



PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE - BUNBURY
WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2023

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT	Brian Wade	Lee Smith (RM)
	Fiona Fitzgerald (Deputy Chair)	Alana Monaghan (Corporate Affairs Mgr.)
	Graham Winter	Dennielle Massang (Comms Specialist)
	Nicolas Pozniakov	Carol McKenzie (Committee Secretary)
	Paul MacGillivray	
	Tresslyn Smith	
APOLOGIES	Mike Ansell (Chair)	Keith Wilks (CEO)
	Matthew Young	Robyn Fenech (Director)
	Michael Pekin	John Barratt (Director)
	Murray Webb	

The Deputy Chair opened the meeting on behalf of the Chair at 5:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no new declarations.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on 9th August 2023 were noted as approved via circular resolution on 15th September 2023. The circular resolution was affirmed by the Committee.

3. Action Items from Previous Minutes

Discuss improvements and beautification of Turkey Point with City of Bunbury – subject was brought up by Cr Gabi Ghasseb, Tresslyn Smith to seek more clarification from him (Action item 6.1)

Stakeholder result comparison between the three ports – the Corporate Affairs Manager requested this be held over to the next meeting as the survey results need to be presented to all Southern Ports staff first. (Action item 8)

5:30 pm Robyn Fenech joined the meeting.

4. Feature Topic – presentation by Kyra Nimmo and Michelle Elson of the South West Development Commission

Lee Smith introduced Kyra Nimmo and Michelle Elson to the Committee.

Kyra and Michelle introduced themselves and gave the following presentation on the Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront Project:

A short video on the project was shown to the Committee.

Stage 1a – Koombana Foreshore Revitalisation – Complete 2018

Includes children's playground, improved open space, amphitheatre, upgraded kiosk and replacement of the pedestrian bridge over The Plug.

Stage 1b – Dolphin Discovery Centre Redevelopment – Complete 2019

Includes a new building, interpretive centre with aquariums, café, gift shop and function rooms.

Stage 2a – Jetty Road Causeway Upgrade - Complete 2020

Includes reconstruction of the road, penholder facilities, public toilets, parking bays, improvements to utilities, paths, and landscaping.

Stage 2b – Casuarina Drive Redevelopment – Underway

Includes landscaping at Jetty Baths Park, road, parking and services upgrade, landscaping and upgrading for Casuarina Harbour and Casuarina Beach.

Stage 3 – Phase 1 – Delivery

Includes new breakwaters at Casuarina Boat Harbour and Koombana Bay, serviced leased sites at Casuarina Boat Harbour, community facilities at Casuarina Boat Harbour, fishing, and swimming platforms at Koombana Bay

Environmental approvals and EPA assessments for three future proposals are underway with a focus on maintaining the ecological health of the area. The South West Development Commission are looking into a future boat washdown area at Casuarina Boat Harbour and the future use of the sheds at the Outer Harbour.

The Department of Transport are leading the study to determine future proposals for the Outer Harbour.

Information on the Transforming Waterfront Project can be found on their website - [Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront - South West Development Commission \(swdc.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.swdc.wa.gov.au)

5:41pm Tresslyn Smith left the meeting.

Discussion was had around the project.

The Deputy Chair thanked Kyra and Michelle for the very informative presentation.

5.50 Kyra and Michelle Left the meeting.

5. Executive Update (CEO)

The RM gave the following update on behalf of the CEO:

The CEO has undertaken an operational assessment of the organisation for future planning. The organizational structure has been reviewed with a few changes to the Executive Leadership Team which will set us up well for the future. Most notable is the addition of another executive role for the Technology space. Applications for roles have closed and we should have an update in a few months.

Reports in the media regarding Southern Ports capacity to cope with potential windfarm equipment moving through the port was incorrect. Infrastructure will need to be built for the project; Bunbury has the land but just require the infrastructure. The RM will be attending a conference in Perth next week and the Federal Minister Environment will be in attendance. We are hoping he will give an announcement for Bunbury.

The CEO's Amtech discussions with the South West Development Commission, Jetsi and Deloitte's are progressing well.

We have received a membership application for the Committee from a representative of the Gnaala Karla Booja Aboriginal Corporation. The CEO will meet with all the Chairs to discuss nominations and how the representative will be elected.

6. Projects Update (Project Delivery Mgr.)

The RM. referred to the pre-meeting notes and provided the following update on behalf of the Project Delivery Manager:

Tender responses for the Turkey Point Road and Bridge Project have been received and are undergoing evaluation.

The new all-weather fit for purpose pilot boat has been completed ahead of schedule and is currently on the way to Bunbury. The RM will enquire about the PCCC having a quick Port Tour in the vessel.

7. New Staff and Safety and Security Update (RM)

The RM referred to the pre-meeting notes and gave the following update:

There are forty job positions available across the three ports.

Bunbury has engaged the services of Darcy Camarda who was formally employed by a shipping agency and has a good background in shipping movements and requirements.

We are currently looking for a Port Logistics Manager, a Project Advisor – WHS and a Project Manager role in Bunbury.

8. Environmental Report (Env. Mgr.)

The RM referred to the pre-meeting notes on behalf of the Environment Manager and provided the following update:

The RM asked if there were any questions from the Committee. The Committee noted the information on the pre-meeting notes were good.

9. Port Trade (RM)

The RM referred to the pre-meeting notes provided and gave the following update:

Thirty-seven million tonnes of product moved through Southern Ports with records in both Bunbury and Albany. We have seen growth in tonnages and shipping movements this last year.

Southern Ports has 288 employees over the three ports and the West Perth office.

\$298 000 was invested into the communities throughout Southern Ports through the Community Investment Program.

The organisation is being recognised by Port Users and the community and we have attained a high reputation score of seventy-three.

\$62 million is being invested in capital works and improvements in the three ports.

Bunbury has attained three record years in a row and this year is looking to be another record.

We are streamlining the use of our Berths due to increased capacity and looking into further infrastructure for Berths 5 and 8, including: -

- Capital Investment
- Conveyor improvements
- Fire system upgrades
- Shed recladding.

The next stage of our Master plan is the future development in port maximisation.

We will be holding more ZIP (Zero Incident Process) training for all new employees and those who missed the last training sessions. The training is on how to look at safety differently focusing on what is important to you.

We received a 77% response for our Culture Survey, and we scored 5.2 on a 7-point scale.

10. Marine Update (RM)

The RM referred to the pre-meeting notes provided and gave the following update on behalf of the Harbour Master:

The dredging campaign and wrack removal will be commencing soon. As part of the campaign, the dredger will need to remove the sandpile at Berth 1.

11. Corporate Affairs (A Monaghan)

The Corporate Affairs Mgr. referred to the pre-meeting notes and provided the following update:

In the last quarter, the Community Investment Program saw \$72 000 invested in thirty-two groups in the community. \$22 000 of which was given to nine groups in the southwest. The current round is open for applications.

We had a wonderful response to the competition for the Community to name the new Pilot boat. The new boat will be called Wardan which means “the sea waters of Wardandi country.” We will be working with the Elders to do an educational piece at the formal naming ceremony.

The Annual Report has been tabled in Parliament and is available on our website.

Click on this link - [Annual Reports | Southern Ports](#)

We have received great feedback on our media posts promoting Keith Wilks and the work the teams are doing in the Port. Media covered articles on the Community Support Projects Southern Ports is involved in, including our partnerships with Foodbank and Crimestoppers.

We have engaged Karak Design to do local artwork for our Reconciliation Action Plan.

Southern Ports were chosen as finalists for four awards including Port of the Year, Women in Maritime and Shipping, Young Achiever Award and Environment. The winners will be announced next week.

12. Community Feedback (PCCC Members)

Discussion was had around the Fremantle Task Force who are having another look at infrastructure around the State.

The RM added that he attended a Critical Mineral Expo on future energy, onshore processing, and our reliance on imports.

A Committee member shared that he is involved in a feasibility study for a rail link to Greenbushes, Southern Ports is on the steering committee.

A Committee member noted the lithium mining in the Goldfields and the transport by road of the product and asked if the Port was ready for the increase. The RM noted there is a processing plant at Kemerton, and products will come directly to Bunbury and then trucked or railed to Kwinana.

13. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Deputy Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a Safe and Merry Christmas.

Meeting closed at 6.20 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 7th February 2024

ACTION ITEM LIST

FROM MINUTES OF PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE - BUNBURY

8 November 2023

ITEM NO	ACTION	DATE AROSE	ACTION BY	STATUS
6	Enquire about the possibility of the PCCC having a ride on the new pilot boat	08/11/2023	L Smith	
6.1	Tresslyn Smith to seek clarification from Cr Ghasseb on the beautification of Turkey Point	08/11/2023	T Smith	
11	Stakeholder result comparison between the three ports to be held off to the next meeting	08/11/2023	A Monaghan	
11.1	Link to the Annual Report to be given to the Committee	10/05/2023	C McKenzie	