

**Port Botany Expansion
Community Consultative Committee
Minutes**

Date: 9th February, 2010

Meeting number: 28

Attendees:

Roberta Ryan (RR) - Chairperson
 Nancy Hillier (NH) - Community Representative
 Neil Melvin (NM) - Community Representative
 Paul Pickering (PP) - Community Representative
 Mick Costelloe (MCo) - Community Representative
 John Burgess (JB) - Community Representative
 Michael Kavanagh (MK) - Business Representative
 Ross Anthony (RA) - Randwick City Council
 Quentin Pitts (QP) - Baulderstone
 Vanessa Tiernan (VT) - Baulderstone
 Marika Calfas (MC) - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Kathy Lloyd (KL) - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Shane Hobday (SH) - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Matthew Flugge (MF) - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Frank van den Brink (FB) - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Sandra Spate (SS) - Minutetaker

Apologies: Warrick O'Brien - City of Botany Bay Council; Vince Newton - Baulderstone

Not present: Peter O'Leary - Sydney Ports Corporation

| Item | Issue | Action | By whom | When |
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| 1 | SH introduced Vanessa Tiernan, Stakeholder and Community Relations Manager for Baulderstone to the meeting. Ross Anthony and Frank van den Brink also introduced themselves to the CCC. | | | |
| 2 | Minutes of last meeting | | | |
| | Regarding item 5.1 about the provision of a communication plan around the opening of community facilities to the CCC, it was noted that this will be addressed as a separate agenda item. Regarding item 6.4 SH reported that SPC was in discussions with City of Botany Bay Council about the Banksia St crossing. SPC would be meeting with council next week to try and finalise the design, with ramps rather than lifts. Other discussion arising since last meeting | | | |

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| | <p>was around provision of documentation to members electronically. SPC is keen to send as much as possible electronically but is happy to provide printed documents to those who request them. JB, NH, MK and NM would prefer hard copies of documents. NH commended the process of distribution of information to members. She can't remember receiving such quality and accuracy of information in the past. NM endorsed NH's comments for the detail and thoroughness provided. Other members of his community group were also impressed.</p> <p>PP has noticed a lot of larger shells mixed with sand on Foreshore Beach. MC replied that during re-contouring and stabilization of the beach-dune system a lot of these would be picked up.</p> | | | |
| 3 | Update on construction and activities | | | |
| 3.1 | <p><u><i>Presentation by BH-JDN QP</i></u></p> <p>Work is continuing to finish the rock revetment wall at the east berm of the Interterminal Access Corridor. 165 pre-cast counterfort units have been completed to date with 6 more expected this week. The installation of counterfort units on the east/west seawall is complete and work has commenced on north/south wall, with 16 units installed.</p> <p>A temporary sand berm is being constructed to allow for more dredging inside the area. Work on Foreshore Rd continues for the terminal access bridge. There will be a signaled intersection here.</p> <p>Piling works for the terminal access bridge are expected in late March as a daytime activity.</p> <p>Final approval has been obtained from Sydney Water for sewer connections including at the boat ramp.</p> <p>There is one dredge currently on site, the Nu Bounty, with the Marco Polo expected to return by Thursday morning. Earthworks</p> | | | |

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| | <p>sand from the stockpile is to go into the reclamation.</p> <p>Saltmarsh plantings have progressed well, with the remaining plantings planned for April/May.</p> <p>Navigation structures will go in at the end of March, with notifications going out before this.</p> <p>SH and MC noted these were the tower like structures in Sir Joseph Banks Park and on Foreshore Beach which have been discussed at previous meetings, to which modification applications had been prepared in order to allow Marine Pilots to line these up for navigation. SH noted City of Botany Bay Council had signed off on these. MC reported that offset contributions were made toward children's playground equipment in the park.</p> <p>Additional work would be undertaken around sand-nourishment of the beach and dune progression.</p> | | | |
| | Questions and discussion | | | |
| 3.2 | <p>PP asked if any more of the big thumping could be expected.</p> <p>QP replied that dynamic compaction was scheduled to begin again in April, but it would be further away than previously. Some limited DC may take place in February but quite distant from residents.</p> | | | |
| 3.3 | <p>PP reported that as he was coming in today he noticed an odour.</p> | BH (QP) to investigate odour reported by PP. | BHJDN | |
| 3.4 | <p>PP reported that some locals had commented they thought the counterfort units were sinking.</p> <p>QP replied that this was not occurring. SH responded that trenches were dug, rock and compacted sand placed with the counterfort units on top of this. There were tight tolerances set for settlement.</p> | | | |
| 3.5 | <p>JB asked whether recent heavy rain had any impact on the wetlands area.</p> | | | |

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| | QP reported that the area seems to be doing alright, weekly monitoring would continue. | | | |
| 3.6 | NH asked whether Boulderstone are happy with the bird habitat in Penrhyn Estuary. QP reported that now that construction had ceased in the intertidal area more shorebirds were moving into the area. NH asked whether the pelicans had gone, and if so to where. QP reported he continued to see eight or nine around. JB suggested they would soon be attracted to the new boat ramp. These birds are long term residents of Botany Bay. | | | |
| 3.7 | NH asked for clarification regarding where fish breeding areas would be after the removal of the mangroves. JB reported seeing schools of small fish in the area of the old boat ramp since it was closed. He thinks when turbidity settles the estuary could potentially be a good spawning ground. | | | |
| 3.8 | JB reported that after discussions with local residents regarding the overhead bridge he had understood there were supposed to be flat platforms at intervals but he couldn't see evidence of this. | SPC (MC) to respond to issue of landings/ gradient on the overhead bridge. | SPC | |
| 3.9 | PP asked whether the size and securing of the aggregate around the edge of the beach had been addressed. SH reported that work had been done to secure rocks in place at the northern end of the boatramp. | SPC to respond to whether rocks had been secured as part of the safety in design review. | SPC | |
| 4 | Environmental monitoring monthly report | | | |
| 4.1 | <u>Presentation by BH-JDN QP</u> November and December reports have been distributed to the group. December report: Indicated no acid sulphate soils. There were no significant bird numbers. There was one exceedence in deposition dust but it was found to contain bird faeces and was away from construction areas. No issues with heritage. | | | |

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| | <p>No issues with marine mammals.</p> <p>Daytime noise complaints – 2 noise complaints via the DECCW hotline were received. These were found to be associated with Port activity, not construction. There have been no odour complaints.</p> <p>Saltmarsh plantings have been successful.</p> <p>Regarding seagrass, no dives were undertaken during November and December due to poor visibility. One has been done in January with another planned for this Friday. Turbidity levels have been met.</p> <p>With work largely completed in the inter-tidal area, a lot of small creatures have returned including soldier crabs.</p> <p>There are reports of new species of shorebirds feeding in new areas.</p> <p>There have been no waste management issues.</p> <p>Water quality – there have been no exceedences. There was some elevation of nutrients. There were no heavy metal exceedences.</p> | | | |
| | Questions and discussion | | | |
| 4.2 | <p>JB asked about a complaint a while ago due to reversing beepers.</p> <p>QP reported this had been due to Foreshore Road work required to be done at night. Reversing beepers had to be used due to OH&S issues.</p> <p>PP asked whether beepers and lights would continue to be used once the port is operating.</p> <p>QP replied they would.</p> <p>SH advised that the equipment used on the third terminal would be similar to those currently in operation at Patrick & DP World. High wind & movement alarms and lights would be used.</p> | | | |
| 4.3 | <p>NM reported he had now received a letter from DECCW in response to his letter regarding heavy metal levels. The letter said there had been no exceedences of ANZECC guidelines and monitoring would</p> | | | |

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| | continue. | | | |
| 4.4 | NH noted mention of engineers' and workers' kindness to injured animals in the November report and asked that the committee's thanks to them be recorded in the minutes. | | | |
| 5 | Update on communication activities including complaints | | | |
| 5.1 | <p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN VT</u></p> <p>The November and December Environmental reports and the Penrhyn Estuary report have gone out to members. The complaints report December 1 to February 8 was distributed at the meeting, as was the Complaints report November 23 to February 8. The Activities and Issues Communications Look Ahead for Feb/March was distributed.</p> <p>There were five general complaints, 3 being property claims which are still with the insurers. Another was regard to access to the beach, pedestrian bridge and shared pathway. A resident requested access to swim his dogs.</p> <p>SH reported that a specific agreement had been reached with the resident who swims greyhounds behind his boat based on the fact that Foreshore Beach wasn't opened as expected in December. The indemnity agreement allows the resident access to the beach near the boatramp.</p> <p>Two noise complaints were received via email.</p> <p>A work behaviour complaint due to a work vessel speeding was addressed via the captain of the vessel.</p> <p>An anonymous complaint was made to DECC regarding vibration.</p> | | | |
| 6 | Grade Separation Project | | | |
| 6.1 | <p><u>Presentation by SPC FB</u></p> <p>Preliminary General Arrangement and staging drawings were shown to the meeting. The project will facilitate the physical separation of the existing and future truck and rail movements.</p> <p>The Elevated Roundabout at the end of</p> | | | |

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| | <p>Penrhyn Road will be approx 7 to 8 meters above existing ground levels, with ramps up to this level. Track duplication is happening to facilitate additional trackwork into the Patrick Terminal and to enable the new T3 Container Terminal operator to join the rail network.</p> <p>The original plan of temporarily diverting current traffic via the T3 access bridge off Foreshore Rd posed the risk of public and private transport and truck movements through the PBE construction site.</p> <p>Not much has changed from a design point of view, but the T3 railway works would be delayed till grade separation works are finished, allowing this corridor to be used for truck access. The T3 operator has agreed to this.</p> <p>A bypass road is currently under construction to temporarily replace the current Interterminal Access Road to CargoLink and beyond. There is a need to close the existing road to build the new ramp. The by-pass road should be finished by April.</p> <p>Site investigation and geotechnical investigations are underway.</p> <p>There will be further temporary bypass facilities for traffic control purposes.</p> <p>The temporary Patrick entry road would mean moving the entry gate to inside the terminal to the west. This would allow the current entry gate to be shut and some sheds removed. There would be enough road structure to divert trucks as needed.</p> <p>Work would be staged so as to not build over trucks exiting the terminal.</p> <p>The aim is to start in July/August this year and finish at the end of 2011.</p> <p>More detailed staging plans would be presented at a later date.</p> | | | |
| | Questions and discussion | | | |
| 6.2 | <p>PP asked whether it is envisaged that queuing would occur for traffic exiting to Foreshore Rd.</p> <p>FB noted that trucks exiting the gates are</p> | | | |

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| | controlled by Patrick and not under SPC control. Any queuing would be on the up/down ramps. | | | |
| 6.3 | <p>JB noted that the suggested new truck staging facility at Simblist Rd wouldn't fit with this proposal.</p> <p>SH advised that the queuing arrangements on Simblist Road are still an option for Patricks.</p> <p>FB noted that talk of a temporary facility near the airport (Gate 16) wouldn't be suitable due to the new Hale St/Foreshore Rd intersection.</p> <p>PP asked whether the old Australian Paper Mill site could be considered.</p> <p>JB suggested that the Orica southlands Stage 2 at the McPherson St end would be a perfect area.</p> <p>SH responded that SPC were still looking at options for a site.</p> | MF to send Trade Report to JB | SPC | |
| 6.4 | NH thanked FB for his presentation. | | | |
| 7 | Interpretive/Information Signage | | | |
| 7.1. | <p><u>Presentation by SPC MC</u></p> <p>SPC has engaged design consultants to prepare signage for the length of Foreshore Beach area and overpass. There would be upward of 17 signs and would be a mix of directional information, historical and ecological. Diagrams of locations and shape of the signage family were shown to the CCC. A version of wording would be available next week. Signs should be ready mid year and would be graffiti and weather resistant.</p> <p>Some would be fixed onto existing hand rails.</p> <p>MC offered if anyone was particularly interested in the signage they could contact her for further information.</p> | | | |
| 8 | Early handover and opening of new facilities | | | |
| 8.1 | <p><u>Presentation by SPC MF</u></p> <p>The original plan was to open facilities during the summer period, but delays have pushed this out further.</p> <p>SPC is now looking at an official opening of</p> | | | |

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| | <p>facilities at the end of March. A company has been engaged to plan the day. SPC would like to hold an annual ports community day. The draft event plan would be circulated to the group. Consideration is being given to BBQs, fishing competitions and walks. An annual tour of Port for local people is being considered. The CCC and community are asked to provide further ideas. SPC will talk to community groups. On the naming of facilities, suggested names were sent out before Christmas. Sydney Ports recommended the boat ramp be Port Botany Boat Ramp rather than the Foreshore Road Boat Ramp suggested by the community.</p> | | | |
| | Questions and discussion | | | |
| 8.2 | The majority of the CCC favoured Penrhyn Estuary Lookout rather than Penrhyn Estuary Wildlife Observatory. | | | |
| 8.3 | <p>PP asked whether Sydney Ports owned the Australia Day Regatta.</p> <p>SH responded that SPC is one of the sponsors.</p> <p>MF noted that they were talking about a separate event for Port Botany.</p> <p>PP suggested involving Yarra Bay Sailing Club.</p> | | | |
| 8.4 | JB notified the meeting of a major fishing tournament at the end of March which should be avoided when looking at dates for the opening. | | | |
| 9 | Other Matters/next meeting | | | |
| 9.1 | SH notified the meeting that an announcement had been made in mid December that Hutcheson would be the T3 Container Terminal operator. | | | |
| 9.2 | SH reported the sad news that John Taylor, Construction Manager had passed away. He was a key person in the construction team. It is the intention for a small commemorative plaque to be placed in boat ramp area in his honour. | | | |
| 9.3 | SH reported that Terminals Pty Ltd, a bulk liquid operator has a DA in for the construction of two tanks for petrol. SPC is | SPC to provide NH with a copy of the | | |

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| | <p>the approval authority as it is a project of under \$30 million. The Application is on the Ports website as well as the Environmental Assessment. Community groups are being advised, and as part of this the CCC was being informed. Members should contact Marika for further information or for comment.</p> <p>NH asked for a copy of the application.</p> <p>PP asked whether security was part of the DA. Also whether this would affect the red line.</p> <p>SH replied security was part of the DA. The cumulative risk assessment undertaken in 1996 considered this area. There would be no impact on the red line.</p> | application. | | |
| 9.4 | <p>MK asked how Hale St would work, how will traffic enter and exit and what will happen on Botany Rd.</p> <p>JB indicated he was disappointed to see some local opposition to the Hale St after much lobbying for the extension.</p> | SPC take on notice the question of the operation of Hale St and provide information by the next meeting. | SPC | |
| 9.5 | <p>JB reported that talks were continuing around the boat ramp design to try and resolve issues that have been raised previously.</p> | | | |
| 9.6 | <p>JB suggested garbage bins be placed on the seawall, as he removed two garbage bags of rubbish from the walkway at the jetty. Signage should also be erected.</p> <p>NH noted a need for a hefty fine for littering to be publicly displayed.</p> | SPC/BH-JDN to investigate garbage bins at the seawall. | SPC/BH-JDN | |
| 9.7 | <p>A site tour was agreed to for the next meeting. NM suggested it include Hale St and Banksia St for those unfamiliar with these areas.</p> <p>Next meeting Tuesday March 16, commencing 3pm for site tour.</p> | | | |

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

