

MINUTES

Port of Newcastle Community Liaison Group

Date: Monday 23 May 2016

Location: Travelodge, Newcastle

Chairperson: Lauren Eyles, Executive Manager Communication, Port of Newcastle

Attendees:

Member	Representing
Peter Francis	Port of Newcastle , Executive Manager Trade and Business Development
Julie Kearney	Stockton resident. Newcastle Surf Life Saving Club
Peter Kibble	Port Waratah Coal Services , Manager Organisational Effectiveness
Geoff Crowe	Port of Newcastle , Chief Executive Officer
Nicole Guyder	Office of the State Member for Newcastle , Electoral Officer (Alternate for Tim Crakanthorp)
John McLeod	Newcastle Rowing Club, Carrington Community Council
Bruce Cooper	Port Authority of NSW , Senior Manager Port Services
Dr Richard Finlay-Jones	CLEANaS , Co-Founder. EcoEnviro , Director. Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club , Member. Newcastle Stand Up Paddle Club , Co-Founder, Surf Rider's Assoc.
John Thacker	Carrington resident. Carrington Community Centre Management Committee
Emma Fensom	Port Authority of NSW , Chief Operating Officer – Newcastle
Lyn Kilby	Parks and Playgrounds Group, Throsby Villages Alliance (Alternate for Susan Bradley)
Nathan Juchau	Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group , Health, Safety & Environment Manager
Michael Frost	Stolthaven Terminals , General Manager Australia
Robert Aitchison	Business / Tourism, Northern Highland Travel
Sarah Kiely	Port of Newcastle , Communication Officer. Minute Taker.

Apologies:

Member	Representing
Aaron Johansen	NCIG , Chief Executive Officer
Richard Anicich	Hunter Business Chamber , Immediate Past President
Jill Gaynor	City of Newcastle , Manager of Strategic Planning Services
Sonia McKay	Roads and Maritime Services , Principal Manager, Boating Operations Branch

Absent:

Member	Representing
Aaron Harpham	Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club , Chief Executive Officer
Robert Coombs	Australian Maritime Officers Union (AMOU)
Claire Charles	Correct Planning & Consultation for Mayfield Group , Newcastle Trades Hall Council
Richard Howard	Clark Shipping Australia , Director
Susan Bradley	Parks & Playgrounds Movement. Throsby Villages Alliance
Wayne Diemar	HunterNet , Project Director

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Lauren Eyles welcomed the attendees and guest speaker, Michael Frost, who has also recently joined the CLG as a member.
- Emma Fensom, recently appointed Port Authority of NSW Chief Operating Officer – Newcastle, was also welcomed to the meeting. It was noted that Emma would join the group and Bruce Cooper (Port Authority of NSW, Senior Manager Port Services – Newcastle) would be the alternate for Emma.

2. General Business

Actions arising from the last meeting

- PON referred a question about dredged material at Mayfield 7 berth from John Hayes (CLG Meeting, 21/3/16) to Stolthaven Australia General Manager, Michael Frost. Michael was invited to address the question during his presentation.
- PON responded to an enquiry (CLG Meeting, 21/3/16) from John McLeod regarding the clean-up of a vacant lot in Carrington. It was advised that the land manager of the area was ARTC and that a clean-up had been scheduled in April. John McLeod mentioned that there had been some improvement but still some areas of concern in terms of their tidiness (i.e. overgrown grass).

Port Authority of NSW Update – Bruce Cooper, Senior Manager Port Services – Newcastle

- Bruce introduced Emma Fensom, who joined the Port Authority as Chief Operating Officer – Newcastle in May.
- Safety-wise there were no major incidents or concerns to report. There had been a few minor internal incidents, such as back strains.
- No major disruptions to shipping movements to report.
- The port protest was managed well with good cooperation between relevant stakeholders.

Port of Newcastle Update – Geoff Crowe, Chief Executive Officer

- PON has achieved 700 days lost time injury free (as at the end of April) and maintains its focus on safety.
- Ahead of the Port Protest there was a significant amount of planning and preparation with Police, port terminals and port users to keep protestors and workers safe during the protest. The concern is someone getting injured if they do not understand the machinery or operational environment of sites around the port. A large contingent of protestors attended the event to get their message across peacefully but there was a small element determined to break the law. It was disappointing to see the cancellation of the *Insignia* cruise ship due to the cruise line's concerns about the protest. The cruise line had conducted a risk assessment and made the call to cancel the visit.
- PON is continuing to work hard to grow non coal trade. Coal remains an important part of PON's strategy.
- The Sovechles Stage 2 Car Wash at Kooragang has received planning approval and construction will commence this year. A project at K2 berth to replace two ship loaders and conveyors with a new unloader is progressing. Design work will continue until the end of the year and from there PON will seek Board approval for the project. K2 is a busy common user berth and the existing infrastructure was installed in the late 1960s. K3 berth will be looked at after the K2 project is finalised.
- PON is awaiting the outcome of the multi-purpose cruise terminal funding application (a joint application with the Port Authority of NSW).
- Geoff mentioned a recent demonstration of the Hunter Surf Life Saving Club's new rescue water craft he attended on the harbour. Port of Newcastle funded the craft which will be used in rescue operations along the Newcastle coastline.

- PON is sponsoring the Winter Heat event at Honeysuckle, a free community event which will be held on Saturday 11 June. PON also provided funding for a new sun shade that was recently installed at Carrington Public School.
- PON representatives were impressed by the Kooragang Wetland Rehabilitation Project during a recent visit to the site. PON funded heat beds for the hothouse where volunteers are growing native plants for the wetlands.
- There has been a good response to the latest round of Community Partnerships Program funding. PON is currently working through the applications received.
- **Comment:** Richard Finlay-Jones commented that global CO2 levels have exceeded 400ppm, the “point of no return” for global warming. Richard said that strong divestment from fossil fuels is occurring globally, with 6 of the major oil companies now investing in renewable energy. He noted that Portugal ran on 100% renewable energy for 4.5 days, Germany for 1 day and South Australia ran on over 40% renewable energy for the year to date following the closure of the Port Augusta coal fired plant. Three new wind farms are proposed for the New England region which represent a business opportunity for Port of Newcastle.

3. Other Business

- Lauren Eyles mentioned the NSW Government [had announced recipients](#) of the first round of Newcastle Port Community Contribution Funding. Projects supported included the renovation of Nobbys Surf Pavilion, new mooring facilities for the William the Fourth steamship and clean-up activities at Throsby Creek. The fund is administered by Hunter Development Corporation (HDC). When the next round of funding opens, HDC will provide information for distribution to CLG members and the broader community.
ACTION: PON will distribute information to CLG members when available.
- **Question:** Nicole Guyder, Electoral Officer for State Member for Newcastle, asked if the Carrington Pumphouse was heritage listed and what the plans were for it.

ACTION: Peter Francis provided a brief response and Port of Newcastle has provided a detailed response via the minutes (below):

- The Carrington Hydraulic Engine House is located within the Port of Newcastle’s Carrington Precinct. It is currently a local heritage item. The Office of Environment and Heritage is considering its elevation to the State Heritage Register.
 - Port of Newcastle maintains the building and has invested in roof repairs as well as drainage improvements around the building to prevent water build-up.
 - As with all port land, Port of Newcastle is open to business proposals regarding a lease. Use of the building would also need to be consistent with planning regulations.
 - The building is not connected to power, water or sewerage services and does not have adequate flooring, amenities, heating or cooling or internal walls. Substantial restoration work, estimated at around \$2 million, would be required to fit the building out for any use permitted under the port lease.
- Lyn Kilby, representing Greater Lifestyle of Wickham (GLOW) group, mentioned she was involved in discussions with Newcastle City Council and the builders of the new transport interchange at Wickham to install a World War I honour roll in the interchange building. A comprehensive history of the soldiers on the roll had been conducted and many of the soldiers attended Wickham Public School.

4. Presentation – Stolthaven

Michael Frost, General Manager Australia, Stolthaven Terminals

Michael provided an overview of Stolthaven's operations, Mayfield operations and construction plans for the Mayfield 7 berth. Michael's PowerPoint presentation is attached.

Michael explained that dredging for the M7 berth project would commence in September 2016 and would occur in two stages. The first stage involved the movement of dredged material in front of the berth to enable its construction. Once complete, the next stage is capital dredging which will be conducted in accordance with government regulations and permits.

Question: *How is fuel stored by Stolthaven retailed and transported across NSW?* Michael noted that the current facility was only storing diesel, which was mostly used by Hunter Valley mines. A small portion was retailed to consumers. Consumer retail of fuels sourced from Stolthaven would increase with the import and storage of motor spirit, which would happen in the next stage of the project.

Question: *Where is the fuel sourced?* Michael responded that Stolthaven does not own any fuel. As the operator of a terminal it is a conduit for its customers in the fuel supply chain, similar to the role of PWCS or NCIG for coal.

Question: *Richard Finlay Jones asked how Stolthaven was reacting to the move away from fossil fuels witnessed in some European countries?* Michael noted that Stolthaven provides the infrastructure based on what their customers' required, it did not control what products were stored in its facilities. Stolthaven's facilities could cater for bio fuels.

Question: *Nathan Juchau asked when the first vessel was due at the berth?* Michael responded that the first vessel was due in August 2017. It was also noted that there would be fewer ship visits as the new M7 berth would be able to handle larger vessels.