



Chair: Mark Feeney

Location: KCT Boardroom and online via Microsoft Teams

Time / Date: 4:00pm to 6:00pm, 19 November 2020

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

Attendees: **Community Stakeholders:** Rick Banyard
John Hayes
Mary Busted
Marinella Fragiacom
Christene Harkness

Port Waratah Representatives: Mark Feeney – Manager Operations Delivery
Glenn Cook – Specialist Environment
Wayne Bower – Superintendent Operations CCT
Karen Marples - Sustainability & Community Relations
Advisor

Apologies Received: Scott Sharpe, Louise Askew, Clare Monkley, Callan Nickerson, Terry McCauley, Chris Northam, Dave Williams

Item 1: Welcome

- Mark Feeney (MF) welcomed attendees to the Community Meeting and provided an overview of the Meeting Agenda and online etiquette.
- MF introduced Karen Marples (KM) - Sustainability & Community Relations Advisor and Wayne Bower – Superintendent Operations CCT to the committee. The committee members gave an update on their background.
- MF presented a Safety Share where a Rail Officer conducting an inspection of a Rail Yard stepped onto a grated drainage pit resulting in the grate becoming unstable and shifting injuring the officer as he fell.

Item 2: Actions from Previous Meeting

- Glenn Cook (GC) provided an update on the status of the actions to come from the previous Community Meetings.
 - Port Waratah to consider adding Closure Planning as an Agenda Item at a future Community Meeting.
In Progress – Closure Planning to be included as an Agenda Item for 2021 with a date TBC.
 - Port Waratah to send details of the online questionnaire to Community Stakeholders.
Completed – email sent on 20th August after the Community Meeting
 - Community Stakeholders to complete the online questionnaire by 27th August.
Completed – several responses received via survey and phone
 - Port Waratah to provide further details on the Shiploder Photography Competition.
Completed – email sent on 8th September
 - Port Waratah to provide an update to Community Stakeholders when the September Anchor Survey opens.
Completed – email sent on 8th September
 - Karen to contact Community Stakeholders – *Completed by phone and email*



Item 3: Community Update

- KM provided an update on recent community events and presented high-level insights from the recent local Voices Anchor Survey conducted in September-October.
 - The Light it Up Blue campaign was held during the month of September to raise awareness for prostate cancer. The two shiploaders at Carrington were lit blue every night of the month and a photo competition was held, producing some spectacular entries. The campaign reached more than 5000 people on social media.
 - The 2020 Local Voices Anchor Survey was held from 2 September – 12 October. There were 391 participants, higher than our previous Anchor Survey, however down from the previous pulse survey in March. Covid19 restrictions inhibited face-to-face engagement, which had been a great positive in the last survey engagement campaign. Trust and acceptance remain steady. A presentation will be provided by Dr Kieren Moffat at the next community meeting in February.
 - A group of 20 employees (Covid-safe restriction) held a clean-up event along the local Throsby Creek mangrove shoreline, removing 25 bags of rubbish and car tyres, a metal fire pit, body board and street sign.
 - Teams of Port Waratah employees participated in the September challenge this year to raise funds for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance (CPA). In total, our employees raised an amazing \$8,645.
 - The second round of Youth Sport funding was held in September with 8 local sporting organisations receiving up to \$1500. This year we have supported 14 organisations with a share of more than 20,000.
 - Port Waratah has provided more than a year of free WiFi to seafarers visiting our terminals at Kooragang and Carrington. More than 1200 vessels have used the service, with 85.4 terabytes of data used – that's 42,700 hours of movies or more than 17 million 5-minute songs.

Item 4: Environment Update

Community Dashboard

- GC presented the key highlights on the Q3 2020 Community Dashboard. These were:
 - Operating statistics in Q3 have improved from a softening in Q2. The results are pleasing as it shows there is still demand for Hunter Valley coal.
 - Air Quality: All results were very good to good across all locations over the winter months. Rick Banyard (RB) advised the committee of an App available called Air Visual that provides an air quality index in the location you are in.

A discussion regarding the use and success of veneering trials at NCIG was had. GC advised that Port Waratah are communicating with NCIG on the trials and are looking at conducting a trial onsite.

Action: Port Waratah to provide an update to the committee as trials progress.
 - Water Reuse & Consumption: Q3 re-use % remains high. Continued rainfall has ensured the onsite storages have remained topped up. A discussion on water use was had and the potential options Port Waratah have regarding the sourcing of water ie Hunter River or recycled water from Shortland. GC advised that Port Waratah do not have a licence to extract water from the Hunter River and that we have investigated bringing recycled water on to site however at this stage neither option is viable for Port Waratah.

Action: Port Waratah to provide an update on the Water Management System overview and potable water usage at the next meeting.
 - Noise modelling results for the Carrington Terminal were within adopted internal goals and within specified criteria for the Kooragang Terminal.



- Energy & GHG emissions: The observed increase in Scope 1 emissions was a direct result of COVID controls (increasing our fleet to ensure we maintained our physical distancing). Our overall emissions reduced from last year continuing a long-term downward trend. Compared to 10 years ago, our GHG emissions have reduced by more than 4,100 t CO₂-e (3.4%) despite the volume of coal handled increasing more than 13%.

John Hayes (JH) raised PoN have transitioned to electric vehicles for their standard fleet, however there is a lack of electric utility models available. JH asked if Port Waratah are planning to move to electric vehicles.

Action: Port Waratah to provide an update on our fleet management and potential use of electric vehicles at the next meeting.

- The Q3 2020 Community Dashboard can be accessed on the Port Waratah website:
<https://pwcs.com.au/community-environment/community-news-and-updates/>

Item 5: Operations Update

- GC provide an update on some recent water management system improvements at the Kooragang Terminal. Port Waratah incorporated the Detention Pond C into the automated Water Management System with the capability of pumping from Detention B (previously done with a portable unit) to Detention Pond C to provide an additional 19ML of storage.
- MF discussed the recent shiploader engineering improvements that have been completed in 2020. These included:
 - Trimmer flap improvements
 - Boom pivot enclosures
 - Shuttle floor infill
 - Trimmer launder upgrades
 - Shuttle Tail Enclosures

Item 6: General Business

- RB and JH discussed the impacts and changes to the rail corridor with the haulage providers now having Environmental Protection Licences. The points raised involved changes to responsibility and accountability for managing train-related impacts, such as coal on the rails, as a result of the Environmental Protection licences and an EPA Adjustment Proposition coming into effect next year. The discussion focussed on cleaning of trains and that the departure trains are worse than the inbound trains with respect to coal on the tracks. GC advised that Port Waratah are working with all stakeholders to minimise any potential rail corridor impacts.

Meeting Close

- The next Port Waratah Community Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, 18th February 2021**. A time and location will be advised closer to the meeting date.
- Meeting closed at 6:10pm.



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