



Chair: Trudie Larnach

Location: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC)

Time / Date: 4:30pm to 5:10pm, 25th February 2020

Subject: **Port Waratah Coal Services Community Meeting**

Attendees:

Community Stakeholders:	Port Waratah Representatives:
Louise Askew	Glenn Cook – Specialist Environment
Rick Banyard	Mark Feeney – Manager Operations Delivery
Mary Busteed	Trudie Larnach – Manager Sustainability & Corporate Affairs
Marinella Fragiaco	Trevor Thompson – Environmental Officer
Christene Harkness	
John Hayes	
Lyn Kilby	
Clare Monkley	
Callan Nickerson	
Chris Northam	

Apologies Received: Terry McCauley

Item 1: Welcome and Actions from Previous Meeting

- Trudie Larnach (TL) welcomed attendees and provided opening remarks
- Each attendee introduced themselves and their association with the Portside Community/Port Waratah
- Trevor Thompson (TT) provided an overview of the Meeting Agenda
- TT discussed the single action to come from the November 2019 Community Meeting.
 - Port Waratah had agreed to provide some messaging/social media posts to Community Groups registered with Port Waratah Local Voices in the lead up to the next Pulse Survey. *In Progress – Pulse Survey #3 due for release in March 2020.*

Item 2: Environment & Operations Update

Community Dashboard

- Whilst hardcopy versions of the Community Dashboard were distributed, TT provided a high-level overview of the key items presented on the Dashboard including:
- Air Quality – Spring 2019 PM10 levels were heavily impacted by both regional dust events and the onset of severe bushfires across the state.
- Water Reuse & Consumption – continuation of intense dry conditions meant Port Waratah's ability to harvest rainwater was significantly reduced. Despite this, Port Waratah managed to recycle/re-use more than two-thirds of water consumed (68%) in Q4 2019.
- Noise – Both Port Waratah Terminals operated within applicable noise criteria (Kooragang) and internal noise goals (Carrington)
- Environmental Footprint – In 2015 Port Waratah established a target to plant or donate to the Community 2,020 trees by 2020. This was exceeded in 2018, therefore Port Waratah established a new target of 2,020 more trees by 2020. At the end of 2019, Port Waratah are well on the way to achieving this.
- Community – In 2019 Port Waratah's Community Investment totalled \$750,000. Port Waratah has six priority areas where we focus our investment, which included Education (\$267,000) and Health (\$187,000).



Water Management System Response to February Rain Event

- Glenn Cook (GC) provided a summary on how the Carrington Terminal Water Management System performed during the recent significant rain event in early February.
- The rain event occurred from 7-10 February and saw 110mm rain fall at the Carrington Terminal, and more than 140mm at nearby locations (141mm at Williamstown, 147mm at Newcastle Uni). This was the heaviest rain event in over 18 months.
- Similar rain events in the past has seen overflow events that have lasted between 2-5 days. Since the commissioning of Carrington Terminal's two Storm Tanks in mid-2019, they have directly prevented two separate overflow events from occurring.
- GC presented trends of on-site water levels of the Carrington Terminal over the period of the rain event and described how the Water Management System responded to the rain event to prevent an overflow to the Harbour from occurring.

Item 3: Community Update

Youth Sport in Portside Suburbs

- TL presented to the Community Meeting Group, a new avenue for Port Waratah Community Partnerships in the form of a new program of supporting Youth Sport in Portside suburbs. This initiative aims to deliver benefits for the younger generation who participate in sporting activities in the Portside area. Funding applications will be called over two rounds each year (March & September), with the opportunity to receive up to \$1,500 per application.
- TL asked Community Stakeholders to spread the word amongst their networks and promote this new initiative.
Action for Community.
- Further information on the Youth Sport in Portside Suburbs initiative, including eligibility criteria and the application process can be found on the Port Waratah website at:
<https://www.pwcs.com.au/community-environment/community-partnerships/youth-sport-in-portside-suburbs/>

Community Attitudes Survey – Pulse Survey #3

- TL continued by advising to the group that the next Local Voices Pulse Survey (Pulse Survey #3) will be open from 1-31 March 2020. As with all previous surveys, it will be independent from Port Waratah, and facilitated by the CSIRO.
 - Those that have registered previously should receive an email shortly to advise the survey is open to complete, and even though there were well over 500 completions of Pulse Survey #2 in September, TL asked that Community Stakeholders encourage those in their local networks, who haven't yet registered to do so. **Action for Community.**
 - For further information on Port Waratah Local Voices, review previous survey results, or to nominate as a Community Group, please visit: <https://research.csiro.au/portwaratahlocalvoices/>
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Item 4: 2020 Community Meeting Program

- Mark Feeney (MF) led a discussion on the proposed key discussion topics for 2020.
- With the ongoing concerns about the Covid-19 global outbreak, the Community Meeting group enquired about Port Waratah's response and impacts to the business. MF provided a general overview of measures undertaken by Port Waratah, with ongoing advice received from leading regulatory agencies including NSW Health, the Australian Border Force and NSW Ports Authority. MF also added that the attitudes and behaviours exhibited by overseas crews whilst at Port Waratah berths have been exemplary in response to the rapidly evolving situation with Covid-19.
- Port Waratah agreed to include in the May Meeting a topic on Port Waratah's emergency preparedness in light of Covid-19, and recent bushfire emergencies. **Action for Port Waratah.**
- In relation to the Covid-19 outbreak, Port Waratah agreed to communicate any significant change in circumstances that adversely impact on Port Waratah operations and/or the Portside Community. **Action for Port Waratah.**

Meeting Close

- The next Port Waratah Community Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, 21st May 2020.**
- Meeting closed at 5:10pm.

INFORMATION/REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY TO BE MADE TO:

Port Waratah (*coal terminal related enquiries*)

- Port Waratah 24hr Community Enquiry Line – 4907 2280
- Port Waratah email – contact_us@pwcs.com.au

NCIG (*coal terminal related enquiries*)

- 24hr Hotline – 1800 016 304
- NCIG Email – enquiries@ncig.com.au

ARTC (*All rail and train related enquiries*)

- ARTC Enviro Line – 1300 550 402
- ARTC Email – enviroline@artc.com.au