



SOUTHERN PORTS - ALBANY
PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 28 May 2025, 5:00pm

Southern Ports - Albany, Board Room
85 Brunswick Road, ALBANY

PRESENT:

Committee members:

Chair
Community Members

Ian Moss
Angela Ritchie
Edwin McLean
Rod Symes
Tina Queale
Geraldine Ennis
Dawn Atkin
Tony Harrison
Simone Klose

Southern Ports (SP):

Board Representative
Regional Manager
Environment Manager
Community Relations & Partnership Manager

Wiebke Ebeling
Paul McSweeney
Paul Mackey
Alana Monaghan

City of Albany Representative

Andrew Sharpe

Presenter:

Keith Wilkes
Alana Monaghan

Introducing our brand
Corporate Affairs

Apologies

Community Members

Southern Ports

Simone Klose
Michael Hunter
Shannan Beale

ITEM 1 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 5:00pm and welcomed the committee.

1.1 Potential conflicts of interest

Nil conflicts of interest were noted.

1.2 Records of attendance / apologies

Apologies were noted.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous PCCC meeting held on 27th November 2024 were agreed as being a true and correct record.

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ITEM 3 BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

None

ITEM 4 Port Update – Paul McSweeney

- Robust year for Trade. Biomass had its 1st trade export to Japan in March. Woodchips are down slightly on volume. Silica sand has had a normal year. Fertiliser imports have had a strong year. Our total trade will just fall short of 5 million Tonne.
- Asbestos Work – The removal of bonded asbestos in the ground around the Admin building has started and should be complete by mid-June.
- We are about to have our second grain trade on Berth 2.
- Berth 1 & 2 have had significant work, no go zones have all but gone which makes trade easier.
- Breakwaters - Berth 4, berth 6 and the Tug Marina work has been carried out by Italia Stone. They did an excellent job.
- Surf Reef – 56000 Tonne on bed, the total will be 68,000 Tonne- predicted finish end of June
- Grange – No current activity. If anything arises it will have to go through the correct channels.
- As always safety is our priority. 2 LTI incidents in 2 years, a rolled ankle and a sore back. This does not happen organically a lot of work, training and effort goes in to ensuring everyone goes home safe every night.

ITEM 5 CEO PRESENTATION

Key Points

- Brand was last updated 10 years ago. It was decided it was time to freshen up our brand and to have us seen as more than just a trade facilitator. We are a solutions company that connects regional strengths to global opportunities.
- Our Strategic Direction – Proactive Trade Facilitation, High Performance Organisation, Enduring Value, Connection and future focus.
- Our values are: Put people First, Believe in Better, Embrace Curiosity, Find your voice and be greater together.
- We have an updated logo. Still using the three ships but they now create a star in the middle.
- Our colour scheme has also been refreshed.

ITEM 6 ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

Paul Mackey, Environment Manager

- APEC 16- Asbestos removal project is going well. We will move on to APEC 11 after APEC 16 which involves underground fuel storage tanks. Predicting that work will be finished by the end of next week. The cause of the asbestos is old houses.
- We have received ISO Accreditation for environment, safety and international standards.
- Pampas grass growth was raised as a problem. The contract for weeds and upkeep is with Impact Services.

ITEM 7 MEDIA REPORT

Alana Monaghan, Group Corporate Affairs Manager

The comms highlights since the previous PCCC meeting include:

- **Ministerial Visits** – Minister for Minister for Police; Road Safety; Tourism; Great Southern Reece Whitby MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier; Minister for State Development; Trade and Investment; Economic Diversification, Minister for Ports – Stephen Dawson MLC
- **Cruise Season** – 60% of the calls were maiden calls to Albany, Bunbury and Esperance. 22,000 visitors came in to our communities. We had 18 ships this season with 17 already booked in for next cruise ship season. The revenue for the 23/24 season is estimated to be \$385 million.
- We had a naval visit from the HMAS Toowoomba over the ANZAC day weekend.

- We attended The Asset Management Council Excellence Awards, and we won the Information Management Award.
- **Community Engagement** – We have funded a school bus shelter. We organised community tours but unfortunately had to cancel due to weather. The tours will be rescheduled for a time later in the year when the weather is more favourable. We are continuing our volunteer work with the Foodbank.
- **Staff engagement** – We rolled out our new Health and Wellbeing Programme with a week in each port, where employees experienced different activities related to Health and Wellbeing.
- **Upcoming events and activities** – Our Website is having a refresh and the new website will be seen in the coming months. The maritime Festival will take place in July and we are part of the maritime trail this year where kids will be encouraged to follow a map with our admin office being one of the stops. The next round of Community Investment Programme opens on the 30th of June. International day of the seafarer will take place on the 25th of June.

ITEM 8 MEMBER DISCUSSION

- Development – Do the Port have to apply for permission to the state and local governments for developments? It depends on the development. The Pilot Cottages did not have to go through planning, but we are engaged with the City of Albany at all times. We have obligations to meet state requirements as is the same with any other business or corporation.

ITEM 9 ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

- Paul McSweeney to organise Captain Jean to do a Harbour Master Presentation

ITEM 10 PCCC MEMBER RENEWALS

There are 5 Committee members whose terms expire this year. They are: Ian Moss, Rodney Symes, Angela Ritchie, Kristen Pyrz Brown and Simone Klose.

Kristen Pyrz Brown has chosen to not run for another term.

Ian Moss (Chair) chose to run again – It was resolved Ian will remain in the position and serve for a 3-year term.

Rod Symes (Deputy Chair) - It was resolved Rod will remain in the position and serve for a 2-year term.

It was resolved Angela Ritchie will serve another 3-year term.

It was resolved Simone Klose will serve for another 2-year term.

The above appointments are subject to Southern Ports CEO approval.

2025 meeting dates

27 August

26 November