

Meeting #25
Port Botany Expansion
Community Consultative Committee
Kay-May Room
Port Botany Expansion Project Office
3:30 pm till 5:30 pm
16 September 2009

Attendees:

Roberta Ryan - Chairperson
 Nancy Hillier - Community Representative
 Neil Melvin - Community Representative
 Paul Pickering - Community Representative
 Paul Shepherd - City of Botany Bay Council
 Bronwyn Englaro - Randwick City Council
 Linda Armstrong - Baulderstone
 Quentin Pitts - Baulderstone
 Peter O'Leary - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Kathy Lloyd - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Shane Hobday - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Sandra Spate – Minutetaker
 Marika Calfas - Sydney Ports Corporation

Apologies: John Burgess - Community Representative, Michael Kavanagh - Business Representative,
 Mick Costelloe - Community Representative, Vince Newton - Baulderstone

Not present:

Item	Issue	Action	By whom	When
1	Boat ramp facilities tour			
1.1	The tour included: Boat ramp amenities area – features include recycled pine walls and doors; roof-water capture for toilet flush and engine washing; bike racks; anti graffiti coatings The boatramp pontoons The shared pedestrian/cycle path The Mill Stream Lookout and carpark. During the tour it was noted that the Mill Stream car park will be locked at night.			
	Questions and discussion			
1.2	NM asked whether the cycleway connected to the cycle track at Cooks River. MC replied that the connection was via Sir Joseph Banks Park. PS noted that cycleways couldn't run			

	adjacent to the Bay all way round. While SSROC's plan for a regional bike track was to go around the bay from La Perouse to Kurnell, it couldn't run under the airport. There are bike connections, but not immediately adjacent to the bay.			
1.3	PP suggested there was a possible safety issue with the placement of rocks adjacent to the path at the Mill Stream Lookout, as some are smaller than others, loose and may pose a danger to people walking on them, particularly children. Rocks at the groyne area are firmly positioned.	BHJDN to investigate the positioning of rocks on walls for safety issues.	BHJDN	
1.4	PS asked whether lighting around the boatramp would include some solar lighting. PO indicated he understood the solar lighting on the walkway was low illumination, but this was not suitable for the boatramp area, as vessels would be coming in at night and required higher illumination.			
1.5	PP indicated the design of the structure at the Mill Stream Lookout included rusted metal which blended with surroundings, but he noted that the rust comes off onto clothes when people sit down. He asked whether the surface would be treated to prevent this happening. MC replied that this feature was part of the architectural design and her understanding was that it will be coated to arrest further rusting. Note that subsequent to this discussion BHJDN has advised that a sealer is to be added to the structure after it has oxidized and that this will prevent the rust coming off. PS supported the observation that the rust does rub off.	SPC to confirm the sculpture will be coated		
2	Minutes of last meeting – matters arising Item 1.2 regarding distribution of printed material to council libraries. KL reported that this had been done, and was ongoing. Material has been distributed to 1 Randwick Council libraries, and two in Botany (the second library (Mascot) in Botany is temporarily closed).			

	<p>Item 2.1, RR has written to Neil Brenner on behalf of the committee thanking him for his participation.</p> <p>Item 3.2, PS indicated Botany Council had sent a letter to DECC after the last meeting asking whether the spikes in measurements for some metals were a cause for concern. NM and NH indicated they had also written letters. QP left a message with DECC noting the letters. DECC has not yet replied.</p>			
3	New member – SPC			
3.1	<p>SH reported that DoP approval had been received for the membership of Michael Kavanagh, as a business representative, on the committee. He was unable to attend this meeting as he is unavailable on Wednesdays, but sent his apologies.</p>			
4	Update on construction and activities			
4.1	<p><u><i>Presentation by BH-JDN (LA)</i></u></p> <p>The Marco Polo is continuing dredging Landscaping around the Foreshore Rd area is expected to be completed in November Nightwork has been undertaken for line marking, with no calls or complaints. Work will be continuing on the boatramp signalised intersection.</p> <p>There have been no issues regarding current beach access/diversion arrangements.</p> <p>The services works in the park and local streets are on hold due to some design issues for the park area. The notification issued was for 3 month period.</p> <p>There are now between approximately 70 counterfort units completed. They are being completed at the rate of one a day, and the first placement is planned for next week.</p> <p>Excavation for the north-south trench being undertaken</p> <p>Additional saltmarsh planting will occur this month.</p> <p>Vibro compaction of sand is scheduled for later October. This is a different method of</p>			

	sand compaction from that previously undertaken (dynamic compaction) and is further away. Few impacts are anticipated.			
	Questions and discussion			
4.2	QP noted dredging is currently on the north south trench pumping material unsuitable for reuse out to the disposal area. Sand will be dredged again in a few days. PP asked whether this may run into the bay. QP indicated there were no problems to date. SH replied that it was stable and a long way from channel areas. He thought it unlikely to would return to suspension in the bay.			
4.3	PS said he was surprised to hear there were design issues for the service works as he had been promised a survey plan. LA advised Council will be advised of any issues as they arise.			
4.4	PS asked whether designs within the wire for the pedestrian overpass could be investigated. He had seen some with designs on the motorways around Sydney. MC had suggested Port Botany gateway theme. She suggested that they are usually prefabricated.	SPC to investigate the possibility of incorporating designs within wire for the overpasses.	SPC	
4.5	PS noted that there had been talk about a DVD of the construction process. He suggested a series of aerial photos could be added.			
4.6	PP asked whether security at the boatramp carpark would allow for boat users at night. LA replied that the boatramp carpark would remain open at night. SH noted that security would need to be monitored, and if issues arose management would have to be put in place.			
5	Environmental monitoring monthly report			
5.1	<u>Presentation by BH-JDN (QP)</u> July There had been one night noise complaint due to a reversing beeper, but that work finished that night. There were no other complaints.			

	<p>August</p> <p>The Marco Polo dredging commenced late August and work has gone well. No elevated turbidity readings.</p> <p>There have been no dust or noise exceedances.</p> <p>Birds will start arriving this month, but haven't yet. All staff are now on alert.</p> <p>Bird hazards will be monitored</p> <p>The Southern Right Whale and calf seen in Yarra Bay in July had been seen at Bondi afterwards.</p> <p>Dog and cat tracks continue to be reported in the saltmarsh area.</p> <p>The saltmarsh is doing well. An additional 200,000 plants would be planted starting in October 2009.</p> <p>There were no water quality spikes of heavy metals this month.</p>			
6	Opening of new boat ramp and temporary facilities			
6.1	<p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN (LA)</u></p> <p>As part of the construction process, a partial opening of the new boat ramp is required before the completion of all works along Foreshore Road and the associated amenities in the boat ramp. The existing boat ramp at Penrhyn Estuary is required to close to enable work to continue in this area. As the amenities will not be completed, temporary amenities, equivalent to current facilities will be provided.</p> <p>The Mill Stream Lookout & carpark will not open, but the boat ramp will be functioning. A communication strategy has been developed which includes; advertisements in the local papers, signage at key points and at the existing boatramp. Flyers would be sent to key people and businesses on the database. An advertisement would be placed in Afloat magazine, this would appear after the boat ramp is scheduled to open. Messages would be placed on Variable Message Signs under the traffic management plan.</p> <p>Standard permanent signage will be erected</p>			

	<p>ie blue/white boat ramp advisory signs. A possible public display at the existing boatramp on Saturday morning on the 17 October is being considered. The new signalised intersection would be operation. Beginning of the week of 19th October is the potential opening date. NOTE: post meeting - the date of the opening has been rescheduled to 26th October Fencing would be in place to block the old boatramp, with signage and visual images Of the locality of the new ramp and the associated navigation channel. After approximately a week the carpark area to the old boatramp would be closed, allowing for irregular uses of the area to be able to turn and exit. There would be a Marine Notice in the SMH and Daily Telegraph and also on Ports website.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
6.2	<p>BE asked whether there would be for people from non-English speaking backgrounds. LA replied there would be visual signage with an image used to designate the navigation channel; this should address anyone with English as a second language.</p>			
7	Update on communication activities including complaints			
7.1	<p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN (LA)</u> The Statistics Report was distributed. There were a couple of inquiries on water quality. There have been no complaints for the period. The communication between QP and DECC regarding water quality was logged, and the other was a community member enquiring how to find the Environment Audit Report on the web and was in response to a media conference on the Environmental Audit Report. The communications newsletter would be distributed after the long weekend to 12 000</p>			

	<p>residents</p> <p>Members were sent the 3/8/09 notification regarding piling for the access bridge. There have been no complaints since the last meeting.</p>			
	Questions and Discussion			
7.2	PP noted no complaints/enquiries regarding the lookout that now longer had a view, as he had had some enquiries.			
8	Early hand over of community facilities			
8.1	<p><u>Presentation by SPC (SH)</u></p> <p>In the original plan, the completion of works along Foreshore Rd would not have been until the end of the project. There was now discussion underway to separate the pedestrian overpass, Mill Stream Lookout and carpark, shared pathway, and the beach from contract documentation to allow for opening early next year. These would be handed over to SPC community access.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
8.2	<p>PP asked that whether as part of SPC ongoing maintenance the beach, which attracts contamination, would be cleaned regularly. Previously there had been no ongoing care of the area.</p> <p>SH replied that a maintenance schedule was currently being drawn up. He noted that SPC did not previously own the beach area.</p>			
9	Banksia Street elevated pedestrian crossing			
9.1	<p><u>Presentation by SPC (SH)</u></p> <p>Discussions are being conducted with council regarding the Condition of Consent requirement for an elevated crossing at Banksia St. This would eliminate the current need for trains to slow down and sound whistle when approaching the crossing. While an option for incorporation with Stephen St had been looked at, a decision had been made in conjunction with council to place it at Banksia St. There will be a community/resident session on September</p>			

	26. Photo montages were shown to the meeting.			
	Questions and discussion			
9.2	BE asked whether access for wheelchairs/strollers had been addressed. SH replied that grades were suitable for wheelchair access.			
9.3	NH suggested that now this was approved, and trains would be traveling faster at this point noise attenuation and issues of a firebreak needed to be addressed. SH noted that this has been raised with the rail authorities, who have yet to respond.			
9.4	PS asked that if a design couldn't be placed on the other bridge, could options be looked at for this bridge. Are there safeguards against objects being thrown from the bridge? SH replied there would be a cover on the bridge.	SPC to investigate incorporating designs into the cage on the bridge.		
10	Grade Separation Works			
10.1	<u><i>Presentation by SPC (MC)</i></u> At the Penrhyn Rd roundabout, a grade separation will be constructed to separate and allow rail to go underneath. The existing rail crossing will be removed. Construction of a temporary access road would take place near Caltex for preliminary works to divert traffic to allow for the construction. There would be removal of vegetation and construction of a dual carriageway and temporary rail crossing. The footpath will continue adjacent to the road for workers access into the port. When no longer in use, the road would be reduced to one lane each way. The area would be landscaped and the level crossing retained for maintenance and emergency access. The Environmental Assessment is currently being written and work will commence in coming months. The temporary road was not part of the original port expansion proposal.			
	Questions and discussion			

10.2	PS asked whether there would be access to the new terminal via Penrhyn Road. PO replied there would, but it was not the preferred access. It will be there for emergency and special occasions. MC noted it was not the primary access point for the new terminal.			
10.3	PS asked about the timing. Would it be finished prior to commencement of the third terminal? PO replied SPC is aiming to start construction of the temporary access road in November 2009. The grade separation works will be completed for the commencement of the third terminal, but was not part of the original Boulderstone contract. It will be funded by SPC.			
11	Other Matters/next meeting			
11.1	Next meeting – Tuesday 20 October, 3.30pm.			
11.2	NH indicated that she has been very pleased at the thought that has gone into the design and construction and planning for the Port redevelopment. She also mentioned that she has appreciated being kept well informed and updated on progress.			

These minutes have been endorsed by the Chair, Roberta Ryan.

