

**Minutes of the
Port of Brisbane Corporation
Community Consultative Committee meeting**

**Held at the Visitors Centre, Port of Brisbane
Wednesday 5 August 2009**

Present:

Rick Morton (Chairman), Rosie Field (Convenor), John Dobson (Moreton Bay Environmental Alliance), Ross Boyce (Manly Chamber of Commerce), Barry Wilson (The Rivermouth Action Group), Dennis O'Neill (North Point Residents Group), Ted Slater (Pinkenba Community Association), Bill Benham (Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane), Melanie de Git (PBC), Brad Kitchen (PBC), Toni Dugdale (Caltex), David Barrett (Ernst & Young), Jane Simpson (Ernst & Young).

Apologies:

Jill Greenhill (Bayside Creeks Catchment Group), Pamela Pavey (Manly Chamber of Commerce), Simon Baltais (Wildlife Preservation Society), Ian Hill (Bayside South Development Forum Inc), Christine Briggs (Bayside South Development Forum Inc), Cameron Thorpe (DP World), Phil Saunders (Wynnum Districts Chambers of Commerce).

1. Introduction and apologies

Rick noted the apologies and welcomed Toni Dugdale (Caltex), Jane Simpson and David Barrett (Ernst & Young) and Melanie de Git (PBC).

2. Approval of minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of 13 May 2009 as being a true record of that meeting.

3. Business arising

There was no business arising.

4. Artificial reef on FPE wall (*Brad Kitchen, Manager Environment, PBC*)

Brad gave a presentation on the development of a rocky reef that has formed on the outer FPE wall. The wall was completed in 2005, and in four years it is providing a habitat for marine flora and fauna.

The reef has a high value as it is connected to the other habitats in the area including the seagrasses, intertidal flats and mangroves.

See presentation: *Seawall ecological assessment*

John asked how important was the type of rock used to construct the wall, as he had heard that some rocks contained minerals that the fish did not like.

Brad indicated that the experts were not sure of the importance of material used to construct artificial reefs. However, as part of studies being undertaken by the Environmental Protection Agency of other artificial reefs in the Moreton Bay area eg. Harry Atkinson reef, a comparison could be made.

Barry raised the issue of the recent accident on the wall and if solar lights would be placed along the wall.

Rick informed the Committee that Maritime Safety Queensland is responsible for navigational lighting. Currently the channel is lit by red and green lights and there are a number of other navigational beacons at the river mouth.

ACTION: Rick to keep Committee informed about the progress of this issue.

Dennis asked if the Spitfire dredging was finished. Rick indicated that the realignment project will take years to complete. This year about 700,000m³ of sand was dredged from the area and used in the FPE area.

5. ***Marine magic-marina madness*** was postponed until the next meeting.
6. **Boat Harbour update**

Pinkenba boat ramp – We continue to work on the plan for the car parking and landscaping at the boat ramp and will keep the Pinkenba community informed of its progress.

Shorncliffe boat ramp – A new ramp and pontoon was opened at the end of June. The ramp was being used extensively by the boating community.

Scarborough boat ramp (within the harbour) – The upgrade and pontoon works is continuing and should be open by mid September.

Manly Boat Harbour – The EPA building was officially opened on 29 July. The Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club opened its expanded marina in July. The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron's new marine works continue, with all works to be completed by the end of 2009.

John asked about a fishing competition in the Manly Boat Harbour which was advertised in the local paper.

Rick responded that it appeared that the fishing was to occur in the bay side of Norfolk Point, and not in the harbour itself.

ACTION: Rosie to follow up on where the fishing competition was to take place.

7. Port projects

Multi-user Terminal at the Grain Berth – A facility has been completed at the grain terminal to accommodate passengers from cruise ships that cannot transit upriver to Portside. Grain ships will have priority, and the facility will only be available to cruise ships that visit for the day.

Captain Bishop Bridge works – We completed the preparation works for the new bridge to be built. We are waiting on approvals from the relevant government agencies before we commence the duplication works.

General Purpose Berth – The new berth and terminal is close to completion. We will operate the facility, and it will be used for project cargo and other break-bulk commodities.

Perrin Creek – The flood mitigation works continue at Perrin Creek. About 8,000 mangroves were removed and transplanted on the Gold Coast, and the re-construction of the drain has commenced. We are currently working with the traditional owners to ensure nothing of cultural significance is inappropriately disturbed.

Barry indicated that the any changes to the creek will affect the tidal flow.

8. Materiality

Rosie presented on the results of the feedback from the materiality questionnaire provided at the last meeting. Six members of the Committee completed the questionnaire which guides how PBC reports to the public on its sustainable and non-financial performance.

This year the areas highlighted as important to the community were:

- Community involvement (including sponsorships, partnerships, employee volunteer program)
- Communication (CCC, newsletters, advertising, port tours and group presentations)
- Dredging (including contaminant levels and placement of material)

PBC used this information, along with feedback from other stakeholders, and has structured our non-financial part of the annual report to highlight:

- Dredging
- Community involvement

- Greenhouse gas emissions.

These three areas of the report will also be verified and assured by Ernst & Young against the international standard AA1000 Accountability Principles Standard 2008.

9. Other business

Privatisation – Rick advised that the Queensland Government had appointed advisers to look at the five assets the government was selling, including the Port of Brisbane. Under direction from the government, PBC will be advised what parts of the business would and would not be sold. In the meantime, it was business as usual. Privatisation would be included as a standing item on the Committee's agenda going forward.

Ted asked if the port would end up like the airport? Rick advised that the airport sought approvals through the Federal Government. The type of sale and the buyer is a decision for the government.

Barry asked if Bundaberg was part of the sale, and Rick advised that Bundaberg would be divested to the Central Queensland Ports Authority.

Oil spill – Barry asked about the payment for the oil spill. Rick advised that recovery of the money was an issue between the Queensland Government and Swire Shipping.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 November at 6.00pm for 6.30pm** at the Port of Brisbane Visitors Centre.