

Subject	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Date and Time	24 February 2020 at 3pm
Location	MWPA Boardroom
Attendees	Dr Rochelle Macdonald, Christopher Cox, Ian Dempsey, Mike Kendrick, Russell Browne, Caitlin Monti, Jennifer Thomas, Sandra Pigdon, Glen Davison, Peter Duplex, Geoff Mackin, Trish Palmonari and Carrie Young
Chairperson	Dr Rochelle Macdonald
Minutes	Carrie Young

1. Welcome

Rochelle Macdonald welcomed all attendees and each attendee introduced themselves to the group.

2. Apologies

Vickie Williams, Jason Partington, Jamie Jones, Ross McKim and Courtney Ackland.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no new conflicts of interest.

4. Actions Arising from the previous meeting

There were no outstanding actions.

5. MWPA Update of items from the previous meeting

Nil.

MOVED Glen Davidson

SECONDED Jenny Thomas

That the Minutes of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee held on 25 November 2019 are a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

PASSED

6. MWPA reports and overview of activities

- **New Board Chair & Member:** RM advised that Noel Hart had been appointed as the new Chair of MWPA Board. He has been a Board Member for the last 6 months, is well qualified with an extensive maritime background and a pleasure to deal with. Peter Creek has been appointed as a new Board Member. Peter is a local citizen who previously owned an Accounting firm and is a welcome addition to the Board.
- **Coronavirus:** RM advised that MWPA are leading the way nationally with our processes. We have a 14 day incubation and do due diligence on all vessels and crew. To date there has been no impact on our shipping schedule. RM advised that she is part of the Canberra response team at a federal level.
- **Stakeholder/Community Satisfaction Survey:** CY reported that MWPA are in the process of developing a stakeholder and community satisfaction survey to measure perceptions, understand factors influencing those perceptions and identify how we can improve the relationship with stakeholders and the community. She advised that 160 stakeholders would be interviewed and 120 community members. All interviews would be conducted by phone.

Cruise Geraldton Update: CY advised MWPA now had 25 confirmed Cruise ships coming to Geraldton in 2020, which would include 4 maiden visits, 1 overnight, 1 double header and 1 full turn around. This recent increase of 9 additional ships is mostly made up of the Sapphire Princess (Carnival Cruise Lines) visits and at this stage she will be at anchor. RM explained that MWPA is working to improve berthing facilities so the ships can come in to harbour.

Trish Palmonari entered the meeting at 3:11pm.

GM expressed his gratitude to all the Cruise Geraldton volunteers and acknowledged that we couldn't provide the service that we do without their involvement. He noted AMSA even mentioned how well the passengers were looked after. RM congratulated Cruise Geraldton Volunteers on their Australia Day Award and noted that she received phone calls after the double header about how great the volunteers are.

MK advised that the double header went extremely well and suggested in future that they use different colour stickers for the buses for each ships to make it easier to differentiate which bus passengers should catch.

- **2020 State Marine Emergency Environment Response Exercise:** GM advised this year MWPA was hosting the bi-annual state wide Emergency Response Exercise to be held from 2-4 November. 70% of the people this year would be hosted in Fremantle. He explained there would be a marine spill which would become too big for MWPA to handle, DoT will then come up from Perth and take over, bringing some heavy kit to assist. The "spill" will use real time, real weather. He advised stakeholder meetings had already commenced to begin organisation, including liaising with Cape Cuvier and Useless Loop. RM mentioned it will involve everyone at MWPA and will be a good team building exercise.
- **MWPA role in Sea Search & Rescue:** GM advised that we were increasingly being relied on to assist in Sea Search and Rescue missions, having undertaken quite a few in the last few months including rescue of a 75yo yachtsman, recovery mission, dinghy retrieval and a recovery of a 12m log.

Ian Dempsey entered the meeting at 3:20pm.

RM mentioned that the port was being increasingly impacted and has delayed some of our operations so was looking for response options. ID mentioned they are lobbying hard to get access to increased funding and were currently restricted on vessel size limits. RM advised that when the SSR boat is not available there needs to be a contingency in place. ID mentioned that they have a very good Training Manager in place whose goal is to have 8+ Skippers trained. RM advised that we need to use our connections to build a collective voice.

7. Progress of Strategic Intent and MWPA operations

- **New and Emerging Projects that are of relevance to the community:**
 - PD gave a brief on the Geraldton Port Master Plan, advising that the draft period closed in December with all submissions to be responded to. Early March the final version will be published and includes themes from the submissions. Challenge will be to turn the PMP into projects and deliver on them. Looking at what can we do to move cruise off the grain terminal in the intermediate/short term. RM advised that she had a meeting with Infrastructure WA who are very aware of the PMP. CC queried what the interim options were? PD advised that still considering all the options and what would be feasible from elevators over the train line to tunnels underneath. RM advised doing some modelling in this space. MB advised that the Shire of Chapman Valley concurred with a lot of the CGG submission and queried if the final version would address the port expansion options? RM advised that the PMP was very much focused on maximising the footprint for the next 15 years and the next stage would be about expansion. MB queried if that was reflected. RM replied yes it was. She also mentioned they were working with Government to develop an industrial estate at Oakajee which then makes it much easier to justify a port development. She noted that the port doesn't own usable land at Oakajee and was discussing how to

access some enabling land and rallying to get the ONIC developed to ensure good supply corridors. MB advised that was good to hear.

- RM gave an update on Barnacles with the GFC looking to expand their footprint to include fresh fish processing and a retail site. The Minister has given approval for the change in lease. GFC also looking to install some large murals on the walls in the area and are collaborating with local artists to achieve this.
 - RM advised that MWPA were looking at alternative options for the development of an Integrated Operations Centre to house MWPA offices. One of the options was looking to a developer which opens up the opportunity to include offices for outside parties.
 - GM advised four new flag poles had been installed out the front of the MWPA offices and with lighting, the flags remain up 24hrs. Much positive feedback has been received. CC advised the 11th Battalion would be interested in the old flag poles. ACTION: PD & GM to follow up.
 - **Monitoring and Environmental Performance:**
 - CM gave an update on the maintenance and dredging projects for 2020 and 2021, including the FBH, TBH and commercial harbor and channel. She explained the need for the dredge to maintain safe navigational depth and access to our harbors, the use of the spoils both to cover and cap the “duck pond” and the opportunity to reuse any excess. She advised that the port was currently undertaking a Coastal Study to determine the long shore drift, what sediment is doing and what changes will impact sediment movement. PD advised that if beneficial reuse of the spoils could not be identified then sea dumping may occur and existing spoil sites may be used again. Further information and consultation will occur around this. He also mentioned that long term marine sediment is showing that the water quality is improving after each dredge.
 - **Community Complaints and response to these complaints:** Nil.
 - **Information provided to the community and any feedback:**
 - CC advised that FB is working well. He queried on the designated mooring points and why they were where they were? RM requested CY to develop a video for FB which explained the anchorages on a map.
- Peter Duplex left the meeting at 3:57pm.*
- ID mentioned he had heard that ABF were going to base a vessel out of Geraldton. RM & GM both advised that ABF hadn't spoken to MWPA in that regard.
 - CC advised there was a lot of interest in the Grants & Sponsorship Program.

8. Community Update

- JT mentioned the regions had welcome rain last week and were now prepping for the season ahead.
- GD enjoying much better interaction around the port. He mentioned the risk exercise around dredge was a very good exercise. CM advised it was good from MWPA's perspective as well.
- CC queried if there could be an osprey nest installed around at Karara. CM advised one was already there.
- MB advised that the SoCV recently reviewed the Coronation Beach Master Plan and it was identified that there was a lack of available land. He advised that MWPA may be approached for land to extend the nature park to the south.
- MK queried about Port Tours. CY advised that this was still in development and was due to be launched in March, however with the increase in cruise ship visits this had been delayed.
- TP advised the CGG had been fielding messages around the coronavirus and noted that the messaging from MWPA had been clear and consistent.
- ID advised that the petition for a rescue helicopter will wind up by Easter. Anyone that can get more signatures to please let him know.

9. Other agenda items
Nil.

10. General Business
Nil.

11. Next meeting: 22 June 2020 at 3.00pm

12. Meeting Closed: 4.23pm