



MINUTES OF THE INNER HARBOUR COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Date: 7 December 2016
Location: Boardroom, Fremantle Ports Administration Building
Time: 4.30pm to 6pm
Chairperson Dr Simon Avenell

Community representatives:

Carol Shannon, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation
Richard Mehan, Fremantle Inner City Residents' Association (FICRA)
Ron Kawalilak, Gibson Park Precinct
Rod Murray, South Fremantle Precinct
Cheryl Greaves, Fremantle Volunteer Heritage Guides
Cr Andrew McPhail, Town of East Fremantle
Don Whittington, Fremantle Park Association
Gerry MacGill, North Fremantle Precinct
Gill Harrison, Western Australian Maritime Museum
Jason Fair, Western Australian Maritime Museum
Dennis Cloughton, Flying Angel Club
Eric Wilson, Port Beach Users Group and Polar Bears
David Hawks, The Fremantle Society
Cr Tony Watkins, Town of Mosman Park
Mary Chila, White Gum Valley Precinct

Fremantle Ports' representatives

Chris Leatt-Hayter, Chief Executive Officer
Gino Valenti, General Manager Strategy and Planning
Ainslie de Vos, Manager External Affairs
Jeanette Murray, External Affairs Coordinator
Helen Elliott, Community Relations Coordinator

Apologies

Robert Potts, Beaconsfield Precinct
Ron Davidson, Fremantle History Society
David Earl, Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct
Maryrose Baker, Fremantle Inner City Residents' Association (FICRA)
Cr Jenny Harrington, Town of East Fremantle
Cr Jon Strachan, City of Fremantle
Olwyn Williams and Scott Bailey, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INVITATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Dr Avenell welcomed all and especially Jason Fair and Richard Mehan to their first meeting, announced apologies, and called for additional agenda items. Minutes of the previous meeting on 6 September 2016 had been circulated and were accepted.

Action from previous meeting:

Fremantle Ports to arrange a visit to Main Roads WA for interested group members - Ainslie de Vos said MRWA had advised it was no longer doing general public tours but invited Fremantle Ports to inquire again next year in case its policy had changed.

Additional agenda item:

Dennis Claughton requested an opportunity to speak about Fremantle Ports Maritime Day.

2. TRADE UPDATE

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

There had been a slight upturn in container trade but it was still subdued; only moderate growth if any predicted. Similarly, the vehicle and break bulk trades were flat; livestock had picked up, cruise shipping was doing well with 60 ship calls expected this financial year. The Outer Harbour bulk trades were more buoyant; iron ore exports were going well and trials of bauxite export had gone well.

3. COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AND CRUISE UPDATE

Information provided by Ainslie de Vos:

Cruise season 2016-17:

- 60 cruise ship visits
- Maiden calls:
 - *Maasdam* (7 November)
 - *Emerald Princess* (8 Nov)
 - *Ovation of the Seas* (6-7 Dec)
 - *Sirena* (27 March)

Ovation of the Seas, 6-7 December 2016; debut visit to Fremantle; biggest cruise ship to ever visit Australia; 168,666 gross tons; 348m; Fremantle Inner Harbour is 420m wide; 4,905 passengers (max.).

Community contribution:

- Fairy terns returning to Rous Head nesting sanctuary for third nesting season: Numbers doubled in second season; Fremantle Ports is also providing funding to the Conservation Council of WA to establish a South-West fairy tern conservation network (citizen-science social media platform).
- Rous Head public open space: The Rous Head Ocean Walk project was awarded a commendation in the visual communication category at the recent Design Institute of Australia Awards.
- Workplace giving and volunteering: Employees have recently volunteered at Manna (cooking for the homeless at Victoria Park-based charity); Wanslea Grandcare excursion to Peel Zoo, and packing and donating to Christmas hampers for St Patrick's Community Care Centre. Many employees are also donating to Wanslea and the Shenton Park Dogs' Refuge Home through payroll deductions.
- Fremantle Ports donated two new outboard motors for dories for the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation.
- Sponsorship was provided to the Curtin University Graduate Fashion Show held at B Shed on 4 December.

- Recent education visits: Eastern Goldfields College (Kalgoorlie) Year 11 & 12 Employment Pathway Preparation Program; Notre Dame University environmental impact assessment students; K-Track bridging program, Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre, Murdoch University (the day included environmental and career presentations, port boat tour, and mentoring sessions with employees).
- Careers information workshop for teachers on 2 December: 28 teachers from 15 schools and universities (including South Fremantle SHS, Hamilton SHS, Seton College, Notre Dame, Scotch College); Speakers: Svitzer, TAMS, South Metropolitan TAFE, Fremantle Ports, Company of Master Mariners and Department of Transport.
- Global award for Kwinana Industries Council's Education Development Program: Fremantle Ports makes a significant contribution to this program; this year we have hosted students from the iWomen, iMen and iDiversity programs and our HR Manager chairs the committee that oversees the program.
- Spare Parts Puppet Theatre, Schools Inclusion and Access Program: Fremantle Ports has provided funds (matched with Federal funding) for eight primary schools (3 classes each) to attend performances; this year: Phoenix Primary School, Spearwood PS, Winterfold PS and Southwell PS; 4 more schools early next year.
- Fremantle Ports Maritime Day Saturday 12 November: Almost 16,000 people attended this very successful day; a number of photos showed the range of entertainment and activities.

Comment: Dennis Cloughton said Maritime Day was also successful because there was a lot of interaction between the different stallholders; it was also good to have the Royal Australian Navy attending again.

Discussion also included access to the Fremantle Passenger Terminal for cruise passengers via the footbridge and signage at the Fremantle Train Station.

4. LOSS MANAGEMENT

Communication of significant incidents, complaints and improvements relating to Inner Harbour operations, and that may be of interest to Community Liaison Group members. Information provided by Gino Valenti for the period September-November 2016:

Gino said Fremantle Ports' safety performance had been very good this year.

- Complaint 24/11/16: Member of the public called to complain about the 'constant rumble' for several nights from trucks carrying scrap metal for loading at E Berth, and to ask when the ship was leaving. She said she had lived near the corner of Canning and East streets for 8 years and had not heard anything like this previously. She also said she only noticed the noise because she was hosting a dinner party outdoors on a warm evening. The trucks were travelling on Canning Highway. Response: Fremantle Ports confirmed the ship was scheduled to depart on Sunday evening and that the complaint would be logged.
- Complaint 18/10/16: Member of public called to ask if Fremantle Ports knew anything about numerous plastic beads washed up onto the river shoreline between the bridges. Advised that we would ask our environmental people to look into it urgently. Response: Beads were subsequently identified as nurdles used in plastics manufacture. The DER and others were arranging clean-up as well as investigating source. Fremantle Ports had no reports of any port incident that would link with this. (Comment: Gerry MacGill said the nurdles on the river beaches at North Fremantle were an ongoing problem.)
- Complaint 27 & 29/9/16: Local resident rang to complain about 'generator vibrating-type noise' that had been going 24 hours/day for about 3 months. He said it was very loud and he could hear it from his apartment near the Fremantle Arts Centre. Another resident rang to complain about intermittent 'throbbing' noise that appeared to be coming from the port. Response: Undertook to investigate source of noise; initial thoughts were that it may have been the bridge protection works being undertaken for the rail bridge. However,

Fremantle Ports' Small Craft crew stationed adjacent to the bridge advised that there were no such noise sources associated with those works. A possible source was suggested as being the building construction works (dewatering pumps/generators) associated with development on Queen Victoria St, however, this was not investigated further. Caller phoned back on 30 September to advise that noise had ceased.

- Incident 7/9/16: During routine internal patrols of Fremantle Ports' administration building, Port Services Officer found an office window on the 5th floor had blown in during gale force winds. The whole glass panel together with the frame had been torn out of the surround and landed on the work desk. The wind and rain was howling through the office. Response: The Officer and Team Leader tried to minimise any further damage by moving the computer monitor, paperwork, etc. out of the wind and rain and also attempted to cover any other items that were exposed to the elements.
- Incident: 18/9/16: Fremantle Ports' signal station advised of a minor oil spill (less than 2 litres) coming from an outboard motor from a Rottneest ferry vessel berthed at the Rous Head terminal. Response: Port Services Officer attended site to assess the spill and found it was contained with sausage boom and absorbent pads. There was minimal oil in the water as the absorbent pads had soaked up most of it. Recommended they replace existing pads with fresh ones and remove on Monday morning when the technicians attend to work on the engine. No further risk of spill, as the sump was empty. Ferry operator advised Fremantle Ports they have ensured the engines are sound and are in good order. Personnel have been reminded of the importance of oil spill situations. It was a small amount and was contained.
- Hazard Report 14/11/16: Ten steers escaped while livestock were being loaded onto a livestock vessel at North Quay. One was injured when crashing through a fence, one found its way into the harbour waters, the others were recaptured at the berth. Response: Port Services Officers (PSOs) deployed a dinghy and assisted the shipper in locating the steer under the wharf. The steer moved on and managed to get up onto the rocks at South Mole. From there it ran along Bathers Beach, down the Esplanade to South Beach and was last seen in the bushland between Rollinson Road and the old power station. The PSOs assisted the City of Fremantle and Cockburn rangers in the search.
- Incident 8/11/16: A member of the public reported to Fremantle Ports' safety coordinator that a worker on the rooftop of the WA Maritime Museum was wearing a harness but the restraint lanyard was not attached to the fall restraint system. Response: The safety coordinator went to the entrance of the museum and made himself visible by waving at the worker who then attached his lanyard to the fall restraint system and moved away from the edge. Fremantle Ports reported the incident to the Works Manager for Department of Culture and the Arts and received same-day response advising of immediate corrective actions that were put in place and proposed detailed incident investigation that would follow.

5. FUTURE FOCUS

Information provided by Chris Leatt-Hayter:

Even though there had been extra work for the proposed port sale, Fremantle Ports had had a very good year, in terms of business operations and having its best safety year on record; business planning had been a focus. In terms of the redevelopment of Victoria Quay, the business environment was not right for proceeding with progressing the Commercial Precinct plans. The Fremantle Passenger Terminal had worked well for the *Ovation of the Seas* visit but improvements were being considered for access for passengers from the Fremantle CBD. Discussion involved the City of Fremantle's recently announced ideas for Victoria Quay. Ainslie de Vos said the port (Inner and Outer harbours) provided direct employment for about 2000 people (through container terminals, container parks, etc.) and indirect employment for about 6000.

Chris thanked members of the group for their attendance, participation, interest and support during the year.

Conclusion: Meeting concluded at 5.30pm. Members watched cruise ship *Ovation of the Seas* depart the port.

Next meeting: 5pm Tuesday TBC 2017, Fremantle Ports Administration Building