

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

**Held at the Visitors' Centre, Fisherman Islands  
Wednesday, 14 May 2003**

**Present:**

Rick Morton (Chairman), Rosie Field (Acting Secretary), Peter Waterman (Convenor), Doreen Draheim, Brad Kitchen, Dennis O'Neill, Mike Patchett, John Dobson, Michael Moore, James Hunt, Simon Baltais, Cheryl Heron, Paul Brooks, Peter Hellen, Barry Wilson, Wayne Cameron, Margo Canavan, Sandy Spadotto, Greg Fokes (part meeting)

**Apologies:**

Nikki Wood, Greg Spilsbury

**1. Introductions**

Rick Morton welcomed James Hunt (replacing Jill Greenhill as Bayside Environmental Network's representative on the Committee), and Margo Canavan and Sandy Spadotto from BRATS Pinkenba residents group. BRATS has been invited to join the Committee and will appoint its representative at its meeting on 21 June. Each member then reintroduced him/herself for the benefit of the newcomers.

**2. Approval of minutes**

It was noted that a change to the minutes had been requested by Simon Baltais and that the amended minutes had been published on the website. No other changes had been advised, and the minutes were approved accordingly.

**3. Business arising**

Rick Morton reported that:

- a. the Corporation has provided \$10,000 in funding to the Seagrass Watch project, and an area adjacent to Fisherman Islands will be included in the project's monitoring programme;
- b. all community complaints/issues are now given a reference number for ease of tracking and retrieval;
- c. all interested members of the Committee have now completed a tour of Fisherman Islands and Whyte Island, and new members are invited to visit. Dennis O'Neill complimented Rick on the tour and suggested they should become a regular event.

- d. the Corporation had contacted two organisations identified as representing community and business interests on the north side of the river. BRATS and the Gateway Chamber of Commerce have accepted an invitation to join the Committee. As difficulties had been experienced in contacting a third organisation - the Nudgee Beach Progress Association - Margo Canavan offered to contact the Association on the Corporation's behalf.

#### **4. Update on Future Port Expansion project**

Greg Fokes gave an update on the progress of the Future Port Expansion project and informed the Committee that approval to begin construction was anticipated by the end of May. (Presentation attached.)

Barry Wilson asked whether, if the rock for the seawall was to be trucked to the port, the trucks would take the same route to and from the quarry. Greg advised that trucks would have to keep to the heavy haulage routes, and undertook to find out whether or not this was the same route to and from the quarry, once the supply quarry had been confirmed.

#### **5. Lytton oil spill**

Rick informed the committee that there had been a good response to the oil spill from all agencies involved, with communications identified as an area for improvement.

The oil spill had been detected by one of the Corporation's employees, who quickly acted in association with the FPE Seawall Alliance staff to construct a sand bund across a man-made creek, thus preventing any oil from seeping into the Brisbane River.

The Environmental Protection Agency, as lead agency for land-sourced oil spills, was notified that oil had been discovered in the paddocks at the Department of State Development's Lytton Industrial Estate.

The cause of the oil spill was a crack in a pipeline owned by Santos.

#### **6. Manly Boat Harbour redevelopment**

Michael Moore gave an update on the status of the master-planning consultation. During April, the consultants developed four concepts for the Manly Boat Harbour, which were presented to the Project Reference Group on 12 March, followed by two open days. The concepts were on display at the Seven Day Markets in Manly and

the Wynnum Library until 9 May. One-on-one interviews are currently underway. The feedback received through the various consultation mechanisms will be considered when developing the preferred concept.

Mike Patchett tabled a submission on policy issues relating to the planning process and requested that the Corporation address the issues. Rick said a copy would also be supplied to the consultants.

Doreen Draheim asked for an extension to the closing date for submissions. Michael Moore made an undertaking to accept Doreen's submission after the closing date.

Mike Patchett asked if a meeting of the Land Use Strategy reference group would be called, in view of the fact that the Manly Boat Harbour would now have to be included in the plan. Rick advised that he understood that a meeting would not be necessary, as the planning for the boat harbour was separate to the Corporation's Land Use Strategy.

John Dobson asked whether the Queensland Conservation Council could comment on the concepts for redevelopment of both Manly and Scarborough. Michael Moore undertook to clarify information received by John from planning consultants, Buckley Vann, in this regard.

With reference to a recent newspaper article that appeared in *The Courier-Mail* about the partnership between the Brisbane City Council's foreshore development plan and the Corporation's planning for the harbour, Paul Brooks asked if the timing of planning for the harbour would change. Rick and Michael advised that, while the foreshore development plan would complement the Manly Boat harbour master plan, the timing of planning for the boat harbour was not dependant on the foreshore development plan, as it was a separate process that had the support of the Brisbane City Council.

## **7. Whyte Island boat ramp and Riverclean**

Brad Kitchen confirmed that the Corporation had become naming rights sponsor of *Riverfestival's Riverclean*, and that this would involve eight events, culminating in the further revegetation of the Whyte Island boat ramp (which would include the sealing of the car park area).

Brad reported that the trees planted last year were now two metres high. Other plans for the area include lighting, and BBQ and picnic facilities.

Mike Patchett asked about the possibility of including educational signage. Brad indicated that the plans for the area were

progressive, and that there was the potential to include this type of signage.

Peter Waterman suggested that Mike sketch his suggestions onto a plan for the area.

Sandy Spadotto asked if there were any similar plans for any area on the north side. Rick indicated that there was nothing planned at the moment, but that this was the appropriate forum to put forward any suggestions.

It was asked whether, with the growth of the port, there would be an increase in the Corporation's environmental commitment. Rick said that he expected that the environmental budget would increase in line with the port's growth.

## **8. Mangrove degradation**

Rick advised that regular monitoring of the mangroves along Port Drive had been conducted. The Corporation had submitted a report to DPI and was waiting for a reply. (The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is legislatively responsible for mangroves.)

Rick indicated that there may be different processes affecting mangroves in different areas, and that the mangroves on Whyte Island were most likely to be affected by the sewerage treatment plant's discharges, which contain high levels of nutrients. Some reports have suggested that the sewerage treatment plant was not coping with the long-term increase in the population; however, some sewerage was being diverted via the cross-river link to Luggage Point.

Mike Patchett requested that the Corporation contact the DPI for a response and update the Committee at the next meeting.

## **9. SARS**

Rick informed the Committee that AQIS had issued guidelines on SARS, and advised that AQIS was responsible for border control and the master of a vessel was responsible for reporting any illness of the crew. AQIS passed on information relating to the crew's health to the Department of Health and Ageing.

Margo Canavan said that not all ships were checked by AQIS and Customs, particularly on the north side, and ships' crew shopped in the area. Peter Hellen also said that many of the ships' crew shopped in the Wynnum area.

**10. Other business**

Wayne Cameron invited Committee members to attend the next *Riverclean* site to be held at Salvin Park, Carindale on 18 May.

Margo and Sandy said that they were thrilled that Boggy Creek had been chosen as a *Riverclean* site, and invited Committee members to participate in August.

**11. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the Port of Brisbane Visitors' Centre at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 20 August 2003. Refreshments will be served from 6.00pm.