantle Ports' representatives

Chris Leatt-Hayter, Chief Executive Officer
Gino Valenti, General Manager Strategy and Planning
Jeanette Murray, External Affairs Coordinator

Apologies

Dr Simon Avenell, Chair
Eric Wilson, Port Beach Users Group and Polar Bears
Olwyn Williams, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce
Ron Davidson, Fremantle History Society
Rod Murray, South Fremantle Precinct
Carol Shannon, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation
Helen Elliott, Community Relations Coordinator
Ainslie de Vos, Manager External Affairs

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INVITATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Leatt-Hayter welcomed all, announced apologies and called for additional agenda items. Minutes of previous meeting on 13 June 2017 had been circulated and were accepted.

Actions from previous meeting:

- Chris Leatt-Hayter said Fremantle Ports would meet with the City of Fremantle to determine any further action on the Port Beach issue. (See item 6.)
- Presentation at next meeting about initiatives/actions taken by Fremantle Ports, the City of Fremantle, Tourism WA and others to assist cruise visitors and disembarking passengers and promote Fremantle as a destination. (See item 3.)
- Cruise ship call statistics to be provided in minutes. (Done. Answer: 60 ship calls in 2016-17; 44 scheduled so far for 2017-18.)

2. TRADE UPDATE

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

Past two months' container trade has been buoyant and we hope it will continue. Not expecting the bumper grain season of last year.

Westport Port and Environs Strategy Taskforce launch today by Minister for Transport. Part of State Government election platform to progress planning for an Outer Harbour port. The taskforce will comprise directors general of relevant departments plus a stakeholder reference group. The taskforce will be supported by Fremantle Ports and the Department of Transport. Work streams will look at port planning, land use and transport, economic development, staging and commercial, environmental planning, and communications and engagement. Taskforce will take two years to report and will be chaired by Nicole Lockwood, who is on the Infrastructure Australia and WA Tourism boards, and chair of the WA Freight and Logistics Council. The taskforce will investigate Inner Harbour capacity and Outer Harbour options. Fremantle Ports will be heavily involved and welcomes the taskforce. The IHCLG will be kept informed. Question about capacity of the Inner Harbour: Chris said the physical capacity of the port facilities looked at in isolation might be up to 2 million TEU; however, what capacity is acceptable and actually achievable will depend on a range of factors including the capacity of the road and rail system to service the port without adverse social and environmental impacts.

3. TOURISM SERVICES FOR CRUISE SHIP VISITS

Information provided by Jeanette Murray:

Chris said Fremantle Ports was disappointed in Carnival Australia's decision to cease 'homeporting' P&O and Princess cruise line services out of Fremantle from 2018; decision relates to WA regional ports; positive feedback about Fremantle Passenger Terminal received from Carnival over years; well over \$2 million spent refurbishing the heritage-listed Fremantle Passenger Terminal; further upgrading planned.

- According to Australian Cruise Association report, total direct expenditure associated with cruise industry at Fremantle was \$144.6m in 2015-16.
- Two types of cruise ship visits to Fremantle:
 - International: Passengers are in transit (continuing with ship); visiting Fremantle as part of a cruise; ship generally arrives in morning, departs later same day; passengers take half-day trips, make their own way around or stay on ship.
 - Homebasing: Cruise departs from/returns to Fremantle; complete passenger exchange at Fremantle; passengers mostly locals (from WA); embarking

passengers come directly from home; disembarking passengers go directly to home.

- 60 ship visits, 15 individual ships in 2016-17:
 - International (15 visits) - *Costa Luminosa* (2), *Maasdam*, *Emerald Princess*, *Radiance of the Seas* (2), *Ovation of the Seas*, *The World*, *Queen Mary 2*, *Silver Whisper*, *Aurora*, *Sirena*, *Dawn Princess*, *Sea Princess* and *Artania*
 - Homebase (45 visits) - *Dawn Princess* (4), *Pacific Eden* (15), *Sea Princess* (2), *Sun Princess* (8) and *Astor* (16).
- Cruise ship visits 2016-17: 45 homebase, 15 international; 2017-18 (scheduled): 24 homebase, 20 international (increase in international visits but decrease in homebasing ships due to Carnival Australia decision)
- Statistics on 18,273 disembarking passengers from 13 homebasing ship visits 29 April-3 July 2017: independent (picked up, Uber) 56%, walk 22%, taxis 16%, coaches 6%
- Transit passengers (the tourism slice) in 2016-17 were 18,825 (disembarking/embarking passengers were 131,777).
- Example of transit passengers: *Sea Princess* visit 27/5/17: 1,903 passengers and 845 crew (total 2,748) - walk (1,446), independent (pick-up, Uber, crew, stay on board 649), shuttle bus to Fremantle CBD (442), coaches (159), taxis (39)
- Transit passengers: 18,825 in 2016-17 (15 ships); 16,450 in 2017-18 (20 ships) – more ships but smaller, boutique-type ships this year.
- Information shown on City of Fremantle's free shuttle bus (Passenger Terminal to Kings Square and reverse journey) and visitor services inside Passenger Terminal which are available for international cruises/transit passengers (due to Fremantle Ports-City of Fremantle MOU); signage at the Passenger Terminal.
- Flow chart showing how passengers book coach tours, either when purchasing cruise or while on ship. Most popular coach tours are half-day tours to City of Perth/Kings Park, Cohunu Koala Park or Sandalford Wine Tour (ferry from Elizabeth Quay).

4. COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

Information provided by Jeanette Murray:

- Seagull (silver gull) egg collection and chick rescue in collaboration with WA Museum and Native ARC, Bibra Lake before 150 metres of rubble mound seawall rebuilt between Berth 1 and North Mole; 6 chicks raised for 3 months at Native ARC and released last week at Bathers Beach.
- Some sponsorship of Amateur Photographic Competition Fremantle 2017, organised by Fremantle Chamber of Commerce
- Paraplegic Benefit Fund (PBF) Aqua Program sponsorship for talks at Fremantle/Cockburn/Kwinana/Rockingham schools and Notre Dame University overseas students: Powerful personal stories of injury through aquatic accidents were presented to overseas students from NDA recently. Carl, a Japanese student who broke his neck at Cottesloe Beach when he was 17, and Matt, who fell at Karijini National Park when he was cliff climbing above a gorge, now live with quadriplegia and are confined to power wheelchairs. They told their stories to NDA overseas students. PBF's mission is to reduce the impact and incidence of spinal cord injuries.
- Workplace giving and volunteering program: Total of \$22,000 given to Wanslea Family Services (Grandcare program) and Shenton Park Dogs' Refuge Home in 2016-17 Workplace giving partners for 2017-18 are Paint Kwinana REaD and Guide Dogs WA. Paint Kwinana REaD supports parents in talking, reading, signing, rhyming and playing with children to help them be ready for school (2 out of 5 children in Kwinana have been identified as not ready for school). Guide Dogs WA trains dogs as therapy and companion dogs in addition to their primary job of aiding people with vision impairment.
- Richmond Primary School: For the second year, Fremantle Ports has sponsored the school's parent and child planting day in its nature play area.

- Recent work experience placements: OHS graduate (six months) and NDA Bachelor of Science student (six weeks).
- Recent education visitors (receive presentation and observation deck visit as a minimum):
 - 133 (in 6 groups) first-year UWA School of Design students studying unit Architecture of the Seas
 - Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre students, Murdoch University: This was the fourth visit from students in Kulbardi's K-Track Enabling Course (a bridging course) and the second visit this year. Over three hours, students listened to presentations from CFO Tanvi Haria and Logistics and Environment staff, and toured the harbour on response boat. Feedback from one student was the speakers had inspired him to continue to pursue studying International Relations and Spanish. The course coordinator has said the Fremantle Ports visits have helped increase retention rates.
 - Fremantle Christian College students and Belridge Secondary college education support students
 - Bintulu Port Holdings Berhad (Malaysia) Board and Executive (17 people): Harbour Master Captain Allan Gray and External Affairs provided a presentation and discussion. The group was in Perth for the weekend to work as a team on its business plan and the Fremantle Ports visit was the only site visit the delegation did while in WA. The group was interested in new technology, innovation, sustainability, information and security approaches.
- Reminder: Fremantle Ports Maritime Day Saturday 4 November at Victoria Quay, 10am-4pm, free entry.

5. VICTORIA QUAY WATERFRONT

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

Fremantle Ports is supportive of continued redevelopment of the western end of Victoria Quay in collaboration with the City of Fremantle and will keep the group informed of initiatives in this area.

6. BEACHES UPDATE

Information provided by Gino Valenti:

Gino showed photos taken at Port Beach the day before and the beach is looking quite good. Fremantle Ports is working with the City of Fremantle on long-term care of the beach. The Coastal Hazard Report produced by the South West Group had taken a worst-case assessment of the beach, assuming that the Rous Head seawall would not be maintained (which it will be). Fremantle Ports is providing feedback on the report.

7. 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 June - August 2017:

- Incidents 7 & 16 August 2017, Hydraulic Oil Spills – Rock Mound Construction Project: Two hydraulic oil spill events associated with construction of the rock mound in the Inner

Harbour. One from a truck trailer tipping a load of rocks on the shoreside stockpile and the other involving a long reach excavator removing rocks and fines from the supply barge back to shore. Response: In both cases the spills were identified immediately, work stopped and spill kits/absorbent pads deployed quickly to avoid any environmental impact. There was no spillage to harbour waters.

- Complaints 8 August 2017, Livestock Odour: Complaints received from Fremantle resident and from two visitors from Victoria in relation to livestock vessel odour. Response: Advised that livestock vessel was located at berth furthest from residential areas, however, the combination of adverse weather conditions and the fact that the vessel had arrived part loaded (from Victoria) had resulted in the odour impact.
- Complaint 9 August 2017, Underwater Rock Mound: Person phoned to complain that the construction of the underwater rock mound (URM) in the Inner Harbour had caused the beach in front of Rivershores Apartments, Northbank to wash away and be deposited in two boat pens at the jetty in front of the apartments. He has a jetty licence and said that the two boat pens and jetty were rapidly filling up with sand. Response: Complainant advised that Fremantle Ports does not consider URM has affected erosion at the beach or siltation at the boat pens based on our consultants' modelling which suggests beach erosion will in fact be reduced. Complainant contacted consultants directly and consultants explained further that URM had nothing to do with beach erosion or siltation of boat pens, presenting past and current Nearnmap imagery to support this. (Discussion about how rock mound had affected river flow. Fremantle Ports had modelling on river flow done before rock mound was constructed to see if river flow would be adversely affected and to check erosion would not occur around bridge supports.)
- Complaints 20 & 26 July 2017, Port-related Noise: Two complaints received in relation to 'constant engine-type noise' and 'loud humming' that appears to be coming from the port. Response: Similar complaints have been received this year and we are of the view that some may be associated with construction activities within the Fremantle area (e.g. power plants/dewatering activities) as no definitive port-related source of noise could be identified. It is possible the complaint of 26 July was associated with a livestock carrier, however, the vessel in port at the time is a regular caller and has been subjected to noise monitoring and found to be below the 'noisy vessel' level.
- Complaint 12 July 2017, Closure of North Mole: Recreational fisher phoned to complain about North Mole gates being closed due to whale carcass. He said that it was the best weather for catching snapper, the weather was not dangerous and it was ridiculous that the gates were closed. Response: Explained that gates were closed for safety reasons, that Fremantle Ports was concerned that people and children would be clambering over rocks to try to see the carcass. Advised that information would be provided on the website as soon as the gates were open.

8. . GENERAL BUSINESS

Jon Strachan asked about whether Fremantle Ports was looking into having a solar farm. Chris said renewables were being investigated as part of an energy management strategy and PV panels were being considered.

Conclusion: Meeting concluded at 6.05pm.

Next meeting: 5pm Tuesday 28 November 2017, Fremantle Ports Administration Building