

**Port Botany Expansion  
Community Consultative Committee  
Minutes**

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009

**Meeting number:** 27

**Attendees:**

Roberta Ryan - Chairperson  
Neil Melvin - Community Representative  
Paul Pickering - Community Representative  
John Burgess - Community Representative  
Michael Kavanagh - Business Representative  
Paul Shepherd - City of Botany Bay Council  
Linda Armstrong - Baulderstone  
Vince Newton - Baulderstone  
Quentin Pitts - Baulderstone  
Kathy Lloyd - Sydney Ports Corporation  
Shane Hobday - Sydney Ports Corporation  
Sandra Spate - Minutetaker

**Apologies:** Peter Zangari - Sydney Ports Corporation, Bronwyn Englaro - Randwick City Council, Nancy Hillier - Community Representative, Mick Costelloe - Community Representative, Matthew Flugge - Sydney Ports Corporation, Marika Calfas - Sydney Ports Corporation, Peter O'Leary - Sydney Ports Corporation

Item	Issue	Action	By whom	When
1	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>			
1.1	<p>Regarding item 8.2 SPC has provided CCC members with the Ports Growth Plan release.</p> <p>An action relating to item 8.2 requested clarification on the timing for the rail noise working group. Condition of Consent B 2.28 requires that the applicant (SPC) must establish a rail noise working group prior to the operation of the development which shall address all associated rail noise issues. The group should include but not be limited to, rail groups, councils, CCC members and consult with relevant authorities, including the DECCW. SH reported that the new terminal operator would be announced by early in the new year.</p> <p>PS understood that the ARTC gave a presentation to the Port Botany Neighborhood Liaison Group. He asked</p>			

	<p>whether the group was generally satisfied with the presentation.</p> <p>JB replied that assurances were given to do right in the future, but he didn't think the group was satisfied with this. He suggested lack of political will at the state and national levels.</p> <p>SH noted there was acknowledgement by ARTC that rail infrastructure had not been handled well in the past. He noted ARTC indicated they were trying to address this by having one national organization for rail freight infrastructure.</p>			
2	<b>Update on communication activities including complaints</b>			
2.1	<p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN (LA)</u></p> <p>Notifications distributed to members included a flyer for the Foreshore Rd boat ramp opening and a letter distributed to Hayden Place residents. A copy of the most recent Activities Look Ahead was also sent. The complaints report covering from the last meeting until now and the Statistics report were distributed at the meeting.</p> <p>In October there had been enquiries regarding the boatramp, cyclist and pedestrian issues and other general port related issues which were forwarded to SPC.</p> <p>The complaints report included a damage claim which remains a complaint while in the hands of the insurers for consideration/investigation.</p> <p>There was a concern from members of the public regarding increased numbers of people accessing Foreshore Beach with the opening of the new boatramp and associated safety issues.</p> <p>There were some noise and vibration issues which were investigated and found at this stage not to be related to BHJDN construction activity but were potentially ship generator noises. BHJDN are continuing to investigate There has been difficulty determining the exact source of the noise. The resident will call if the problem occurs</p>			

	<p>again to assist in determining the source of the problem.</p> <p>There were queries regarding the status of the road repairs in Tupia Street which are to be undertaken by Council.</p> <p>There were also some calls regarding design issues related to the boatramp. These were referred to SPC, as BHJDN are not responsible for design.</p>			
2.2	<p>SH reported that the Corporate Affairs Group naming strategy asked for advice from the community on naming the new facilities. Members were advised of the potential names of facilities.</p> <p>PP suggested that a possible renaming of Foreshore Beach be discussed with Council. He and some other local residents favour Botany Beach.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
2.3	<p>PP reported that locals had concerns with boats moored as well as those coming in and out of the boatramp in the same area. There were difficulties for boats reversing. He suggested one area for boats coming in and another going out. He suggested another ramp perhaps on the outside of the pontoon. He had been surprised as he understood there would be another access on the shore side of the inner pontoon.</p> <p>JB indicated that boatramp users were not happy with the layout. It was not consistent with the consultative process. A preferred option had been discussed but the current design was a flawed design of 7 years ago. There needs to be a cost effective, pragmatic way to make it work. The majority say it looks good but is not functional. Contractors have built to the design. He regards Maritime as at fault.</p> <p>SH noted SPC was taking feedback on board and going back to the design team to work out options. As a minimum there would be more signage about time limits for tying up vessels.</p>			

2.4	<p>PP asked what type of action was taken regarding damage claims that have been referred to insurers.</p> <p>LA replied that like any claim process the matter goes to the insurers. We give them all information on the program of activities, where they occurred and when and for how long. The insurers then undertake the investigation and assessment accordingly, as with most claims processes this can take some time.</p>			
2.5	<p>NM asked for clarification about a complaint regarding semis parking across parking bays in the boatramp carpark.</p> <p>LA replied that when the new boatramp first opened they did park there even though the area is signposted. BHJDN worked with SPC who liaised with port operators and resolved the issue quickly.</p> <p>LA noted there is a 24/7 security presence which SH advised will be an ongoing presence.</p>			
2.6	<p>NM asked whether anyone had put forward NH's name as part of the naming of facilities to recognize her contribution.</p> <p>KL noted that this had been thought of but the names of living people can't be used under current guidelines.</p>			
2.7	<p>RR reported that this would be LA's last meeting as she would finish with BHJDN in December.</p> <p>PS is also retiring from council and would be finishing February.</p>			
<b>3</b>	<b>Environmental monitoring monthly report</b>			
3.1	<p><i>Presentation by BH-JDN (QP)</i></p> <p>There were no complaints in October; those in report reflect those that came in during November.</p> <p>There are no indications of acid sulphate problems on the project. We continue to test regularly both dredging and excavations.</p> <p>Bird hazards have not increased significantly at the new boat ramp and have not been attracted to the fish cleaning area to date.</p> <p>There was one minor dust exceedence due to the dust storm in September.</p> <p>There have been no heritage issues.</p> <p>There are no issues regarding marine animals.</p> <p>A Cormorant found injured with a fish hook in its</p>			

	<p>beak/mouth was taken to WIRES and has recovered. Thanks to the construction workers for their care and respect of these birds and animals that they have brought in from time to time.</p> <p>There have been no daytime or night time noise exceedences, or odour exceedences.</p> <p>125,000 new saltmarsh plants have been planted at Foreshore Beach and on the new bird roosting islands. The plants are in very good health and the remainder will be planted in autumn during cooler weather.</p> <p>There were no dives undertaken in October or November to monitor seagrass due to unsafe conditions or turbidity levels. Additional dives have been scheduled for the December monitoring period.</p> <p>Sediment deposition has decreased over the last month at two of three locations.</p> <p>Shorebird numbers increased in October and November. The Pied Oyster Catcher nest and Little Tern nest on the island were destroyed by avian predators. However two Little Terns were seen on a nest yesterday on the island.</p> <p>There were no waste management issues.</p> <p>Water quality nutrient levels are a little elevated as usual. There are no heavy metals exceedences except for copper. The copper levels were up throughout the bay—at least at both of our background monitoring buoys well outside the work area.</p> <p>Turbidity monitoring and levels have been good. There have been some elevated readings associated with dredging, but no exceedences. One dredge—Nu Bounty--has been removing unsuitable materials (clay and fines) in the boatramp area and stockpiling for disposal at a later date. The other dredge, the Marco Polo, is dredging the area for the terminal and extending the approved disposal pit near the runway.</p>			
	<p><b>Questions and discussion</b></p>			
3.2	<p>PP suggested that elevated copper levels may be due to copper sulphate being used to preserve timbers.</p> <p>JB suggested it is likely to be older sources from when Cooks River opened into the bay, and past</p>			

	<p>woolshed and tanning activities. He noted copper is also found in high concentrations in ground water and subsoil in boat building areas. PP noted Dent St had been a boat building area.</p>			
<b>4</b>	<b>Update on construction and activities</b>			
4.1	<p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN (LA)</u>  Dredging is continuing.  The new Boat Ramp is open, with final works including service hookups still ongoing. The whole area won't be opened till these are finished and the area handed to SPC.  Services works in Hayden Place are due to commence tomorrow.  As of the 18 November 111 of the 216 counterfort units have been completed and 39 have been installed.  The target is for the east /west wharf counterforts to be installed by Christmas.  Upcoming works are:  Piling for the access bridge.  Navigation aids to go in to the park.  Dynamic compaction is scheduled for March.</p>			
<b>5</b>	<b>Closure of Penrhyn Road Boat Ramp and access to limited areas of new Boat Ramp on Foreshore Rd</b>			
5.1	<p><u>Presentation by BHJDN</u>  SH reported that the opening of community facilities - the pedestrian overbridge, the shared pathway and the Millstream Lookout would be at a community open day potentially in February. CCC would be informed of the exact day. A communication plan would be developed and forwarded to the CCC. Feedback is requested from the group.</p>	<p>Communications Plan to be forwarded to CCC</p>	SPC	
<b>6</b>	<b>Other Matters/next meeting</b>			
6.1	<p>PJ reported that consultants had been appointed for the interpretative signage strategy for the public realm works. They would prepare a strategy and design signs. The tender would go out in March/April. Feedback will be sought from the community on names and historical interpretation.  LA reported that SPC have erected a sign at the lookout.</p>			
6.2	<p>JB referred to a community members request to regenerate the area at Molineux Point. This</p>			

	would require will and resources. PP noted the closest toilet is at Yarra Bay Sailing Club. Tour bus drivers bring people to the area.			
6.3	PP noted that SPC had been considering contributing to a shared path on Stephen Road. At moment it is a narrow path. It requires a line marking and moving traffic over. SH noted this was previously being considered as an alternative to the Banksia St overpass. PS reported that new line marking will by undertaken shortly, with a wider island against the kerb and an island in the middle to separate traffic, as well as a turning lane.			
6.4	JB asked about progress on the Banksia St crossing. SH replied that SPC was awaiting Council's final comments in the proposed design which will be based on ramps. PS noted that a council response was imminent.			
6.5	PS noted that SSROC (South Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils) has undertaken work on signage for the proposed Botany Bay trail. He suggested that SPC should be aware of this when developing their signage.			
6.6	The chair on behalf of the group thanked PS for his input into the committee and LA for her efforts in relationship building.			
	<b>Next meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010</b>			

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

