



MINUTES OF THE INNER HARBOUR COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Date: 3 September 2019
Location: Boardroom, Fremantle Ports Administration Building
Time: 5pm to 6.30pm
Chair: Chris Leatt-Hayter, CEO

Community representatives:

Ron Kawalilak, Gibson Park Precinct
Carol Shannon, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation
Cr Andrew McPhail, Town of East Fremantle
Cr Jon Strachan, City of Fremantle
Rev. Dennis Cloughton, Flying Angel Club
Maryrose Baker, Fremantle Inner City Residents' Association
David Earl, Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct
David Hawks, The Fremantle Society Inc
Rod Murray, South Fremantle Precinct
Don Whittington, Fremantle Park Association
Fiona Whittles, Notre Dame University
Gerard MacGill, North Fremantle Precinct
Robert Potts, Beaconsfield Precinct

Fremantle Ports' representatives:

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:

Su Groome, White Gum Valley Precinct
Ron Davidson, Fremantle History Society

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INVITATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Leatt-Hayter welcomed all, announced apologies and called for additional agenda items. Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were accepted. There were no actions from the previous meeting.

2. VICTORIA QUAY ACTIVITIES FOR 2019-20

Information provided by Neil Stanbury:

Information was provided about:

- *Container* exhibition across Victoria Quay 1 November 2019 - April 2020 (Fremantle Ports is a major sponsor)
- Fremantle Ports Maritime Day on Saturday 2 November 2019 10am-4pm
- Fremantle Biennale 2019 *Undercurrent* 1-24 November 2019, Biennale events at the port:
 - Major living installation resort created by The Commonwealth of New Bayswater, led by Perth artist Jesse Lee Johns, at the South Mole Resort
 - Dance spectacular *Radar* in B Shed
 - Major new commission by WA artist Bennett Miller, *Behavioural Ecologies (Red)*, taking place across Victoria Quay, the harbour and throughout Fremantle
 - *Standing Wave*, a sound work for the internal volume of HMAS Ovens at the WA Maritime Museum
 - Elements of The Unit architectural installation series, which will stretch right across Fremantle's original beachline.
- Quay to Summer program will return and will include markets, movie nights, The Dock, food truck markets.

3. TRADE/CRUISE UPDATE

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

Trade:

Trade statistics (2018-19):

- Container trade up 2.3%
 - exports up (mostly containerised grain exports)
 - imports down due to general consumption being down
- All port trade down about 1% (due to no longer exporting iron ore from Kwinana but somewhat compensated by bauxite and grain exports)
- Vehicle imports down about 10%
- In 2019-20 expecting about the same container growth.

Two of the largest-capacity container ships to ever visit Australia visited Fremantle in July. Capable of carrying 9400 standard containers each—double the number on most container ships visiting Australia—Maersk *Skarstind* and MSC *Elma* were each about 300 metres long and 48 metres wide. To compare, Optus Stadium's AFL field is 165 m long. ([Video shown.](#))

Rail freight:

- 20.2% container freight on rail 2018-19 taking 110,000 truck movements off road
- Record high 23.7% in April 2019
- Highest proportion of container freight on rail in Australia.

Cruise:

- 29 visits scheduled for 2019-20: international (14), homebase (15). First visit of season is *Sea Princess* on 20 October.

- Dredging underway to grow Broome's cruise shipping industry; channel optimisation project to create 24-hour cruise ship access. Cruise shipping lines are interested in expanding in WA and require access to regional ports.

4. WESTPORT

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

Westport Taskforce shortlist of 5 future port options announced 15 August:

- 3 stand-alone Kwinana options -
 - Conventional land-backed port
 - Light footprint port
 - Conventional island port
- 2 shared Fremantle/Kwinana options -
 - Conventional land-backed Kwinana option and Fremantle
 - Blue highway and Fremantle

Information provided about Westport information events in September.

5. COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY 2019

Information provided by Neil Stanbury:

Survey overview:

- Annual Fremantle Ports Community Survey conducted in June.
- 450 phone interviews of 13 minutes' duration
- Conducted by ISO 20252 standard-accredited market research company, Ipsos
- Data weighted by age, gender and Inner/Outer Harbour location of respondent

Key metrics:

Survey seeks to understand issues and trends regarding:

- Support for Fremantle Ports
- Satisfaction with Fremantle Ports
- Impact of port operations upon the community
- Community rating of performance of Fremantle Ports
- Awareness of Fremantle Ports communication channels

Key findings:

- 77% of Inner Harbour respondents familiar with what Fremantle Ports does
- More than 6 out of 10 satisfied overall with Fremantle Ports
- Support for the ongoing operation of the Inner Harbour as a busy working port slightly up, from 75% last year to 78% this year
- Nearly 9 out of 10 support the use of rail for containers to and from the port
- Traffic continues to have the greatest impact on Inner Harbour respondents, but fewer are concerned about noise and smell compared with last year.
- We have more to do in terms of explaining what we do, via communication and engagement work.

Action: Provide link to air quality monitoring page on website:

<https://www.fremantleports.com.au/environment/air-water-quality-monitoring>

6. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Information provided by Neil Stanbury:

- Port Walks for the public around Victoria Quay were conducted on Sundays 11 and 25 August and were very successful; 100 people each time and were oversubscribed.
- Fremantle Primary School mural and two student scholarships: The school now has a stunning new mural as a backdrop to its new outdoor classroom; mural of yellowfin whiting by artist Toby Tomlinson; mural has connection to Aboriginal story.
- The Woylie Aboriginal Writers Development Program will provide local storytellers with mentorship, support and skills to publish and present their stories under direction of Aboriginal academics, storytellers and elders.
- Fremantle International Portrait Prize 2019: Silver sponsorship - Highly acclaimed Fremantle International Portrait prize in its 10th year. Internationally recognised competition and event. Attracts 1500 entries with 5000 visiting the exhibition in Fremantle.
- East Freo Farm now has a beautiful native garden entrance thanks to support from Fremantle Ports. The community garden, established in 2011 behind 9 Seeds Café in Marmion Street, includes a small orchard, multiple communal and private garden beds, worm farms and composting facilities.
- Hilton Harvest Community Garden 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner on 19 October: Garden is located in the heart of Hilton and is a hub for gardening, community building and education.
- WAVE (Fremantle Ports employee giving and volunteering program): 2018-19 partners Native ARC and Perth Children's Hospital Foundation each received about \$10,000 from employee contributions, fundraising and matched funds from Fremantle Ports. 2019-20 partners are Freo Street Doctor and Guide Dogs WA. Staff donated winter clothes and goods to Freo Street Doctor on 16 August.
- Recent visitors for presentations on the port were Fremantle Christian College and Kolbe Catholic College.

7. INCIDENTS AND COMPLAINTS

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 (March - June 2019).

July Port Beach pollution - June, July

Complaint - Fremantle Ports received two complaints from the same person, dissatisfied with Fremantle Ports' response to the decommissioning and remediation of land formerly used by Ampol and Caltex. Response - Complainant was advised that, although not Fremantle Ports' responsibility, Fremantle Ports was working with the City of Fremantle on its Beach Adaptation Project to address erosion at Port Beach, was actively involved in the project steering group and had part-funded a report by coastal engineers. That report is due for release this month. Complainant also given information about remediation work already undertaken by Caltex, the City of Fremantle's ongoing liaison with Caltex re-exposed infrastructure and the role of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation regarding the *Contaminated Sites Act*. Advised to contact the department to gain full information about the site's status and responsibilities of parties.

Loud engine noise - 22 June

Complaint - Resident of Malcolm Street complained of loud engine noise in the evening. Response: Our Environment Branch believed the sound came from Berth J/H where the roll-

on, roll-off vehicle ship, *Positive Leader*, had its air extractor fans on while vehicles were being unloaded. Port Operations was advised of the complaint and asked to liaise with ro-ro vessel masters in future about minimising use of fans where possible.

Beeping noise - 30 August

Complaint - Resident of Beach St complained of significant beeping noises from the Inner Harbour. Response - Environmental officers reviewed this matter and found there were two container vessels at North Quay and a ro-ro operation (vehicle carrier) at Berth 12 at the time of the complaint. There were no vessels at Victoria Quay. As the wind was NW, the Beach St resident may have received noise from the container terminals operations and the ro-ro operation at North Quay. The moderate-to-strong winds recorded for the area at that time would have increased general background noise levels in the area. Complainant was advised Fremantle Ports was working with container leases about the introduction of lower frequency alarms on vehicles.

Truck exhaust brakes - 18 August

Resident of North Fremantle (on John St near the John St/Tydeman Rd/Stirling Hwy lights) complained of exhaust brakes used by trucks and wanted to know if they needed to use them. She said she hears them from about 4am. Response: Fremantle Ports' Traffic Management Coordinator advised it was unlikely trucks needed to use them early in the morning, but it was impossible to know the trucks' circumstances. Variable message signs were refreshed with new messaging to encourage drivers to avoid using exhaust brakes unless necessary for safety.

Water pollution - 26 July

Complaint - Member of the public contacted Fremantle Ports reception to complain about a white film/foam on waters between North and South Moles. Response - An environmental advisor inspected South Mole, sighted the film/foam and took photographs. Upon reviewing the current and wind direction, it was determined that North Quay was most unlikely to be the origin. Ships berthed were checked and there was only a container ship at Berth 9/10. The advisor checked upstream and found film/foam east of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge, Stirling Bridge and past Swan Yacht Club and the Australian Navy Cadets HQ. Not believed to be of Fremantle Ports origin. Complainant advised.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Dennis Cloughton said 3 September was Merchant Navy Day, 80th anniversary of the sinking of *Athena*, the first Allied merchant vessel sunk during World War II. Merchant seaman Max Rochford, who lived in Fremantle, was the first Australian killed in WWII. The Flying Angel Club had recently been hosting people from the South Pacific involved with the Australian Government's Pacific Patrol Boat Program, the handing over of patrol vessels (vessels from Austal ships). Also, the club had hosted seven people from Mermaid Marine training at TAFE.
- David Hawks asked about the Victoria Quay Steering Group. **Action:** Update on Victoria Quay Steering Group to be provided at November meeting.

Next meeting: 5pm Tuesday 19 November 2019