

MINUTES

PORT OF NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Date: Monday 25 November 2019, 5.30PM

Location: Carrington Place, 132 Young Street, CARRINGTON

Chair: Jackie Spiteri – Port of Newcastle

Secretary: Angie Francisco – Port of Newcastle

Attendees

Community representatives	Port of Newcastle representatives
Gaetan Amodeo - Stolthaven	Craig Carmody – Chief Executive Officer
Jacqui Warren - HunterNet	Tanya McDonald – Executive Manager Corporate Affairs and Strategy
Rick Banyard - Correct Planning and Consultation for Mayfield Group	Marie Omark – Executive Manager Corporate Services
Christopher Northam -Tim Crakanthorp’s office	Trent Gearside – Executive Manager Projects and Infrastructure
Clare Monkley - Throsby Basin Business Chamber	Glen Hayward – Executive Manager Marine and Operations
Dallas Fletcher - Honeysuckle Community Group	Sam Collyer – Senior Manager Corporate Communications
Paul O’Rourke - Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club	Catherine King – Executive Assistant to Executive Leadership Team
Nick Moretti - Koppers	Angie Francisco – Communications and Community Relations Manager
Richard Howard - Clark Shipping Pty	
John Hayes - GLOW	

General Business

Welcome and introductions

- Jackie Spiteri (JS) welcomed attendees to the final Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting of the year.
- JS began the meeting by acknowledging the Awabakal people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting was held, paying respect to Elders past and present.
- Port of Newcastle (PON) representatives were introduced, including announcement of JS as temporary Chair and Angie Francisco (AF) as temporary Secretary while Sarah Kiely (SK), the CLG Chair, is on maternity leave for the next 12 months.
- The CLG send their regards to SK on the arrival of her baby.
- Apologies were received from:

Lyn Kilby (GLOW); Ashlee Abbott (Newcastle City Council); John McLeod (Newcastle Rowing Club); Richard Finlay-Jones (EcoEnviro); John Thacker (Carrington Community Centre Management Committee); Trudie Larnach (Port Waratah Coal Services); Greg Gocher (Thales); Graham Harde (Carrington Community Council); John Novoselac (Hunter Business Chamber); Emma Fensom (Port Authority of NSW); Sonia McKay

(Roads and Maritime Services); Robert Aitchison (All Australian Journeys); Rebecca Connor (PlanB Town Planning and Development Consultancy).

Review of action items

Item	Action	Responsibility	Date recorded	Timing	Status
I	Lyn Kilby to coordinate the drafting of a letter that would endorse the developments of PON on behalf of the CLG.	Lyn Kilby	2019-09-02		Lyn to provide status update in 2020 on her return.

Port of Newcastle update

Craig Carmody (CC) – Chief Executive Officer

- CC provided an overview of how PON has made headway on several significant initiatives.
- **EPIK Newcastle GasDock** – PON continues to support EPIK as it works towards an investment decision next year. This project opens up new trade opportunities, develops capability and supports future economic development of our region.
- **Newcastle Multi-purpose Deepwater Terminal** – PON is continuing to progress with plans for the development. A project team will be formed in January to undertake investigation and planning works. CC acknowledged that the obstacle to bring the development to fruition is currently before the Federal Court. Port of Newcastle remains committed to the project, subject to the removal of the Newcastle tax.

Q: John Hayes asked if PON has plans to consult with the community about the development.

A: CC confirmed that PON will consult with the community and other key stakeholders throughout the project.

- **Cruise year** – The 2019-20 cruise season is expected to bring in a new record of more than 30,000 cruise passengers. PON continues to successfully coordinate the cruise volunteers who assist passengers as they visit the city. PON is proud to have partnered with government and local industry to appoint a city Cruise Coordinator and to collaborate on maximising the cruise industry in Newcastle given the important economic benefits it has for the region and the community.
- **Digital transformation** – During the past 12 months PON has transitioned its IT assets to cloud-based systems. The port is also installing CCTV across its operations, as well as “smart” infrastructure that will assist with data analysis.
- **New branding launched** – PON rolled out a new logo and website in October 2019. Tanya McDonald (TM) thanked the CLG for their involvement in the development of the new branding.
- **Newcastle Bulk Terminal** – Delivery of a new ship unloader is expected in January, with commissioning expected to occur by March 2020. TM highlighted the benefits of the new infrastructure including increased efficiency, environmental performance and safety.

- **Strategic Development Plan** - PON's strategic development plan is a blueprint for future development of the port. It highlights the benefits of developing commonly themed precincts across the port to create greater efficiencies for PON and its customers. The Board will review the draft plan in December 2019.

ACTION: PON will provide the CLG with a detailed presentation of the strategic land use plan in 2020.

- **Environment, Sustainability and Governance (ESG) Strategy** – PON is committed to minimising its environmental impact across all of its operations. The ESG strategy underpins the port's commitment to ensure it meets international environmental standards. The strategy also highlights PON's commitment to sustainability through diversification of trade. JS added the strategy identifies PON's commitment across four key areas being: People, Planet, Prosperity, Partnerships.

ACTION: PON will provide the CLG with a detailed presentation on the ESG Strategy in 2020.

Q: John Hayes asked: Hydrogen is an emerging form of energy that will require infrastructure for manufacturing and handling. Shipping will play a major role in the transportation of Hydrogen. How will Port of Newcastle facilitate Newcastle in being a major player in the uptake of Hydrogen as an international energy source?

A: CC confirmed that leveraging the anticipated growing use of Hydrogen is one of PON's top three commercial development opportunities. JS added PON is currently exploring opportunities, including collaborating with industry stakeholders to develop pilot projects. CC added that the Multi-purpose Deepwater Terminal (Container Terminal) will also build PON's capability to further diversify trades that move through the port.

Other business

- JS confirmed that the proposed Port of Newcastle CLG meeting dates for 2020 do not clash with Orica's Community Liaison Group meeting dates.
- **Proposed meeting dates for 2020:**
 - Monday 17 February
 - Monday 18 May
 - Monday 17 August
 - Monday 23 November

Meeting close

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 17 February 2020 at Port of Newcastle's head office on Wharf Road.