



Minutes

Meeting:	Minutes of the Community Consultation Committee	
Date:	Monday, 24 July 2023	
Venue:	Port of Hastings Corporation 1d Stony Point Road CRIB POINT VIC 3919	
Present:	Todd Trimble (TT) – PoH (Chair) Jade Brain (JD) PoH Shaun McMahon (SM) PoH Brandon Trebilco (BT) PoH Martin Leovold (ML) – Ports Vic Michael Galvin (MG) – United Darren Salamon (DSal) – United Yuko Fukuma (YF) – JSE/HESC Johnny Sollitt-davis (JSD) – JESSS/HESC Doug Rolland (DR) – Esso Harris Irwin (HI) - BlueScope	Julia Stockigt (JS) – Save Western Port & WPPC Jane Carnegie (JC) - Save Westernport Rhiannon Hodge (RH) – HMAS Cerberus Mel Barker (MB) - Western Port Biosphere Dayne Thomson (DT) – United Terminals Terry Martin (TM) French Island Community Association Di Shortland (DSH) – HMAS Cerberus
Absent:	Reece Taranto (RC) – Parks Victoria Miranda Borzwecki (MB) – Yaringa Harbour Matt McDonald (MM) – Searoad Ferries Darren Salmon (DS) – United Dale Stohr (DDS) – Crib Point Action Group	

The meeting commenced at 1pm

1. Welcome & Introductions

We acknowledge the Bunurong People as the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters on which we operate, and pay our respects to their Elders both past, present and emerging.

- 1.1 The new meeting chair is Todd Trimble (TT), the Stakeholder and Community Relations Manager for PoH.
- 1.2 TT welcomed attendees and updated CCC members on recent staff movements at PoH, including new staff members Jade Brain, Shaun McMahon and Brandon Trebilco.

2. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 2.1 Minutes were accepted.



3. Action Items from Previous Meeting

3.1 Outstanding Actions

Action: Request for a breakdown of shipping movements for each Port Facility Operator.

Status - Details supplied by Ports Victoria.

Completed.

4. Shipping

4.1 MV provided an update on recent shipping activity including:

- a. Viva ship-to-ship transfer at Crib Point. The first transfer occurred in April 2023.
- b. United Petroleum is now importing jet fuel.
- c. An all-port hydrographic survey will be undertaken soon to provide an update on channel depths. The survey will occur in declared waters and if channel depths have changed the results will be shared. Results are expected in December.
- d. New pilots are joining Ports Victoria to undertake training at Stony Point, bringing the total to 8 pilots.

5. Incidents

5.1 SM reported on two recent incidents:

- a. A dive boat overturned at the Stony Point Jetty as a result of the use of the tugboat thrusters. No injuries or major damage, although items from the dive boat needed to be retrieved from the seabed. Svitzer investigated the incident and have identified an opportunity for improving their communication with PoH and the Harbour Master on Tug movements.
- b. A king tide caused a Tugboat to rise and cause damage to some pylons at Stony Point Jetty. Damage being reviewed for repair.

6. Port Security

- 6.1 SM reported an increase in the use of kayaks for fishing, and issues with people tying up under jetties and entering prohibited areas. As they are unlicensed vessels, it is difficult to track and monitor access.
- 6.2 TM commented that some people appear to be forcing open the gates at Strong Point Jetty. SM said he would investigate and improve gates/ locks if required.

7. Oil Spill & Emergency Management

7.1 Dumped drums:

Earlier this year, the EPA notified the PoHC regarding dumped drums located off sandstone island in Parks waters. An interagency meeting was held which identified CFA/FRV as the incident controller due to the unknown contents of the drums (consequently assumed HAZCHEM).

DoTP Trochus vessel was utilised for FRV drone footage (including infrared imagery) which clarified the drums were empty and weren't containing hazardous materials. Consequently, the drums were removed and disposed of by Parks.



8. Port Safety & Environmental Management Plan (SEMP)

- 8.1 JB advised the PoH is seeking certification to international health, safety and environmental standards and had recently developed a new Health and Safety Policy and Environmental Policy which are on the POH website together with the updated Safety and Environmental Management Plan (SEMP).

*Action: include links to policy in CCC Minutes. **Completed below.***

Environment Policy

Health & Safety Policy

Safety & Environmental Management Plan

9. Port Operations

- 9.1 BT provided an update on recent maintenance works around the Port including:

- a. Ongoing structural repairs at Long Island Point Jetty
- b. Ongoing steel remediation works at Crib Point Jetty
- c. Stony Point Jetty is trialling an innovative sustainable solution for the concrete pylons to reduce the need for ongoing maintenance work. The new GreenTech Shield developed by MCM is an Electrochemical Chloride Extraction system designed for steel reinforced infrastructure. The material will be wrapped around the pylons and helps extend the life of the concrete by removing salt.

10. Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal project

- 10.1 TT provided an update on the Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal project including:

- a. advised the Environmental Referrals to the state (EE Act) and commonwealth (EPBC Act) governments were expected to be submitted in early August and all stakeholders would be advised when the Referrals had been submitted, and again when the documents were available for public comment.
- b. A summary of recent engagement activities including with Mornington Peninsula Shire, French Island Community Association and Peninsula Aero Club.

- 10.2 JS questioned the amount of reclamation required for the VRET project and the volume of dredging required. [TT advised the details would be determined through the EES and design phases of the project.](#)

- 10.3 JC asked about the installation and operation of turbines in Bass Strait. [TT provided an overview of OSW vessels and construction methodology and encouraged CCC members to visit Star of the South website for more information.](#)

11. Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain project

- 11.1 YF provided an update on the Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain project including:

- a. the recent announcement of \$2.3 billion in funding from the Japanese government to progress the project.
- b. feasibility studies are underway to determine the preferred location.
- c. EES process expected to commence late 2023 or early 2024.

- 11.2 JS asked how large the facility would be. [YF advised exact size and location of facility is yet to be determined.](#)



11.3 JC requested access to more in-depth information about the HESC pilot. [JSD encouraged CCC members to contact the HESC team directly for information or updates. He advised the ATSB investigation and the EHSC response is available on the HESC website.](#)

12. BlueScope update

12.1 HI advised there had been a slight increase in ships (now up to 4 a month) due to rail shortages and shutdowns. He expects it to return to 1-2 ships per month soon.

12.2 BlueScope's SEMP has been recently audited and no Non Conformance Reports (NCRs).

12.3 Maritime security is up to date.

13. ESSO update

13.1 DR advised there had been approximately 50 vessel movements over the previous 6 months, with a minor increase in smaller gas carriers (propane). Crude shipping occurs approximately every 5 weeks and larger gas carriers every 7 weeks.

13.2 Loading arm number 3 is being refurbished and working with PoH on lifting plan (Jacobs are reviewing).

13.3 JS asked if there was an update on the new generators. [DR advised the project has commenced and is expected to be completed next year.](#)

14. HMAS Cerberus update

14.1 DSH provided an update on the HMAS Cerberus open day in March 2024. A very successful event which will be held annually.

14.2 HMAS Cerberus recently conducted an environmental burn on their site. The controlled burn is undertaken to encourage the regeneration of native flora while reducing the risk of bushfires.

14.3 PFAS testing is occurring across the site as part of HMAS Cerberus' ongoing land contamination management.

15. Next Meeting Details

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