

Inner Harbour Community Liaison Group

Date:	Tuesday 22 September 2020	Time:	5pm-6.30pm
Location:	Fremantle Ports Administration Building		
Chair:	Dr Simon Avenell		
Attendees:	<p><u>Community representatives:</u> Cr Andrew Sullivan, City of Fremantle Ron Kawalilak, Gibson Park Precinct John Dowson and David Hawks, The Fremantle Society Inc. Shirley Burbidge, Fremantle Volunteer Heritage Guides Don Whittington, Fremantle Park Association Fiona Whittles, Notre Dame University Richard Mehan, Fremantle Inner City Residents' Association Robert Potts, Beaconsfield Precinct Ed Blackley, White Gum Valley Precinct Cr Andrew McPhail, Town of East Fremantle Stuart Gunning, Rottnest Island Authority</p> <p><u>Fremantle Ports' representatives</u> Chris Leatt-Hayter, CEO Sean Craig, General Manager Business Strategy and Sustainability Neil Stanbury, Manager Corporate and Community Relations Jeanette Murray, External Affairs Coordinator Jane Edwards, Community Engagement Specialist Oscar Holligan, Stakeholder Engagement Officer Sue Hellyer, Manager Logistics Sophie Gillespie, Logistics Analyst</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Eric Wilson, Port Beach Users Group and Polar Bears Jason Fair and Gill Harrison, Western Australian Maritime Museum Gerard MacGill, North Fremantle Precinct Danicia Quinlan, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce</p>		

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1.	Welcome, apologies, request for other agenda items: John Dowson said he had two questions relating to Victoria Quay	5 mins	Chair
(a)	Minutes of previous meeting accepted		
(b)	Actions arising from previous meeting:		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westport Taskforce to be invited to provide a speaker to the next IHCLG meeting. (Will be invited to November meeting.) • Main Roads WA to be invited to next meeting to provide information on the Fremantle Traffic Bridge project. (See Item 2.) 		
<p>2. Guest presentation: Swan River Crossings Project, Main Roads WA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergio Martinez (Project Director) • Lance Thomas (Project Manager) • Carolyn Walker (Stakeholder Engagement) <p>Project Overview / Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current bridge has reached the end of its useful life • Replacement bridge considered over many years • State & Federal Government funding commitment of \$230m (50/50) • Replacement solution to incorporate road and rail and offers opportunity to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ replace the Fremantle Traffic Bridge ○ provide additional freight rail capacity ○ provide modern standard cycling and pedestrian facilities. <p>Who is involved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-2019: Meetings to determine constraints or concerns: DPLH, DOT (cycling, marine safety and freight reps), CoF, ToEF, Public Transport Authority, Heritage Council, Westport, Fremantle Ports, Office of Government Architect • October 2019: Stakeholder workshop: understand each other's constraints, requirements and views • Steering Committee established; ongoing meetings • Working Groups: Heritage Movement and Place, Communications and River Operations • Now: Stakeholder engagement commenced in August: • Community feedback: survey, drop-in sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community involvement in the bridge design vision. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve connectivity, amenity, celebrate the crossings, connections and river transitions of the Swan River/Debal Yerrigan at Fremantle/Walyalup. <p>What have we heard?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 130 people attended drop-in sessions; over 250 have provided feedback so far. • Community wants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ more clarity around alignment decision making and remaining bridge extent ○ new cycling facilities and safer facilities for walkers ○ input into what the bridge will look like 	15 mins	MRWA

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the heritage of the crossing recognised (important entry into Fremantle). ○ use native flora (as on Cantonment Hill) as a feature on foreshore or bridge design ○ reflect unique history of North Fremantle in an entry statement ○ a boardwalk over the water and under the new bridge on the north shore ○ plants, shade and seating along the cycling and pedestrian path ○ close the new bridge to cars once a month for events or for people to view and celebrate sailing regattas. <p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to assess current feedback and ongoing meetings with interested groups. • Community involvement in the bridge design vision and design response, landscape design, heritage interpretation, public art. • Improve connectivity, amenity, celebrate the crossings, connections and river transitions of the Swan River/Derbal Yerrigan at Fremantle/Walyalup. <p>Discussion about consultation, the conservation report for the current traffic bridge, the rail gradient, port land and the planned alignment.</p>		
<p>3. Westport</p> <p>On 10 August, the WA Government endorsed the Westport Taskforce recommendation for a future container port at Kwinana; new Kwinana port to be built by 2032: transition in one step by 2032 (move all container trade to Kwinana) or both ports share trade task for around a further 15 years (up to 2047); decision on which option will be made in 4 years (2024); recommendation for a land-backed port in Kwinana in vicinity of Anketell Rd.</p> <p>Discussion included: John Dowson said that according to Fremantle Ports' Annual Report 78% of people in the community support the working port and that the Fremantle Society wants the Inner Harbour to continue as a working port.</p>	10 mins	Chris
<p>4. Trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019-20 financial year: Provided \$43.2 million to WA Government in total contributions; 32.6 million mass tonnes of cargo handled; \$31.2 billion of trade per year, representing an hourly average of \$3.6 million; 4th largest container port in Australia and WA's only dedicated 	5 mins	Chris

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<p>container port handling about 783,000 TEU; about 78,000 motor vehicles imported plus industrial and agricultural machinery imports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year to date (July & August 2020): Strong start for container trade: total container trade up 5.5% or 7,150 TEU; non-containerised Inner Harbour trade up 13% or 18,247 tonnes, mainly due to a major rise in exports of scrap metals, as well as imports of used motor vehicles and iron and steel products; total port trade down 21.3% on the same period last year, mainly due to decreased bulk imports of crude petroleum and bulk wheat exports. Cruise ships: New Australian Government directive - No cruise ships until 17 December 2020. 		
<p>5. Victoria Quay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fremantle Ports has granted a lease to WA brewing company Gage Roads Brewing Company to refurbish and develop A Shed into a working micro-brewery, eatery, al-fresco area, bar and café; WA Maritime Museum has already moved historic boats out of A Shed. Remedial sheet pile works A, B & C berths, Victoria Quay, 14 Sept – early November 2020; short-term parking ferry terminal drop-off zone between B Shed and C Shed closed temporarily; other drop-off parking is available. Remedial works have also been done at Corkhill Landing (pilot boats) and O'Connor Landing (ferries). Fremantle Ports invited ROIs (Registrations of Interest) for summer activation of Victoria Quay waterfront for 2020-21 season. 	5 mins	Sean
<p>6. Community investment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2019-20, more than \$130,000 was injected into more than 40 community programs that promoted community enrichment, education, environmental leadership, and arts and culture. Recent sponsorships: ClimateWatch trail signage at City of Melville's Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre; Hilton Harvest Community Garden; Fremantle Ports Swim Thru at South Beach, 12 December 2020; North Fremantle Social Farm; City of Rockingham Castaways Sculpture Awards 2020 (24 Oct-1 Nov 2020); Fremantle Foundation 2020; WA Fairy Tern Network (Conservation Council of WA), \$10,000 for monitoring predators at Rous Head and McKinnon Point (Bunbury) and conservation strategy for lower south-west region (Fremantle to Bunbury). 	5 mins	Neil

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Walk was held on Sunday 20 September; series of Port Walks will be held in October-November by new members of the Friends of Fremantle Ports. • Maritime Day 2020 has been cancelled for COVID-19 pandemic • Fremantle Passenger Terminal Then and Now open day, Sunday 15 November 9am-2pm. <p>Action: Provide information at next meeting on Fremantle Ports' Community Investment Program guidelines.</p>		
<p>7. Incidents and complaints</p> <p>Some incidents and complaints July-September 2020 with actions taken covered: parting of a stern line; 2 complaints about night-time noise from port; theft of car registration plate from car parked on Victoria Quay; congestion at Rous Head Truck Marshalling Area; temporary fencing around sheds leased to TAFE in Fleet St and being refurbished.</p>	5 mins	Neil
<p>8. General business</p> <p>John Dowson's two questions relating to Victoria Quay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooden blocks that lined streets in Fremantle and on Victoria Quay: John will provide Fremantle Ports with a copy of his report. (Update: <i>The Wooden Streets of Fremantle</i> has been received). He suggested that any historic finds unearthed during the Water Corp works on Victoria Quay be noted, recovered and not just covered over. • John asked about the Victoria Quay Steering Group full report and proposals reported in the media about film industry studios to be built on Victoria Quay: John said 25m-high film studio towers on VQ would be inappropriate and unacceptable to the Fremantle Society. Neil said the full report hadn't been released by the WA Government and that the proposals had been called by the State Government for the creation of film studios which was not site specific. • Gavin Bignell, General Manager Port Operations, was introduced to members. Action: Gavin Bignell to present at the next meeting. 	10 mins	All

Actions for 5pm Tuesday 17 November 2020 meeting:

- Westport Taskforce to present to members. (Update: Nicole Lockwood, Westport Chair, will attend and present.)
- Neil Stanbury to provide information at next meeting on Fremantle Ports' Community Investment Program guidelines.
- Gavin Bignell, General Manager Port Operations, to present to members.