

MINUTES

Port of Newcastle Community Liaison Group

Date: Monday 13th February 2017

Location: Travelodge Newcastle

Chairperson: Lauren Eyles, Executive Manager Communication, Port of Newcastle (LE)

Attendees:

Member	Representing
Robert Aitchison (RAI)	Business/Tourism, Northern Highland Travel
George Barnes (GB)	Correct Planning & Consultation for Mayfield Group (Alternate for Claire Charles)
Dr Richard Finlay-Jones (RFJ)	CLEANaS , Co-Founder. EcoEnviro , Director. Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club , Member. Newcastle Stand Up Paddle Club , Co-Founder, Surf Rider's Assoc.
Geoff Crowe (GC)	Port of Newcastle , Chief Executive Officer
Peter Kibble (PK)	Port Waratah Coal Services , Manager Organisational Effectiveness
Julie Kearney	Stockton resident. Newcastle Surf Life Saving Club
John Thacker	Newcastle West resident. Carrington Community Centre Management Committee
Clare Monkley (CM)	Throsby Basin Business Chamber
Jill Gaynor	City of Newcastle , Manager of Strategic Planning Services
John McLeod (JM)	Newcastle Rowing Club, Carrington Community Council
Wayne Diemar (WD)	HunterNet , Project Director
Richard Howard (RH)	Clark Shipping Australia , Director
Wayne Mabbott (WB)	Port of Newcastle , Cargo Logistics Manager
Phil Reid (PR)	Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (Alternate for Nathan Juchau)
Michael Clancy (MC)	ARTC , Business Development Manager
Jock Carter (JC)	Newcastle Agri Terminal (NAT) , Executive Director
Sarah Kiely (SK)	Port of Newcastle , Communication Officer. Minute Taker.

Apologies:

Member	Representing
Nathan Juchau	Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group , Health, Safety & Environment Manager
Emma Fensom	Port Authority of NSW
Peter Francis	Port of Newcastle , Executive Manager Trade and Business Development
Robert Coombs	Australian Maritime Officers (AMOU)
Claire Charles	Correct Planning & Consultation for Mayfield Group , Newcastle Trades Hall Council
Michael Frost	Stolthaven , General Manager
Richard Anicich	Hunter Business Chamber , Immediate Past President
Nicole Guyder	Office of the State Member for Newcastle , Electoral Officer (Alternate for Tim Crakanthorp)

Absent:

Member	Representing
Aaron Harpham	Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club , Chief Executive Officer
Susan Bradley (SB)	Parks and Playgrounds Group, Throsby Villages Alliance.
Sonia McKay (SM)	Roads and Maritime Services , Principal Manager, Boating Operations Branch

1. Welcome and Introductions – Lauren Eyles (LE), Chair

- LE welcomed guest presenters, Michael Clancy (ARTC) and Jock Carter (Newcastle Agri Terminal) to the meeting
- George Barnes (GB) was also welcomed as an alternate for Claire Charles representing the Correct Planning & Consultation for Mayfield Group.
- LE noted that John Thacker (JT) was now representing Newcastle West as he had recently located from Carrington. JT mentioned that he is still involved with the Carrington Community Centre Management Committee.
- It was also noted that the representation of the CLG was being reviewed and LE would be checking in with members who had not attended in a while to confirm if they wanted to continue to their membership in 2017.

2. Port of Newcastle (PON) Update – Geoff Crowe (GC), PON Chief Executive Officer

- GC wished attendees a happy new year on behalf of PON.
- December was a record month for trade, with coal exports setting a new monthly record and contributing to a record year overall. Wheat, other agricultural products and fuel also contributed to a record annual trade throughput of 168 million tonnes. Coal made up 96% of the total trade for 2016.
- Planning for the cruise terminal is well advanced. A shortlist of Project Managers was being prepared and a tender process for the architect was currently underway.
- Waterway Construction has been appointed as the mooring bollards contractor and is due to begin work on the mooring bollard upgrade by the end of February.
- The first cruise for 2017, *Silver Whisper*, visited in early February and the *Celebrity Solstice* will be back in the Port in March. PON looks forward to welcoming 18 cruise ships over the next 18 months. PON will be keeping the CLG updated as the construction of the cruise terminal progresses.
- The \$5 million Stage 1 component of the Mayfield Services Project is complete. The Ausgrid electrical supply is being further augmented as part of Stage 2 and is progressing through the design phase.
- PON is implementing a new Contractor Management System to improve how it manages contractors.
- The two remaining former PWCS Carrington loaders are due to be removed from Dyke 5 via a Big Lift vessel towards the end of February.
- Stolthaven's Stage 3 State Significant Development (SSD) Project Approval was issued by the NSW Department of Planning on 15 December 2016. Geoff reported that the Mayfield 7 berth is well advanced and is on track to achieve its scheduled completion date in Q4 2017.
- GC noted PON has published the Annual Noise Verification Report for the Mayfield Concept Approval on its PON website. The Report indicated that activities on the Mayfield Site were well within the limits.
- At the end of 2016, PON awarded more than \$60,000 to 12 successful applicants via the Community Partnerships Program. PON's total sponsorship contribution for 2016 was \$236,473. The next round of Community Partnerships funding will open in April 2017.
- GC advised the group that he had joined the Hunter Business Chamber Board as a Director.
- GC mentioned an article that was recently published in the Portside Local newspaper about fences at Walsh Point. He clarified that the land is part of the operating port and the fencing had been erected to address illegal dumping and damage to the site and for public safety. GB asked for clarification around the location and the height of the new fencing. GC advised that PON had installed palisade fencing as the previous pole and

wire fencing was regularly being damaged. GC said the Walsh Point site had been leased to Qube for storage purposes.

- RFJ asked GC how PON was diversifying and transitioning away from coal. GC mentioned a number of trade opportunities that the Port is looking into including marine services, further development of the Mayfield site and the cruise terminal.
- The wind turbine shipments were also discussed and WM confirmed that PON had now received 6 of the 8 shipments for the Goldwind White Rock Wind Farm and a large amount were still being stored on site. PON's land availability and storage options in close proximity to the berth was a key point of difference and PON is well positioned to support the development of other wind farm developments around NSW.

3. Other business

- RFJ asked if GC would be addressing diversification as part of his involvement in the Hunter Business Chamber. GC acknowledged that the Hunter region's 2036 plan highlighted diversification and that he was keen to see progress in this area.

4. Presentation - *Paddock to Port: Delivering value for farmers*

- Michael Clancy (ARTC, Manager Business Development) and Jock Carter (NAT, Executive Director) provided a presentation on how rail from farm gates in North and Western areas of NSW to the Port of Newcastle's grain terminals delivers significant supply chain savings for farmers.

Next meeting

Monday 10th April 2017

Travelodge, Newcastle

5.30pm – 7pm

*Attendance is by Port of Newcastle's invitation.