

# MINUTES

## Port of Newcastle Community Liaison Group

**Date:** Monday 21 November 2016

**Location:** Carrington Bowling Club

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

### Attendees:

Member	Representing
Robert Aitchison (RAI)	<b>Business / Tourism, Northern Highland Travel</b>
Bruce Cooper (BC)	<b>Port Authority of NSW, Senior Manager Port Services</b>
Joanne Dunkerley (JK)	<b>City of Newcastle, Urban Planner, Strategic Planning Services (Alternate for Jill Gaynor)</b>
Geoff Crowe (GC)	<b>Port of Newcastle, Chief Executive Officer</b>
Nicole Guyder (NG)	<b>Office of the State Member for Newcastle, Electoral Officer (Alternate for Tim Crakanthorp)</b>
John McLeod (JM)	<b>Newcastle Rowing Club, Carrington Community Council</b>
John Thacker	<b>Carrington resident. Carrington Community Centre Management Committee</b>
Lyn Kilby (LK)	<b>Greater Life Style of Wickham (GLOW) group</b>
Susan Bradley (SB)	<b>Parks and Playgrounds Group, Throsby Villages Alliance.</b>
Richard Anicich (RAN)	<b>Hunter Business Chamber, Immediate Past President</b>
Richard Howard (RH)	<b>Clark Shipping Australia, Director</b>
Michael Frost (MF)	<b>Stolthaven, General Manager</b>
Wayne Diemar (WD)	<b>HunterNet, Project Director</b>
Clare Monkley (CM)	<b>Throsby Basin Business Chamber</b>
Sarah Kiely (SK)	<b>Port of Newcastle, Communication Officer. Minute Taker.</b>
Keith Wilks (KW)	<b>Port of Newcastle, Executive Manager Operations &amp; Infrastructure (Provided Tour Commentary)</b>

### Apologies:

Member	Representing
Jill Gaynor	<b>City of Newcastle, Manager of Strategic Planning Services</b>
Nathan Juchau	<b>Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group, Health, Safety &amp; Environment Manager</b>
Emma Fensom	<b>Port Authority of NSW</b>
Peter Francis	<b>Port of Newcastle, Executive Manager Trade and Business Development</b>
Julie Kearney	<b>Stockton resident. Newcastle Surf Life Saving Club</b>
Peter Kibble (PK)	<b>Port Waratah Coal Services, Manager Organisational Effectiveness</b>
Dr Richard Finlay-Jones (RFJ)	<b>CLEANaS, Co-Founder. EcoEnviro, Director. Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club, Member. Newcastle Stand Up Paddle Club, Co-Founder, Surf Rider's Assoc.</b>
Sonia McKay (SM)	<b>Roads and Maritime Services, Principal Manager, Boating Operations Branch</b>

### Absent:

Member	Representing
Aaron Harpham	<b>Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club</b> , Chief Executive Officer
Robert Coombs	<b>Australian Maritime Officers (AMOU)</b>
Claire Charles	<b>Correct Planning &amp; Consultation for Mayfield Group</b> , Newcastle Trades Hall Council

### 1. Informal port tour

Keith Wilks provided commentary during a bus tour of Port of Newcastle's Carrington precinct.

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

- PON remains lost time injury free, recording 885 days lost time injury free in October.
- PON is implementing a Safety Leadership Program to further embed safety into its culture. A key emphasis is reporting all hazards and near misses.
- GC noted that he had recently heard about a red bellied black snake found in a car in New Lambton. As the weather heated up, GC suggested CLG members keep an eye out for snakes and spiders in the workplace and at home.
- At the end of quarter three for 2016 PON's coal and non coal trade were showing encouraging signs. Coal remains up 2% at 116.9MT and non-coal up 10% at 4.7MT.
- Non coal trade is up 10% compared to the same time last year. GC referenced strong wheat export volumes, along with continued increases in imported bulk liquids and steel.
- LK asked GC why the coal trade was up. GC responded that there had been increased demand from China. LK also enquired into the potential for increased demand for coal exports to Vietnam. GC advised that it was likely the Port would see exports to Vietnam in the future. WD mentioned that HunterNet and GC had visited Vietnam earlier in the year to meet port representatives and that Vietnamese representatives visiting Newcastle had commented positively about the infrastructure at the Port of Newcastle and the cleanliness of the harbour.
- RH asked GC if the Port would start to see smaller draft vessels being used in the Port, in line with shallower depths in developing countries, such as Vietnam. GC responded that he believed that developing countries would end up developing so they could handle larger ships.
- Farmers have had a productive season, although the price of wheat has not been as positive.
- Cement is another key product in the Port and the recent completion of East Coast Cement's 34KT tonne terminal would see monthly shipments of cement service a number of large NSW infrastructure projects.
- The Port has now received three shipments of wind turbines, which are being stored on the Mayfield site before they are trucked to the White Rock Wind Farm in northern NSW.
- LK mentioned a wind turbine project in Muswellbrook at the Muswellbrook Coal mine site that had been in reported in the media and GC advised he would look into it.
- Tenders are now open for the K2 ship unloader project and new bollards at the Channel berth. The new bollards will enable the Port to handle larger cruise vessels carrying more passengers.
- PON is developing a new online Contractor and Port Access Management System, which will streamline the process for gaining access to Port of Newcastle sites. The new system is expected to be launched in 2017.
- The cruise terminal development is in the preliminary design phase. GC advised CLG members that more detail around the design will be provided in early 2017.
- Stage 1 of the Mayfield Services Project is now complete, including connections to the Ausgrid and Hunter Water networks for the future supply of electrical and water services to the site.

- Construction of Stolthaven's M7 berth is progressing with capital dredging of the berth pocket and the reuse of spoil in the wharf caisson wall construction. Michael Frost advised CLG members that the development was going well.
- PON has lodged a development application (DA) with the Department of Planning and Environment for the large blue building at Dyke Point to be used as a storage facility for a range cargo, including project cargo, general cargo and associated containers for longer term utilisation. A DA is also being prepared by PON for the operation of a permanent open air storage facility within the Mayfield Site. The facility will provide for the storage of a range of cargo including project cargo, general cargo, breakbulk, and associated containerised cargo. Proposed works at the site include the installation of temporary fencing, temporary lighting and temporary amenities as required. No permanent structures or buildings are proposed. GC invited CLG members to contact PON if they have any questions.
- PON received 21 applications in the most recent funding round for the Community Partnerships Program.
- PON recently distributed its seasonal community newsletter (*The Channel*) and the quarterly update email regarding the Mayfield Concept Plan.
- PON has recently come on board as an official partner of the Newcastle Jets. GC discussed synergies between PON and the Newcastle Jets.
- PON has launched a new [educational website](#) for students, which takes users on an interactive journey around the port.
- PON worked with local media and port users to on NBN's special feature 'A Day on the Harbour' and 1233 ABC Newcastle's online report 'People of the Port.
- GC wished the CLG members and their families Merry Christmas and thanked the group for their contribution during the year.
- RAI asked how the construction of the fuel farm was progressing in Mayfield. MF responded that Stolthaven had DA approvals pending for Stage 3.
- RAN noted that the Hunter Business Chamber had welcomed GC as a new board member.

**Next meeting\***

Monday 13 February 2017

Travelodge, Newcastle

5.30pm – 7pm

\*Attendance is by Port of Newcastle's invitation.