

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

**Held at the Visitors Centre, Port of Brisbane  
Wednesday 13 February 2008**

**Present:**

Rick Morton (Chairman), Nikki Owen (Secretary), Rosie Field (Convenor), John Dobson (Moreton Bay Environmental Alliance), Jill Greenhill (Bayside Creeks Catchment Group), Sandra McLeod (Hemmant Community), Pamela Pavey (Manly Chamber of Commerce), Dennis O'Neill (North Point Residents Group), Margo Canavan (Pinkenba Neighbourhood Watch), Barry Kirkham (Pinkenba community), Mark Hulme (Port community), Barry Wilson (The Rivermouth Action Group), Simon Baltais (Wildlife Preservation Society), Phil Saunders (Wynnum Districts Chambers of Commerce), Ian Hill (Bayside South Development Forum Inc), Greg Buck (Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane), Roz Perry (PBC).

Apologies:

Bill Benham (Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane), Greg Buck (Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane), Cameron Thorpe (Port community), Brian McDougall (Manly Chamber of Commerce), Christine Briggs (Bayside South Development Forum Inc).

**1. Introduction of new members and apologies**

Rick noted the apologies and introduced Phil Saunders, the new representative for the Wynnum Districts Chamber of Commerce (replacing Catherine Brosnam), and Roz Perry, the Corporation's interim manager Boat Harbours.

**2. Approval of minutes**

The Committee approved the minutes of 14 November 2007 as being a true record of that meeting.

**3. Asian Green Mussel and Asian Bag Mussel**

Dr Mark Davey, Project Officer, Marine Biosecurity, Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, was unable to attend the meeting.

Rick provided an overview on the issue of introduced marine pests in Australian waters, particularly the Asian Green Mussel, and advised that Biosecurity was working to determine the extent of the mussels in Queensland.

The Corporation voluntarily slipped the *Brisbane*, as it had been dredging in Cairns, and the vessel was declared clear of any marine pests.

The *Volvox Asia*, currently contracted by the Corporation to fill the Port West Estate, has also been declared free of any marine pests. It was slipped in Singapore last year after juvenile green mussels were found on it while the vessel was in WA, after completing dredging in Brisbane.

Pamela informed the Committee that all marinas have signs up to help with identifying the mussel.

Simon asked if the mussel was a threat to coral reefs. Rick said that the Greater Barrier Reef Marine Park was working with Biosecurity. The mussel could potentially grow on pontoons that were anchored over coral reefs, as the mussel needed a structure on which to clump.

Denis asked if overseas yachts were checked, and Rick confirmed that yachts were checked.

#### **4. Business arising**

Call Barry Wilson to remind him of the meeting

Rosie called Barry.

Reschedule Schools of Tomorrow

Sandra was happy to leave this item off the agenda for the moment.

#### **5. Stevedoring report**

Mark advised that there had been an increase in full containers through the port.

The old cotton-packing sheds behind the wharves on Port Drive had been removed, and the area was being developed as pavement to store containers.

Patrick was investing in 4-6 new automated straddles, and DP World was investing \$150 million to \$170 million over the next five years.

In response to climate change, Mark said that DP World was currently trialling modified diesel in tractor trailers, gradually replacing its reachstackers with forklifts, as well looking at diesel-electric straddles or automated stacking cranes.

He said that the stevedores were also looking at introducing larger trucks to increase the number of containers per truck movement.

Rick indicated that the Corporation was also monitoring air quality at the port, and investigating whether there was a link between air quality and the number of trucks/vehicles.

Margo said that BP had set up an air-quality site at Pinkenba and had linked the monitoring into the EPA website.

Dennis asked about ships' emissions, and if there were any EPA regulations on ports.

Rick said that the Port of Brisbane Corporation's air emissions were not large enough to trigger the relevant legislation, and that the Corporation was investigating the measuring of ships' emissions.

Mark said that only a diesel generator is running when a ship is docked. All the main engines are turned off, and the crane drivers inform the stevedores if there is a problem with ship emissions.

Barry asked if low-sulphur fuels were used in the generators, and Mark said that some generators did.

## **6. Sustainability at the Port of Brisbane**

Rick gave a presentation on sustainability at the port, looking at a whole-of-port approach. The Corporation has appointed a Sustainable Business Manager to look at ways of reducing the port's emissions and conserving resources.

The whole-of-port approach has the support of Brisbane's port operators, and a port-industry forum will be formed in which ideas can be discussed.

*See presentation: Sustainability and the Port of Brisbane*

## **7. Rezoning of Moreton Bay Marine Park**

Simon asked about the Corporation's position on the green zones proposed in the Moreton Bay Marine Park's rezoning plan.

Rick informed the Committee that the Corporation did not have a position. He said that the port's needs had been recognised through maintaining classified port use of the shipping channels and the material disposal area at Mud Island.

Barry asked if sand was going to be placed on the northern end of Bribie Island.

Rick said that the Corporation had pumped sand onto Woorim Beach for recreational purposes. He advised that, according to the EPA, the erosion occurring on the northern tip of Bribie Island was a natural occurrence, and that the EPA's current approach was to do nothing and just let nature take its course

## 8. Other business

### *Manly Boat Harbour*

John asked about progress at Manly Boat Harbour.

Nikki said that construction was due to start on the EPA building in mid-April. The project had been delayed to address a number of the 4-star green building criteria.

The dredging had not commenced for the single channel and extra marina berths, as negotiations with marina operators were ongoing.

Dennis asked if the piles had been pulled out, and Rick said they had not yet.

Pamela asked if any consideration had been made to raising the rock wall.

**ACTION:** Rick to follow up re raising the rock wall.

### *Pinkenba Boat Ramp*

Margo asked when the boat ramp works would be finished. Roz said that the Corporation was currently addressing some Council concerns and was waiting for a response, before work commenced.

### *Port of Brisbane Motorway*

John asked about the progress of the motorway. Rick said that the Corporation had lobbied both State and Federal governments for some time. The previous Federal Government had promised half the funding, but the position of the current Federal Government was unknown. Nikki said that the Gateway Motorway was currently taking priority, but a recent survey by the unions had highlighted traffic safety at the port as the primary concern.

### *Northshore*

John indicated that the local paper had indicated that Northshore would be another Soho. Rick said that this was not the case.

### *Bendigo Bank*

Ian informed the Committee that the bank was ready, but was still looking to confirm a lease.

### *Port West*

Rick advised that the *Volvox Asia* had nearly finished pre-loading the Port West Estate with sand from the Spitfire Channel, and that

it would stay in place for about 18 months. The sand was currently about 4 to 5 metres high.

*Entrance Beacon (near Manly Hotel)*

Pamela advised that one of the lights entrance beacon lights was the wrong bulb. Roz said that she would follow up this issue.

*Water problem from hill at Manly*

Pamela also raised the issue of water flowing from Manly Hill into the marina and destroying concrete structures. Roz said that she would follow up this issue.

**9. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 May at 6.00pm for 6.30pm at the Port of Brisbane Visitors Centre.