

Subject	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Date and Time	25 November 2019 at 3pm
Location	MWPA Boardroom
Attendees	Dr Rochelle Macdonald, Christopher Cox, Dr Howard Gray, Ian Dempsey, Justin Pirrotina, Mike Kendrick, Jason Partington, Courtney Ackland, Russell Browne, Peter Spalding, Kylie Reynolds, Carrie Young, Peter Duplex, Geoff Mackin and Tracy Fitzpatrick
Chairperson	Dr Rochelle Macdonald
Minutes	Tracy Fitzpatrick

1. Welcome

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

2. Apologies

Vickie Williams, Sandra Pigdon, Glen Davison and Jennifer Thomas

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

6. MWPA reports and overview of activities

- RM advised that the MWPA`s 16 days against violence campaign was launched today with 2915 white ribbons being tied to the rail fence to denote the number of call outs relating to domestic violence in the Mid West Gascoigne region. MWPA will be holding a series of workshops for staff facilitated by Desert Blue.
- RM – MWPA were nominated for 3 awards at the DCN awards in Melbourne. These were for Port of the Year, Diversity and Seafarers of the Year. Rochelle was nominated for and won the Women in Shipping and Maritime Logistics Award.
- KR – DWER Licence update – MWPA underwent a DWER inspection last month. There were no non-compliances. Grain will be added to the licence but there is no known timeframe for that.
- KR – MWPA have been working with Iluka on shipping a new mineral sands product through the port.
- CA provided gave a presentation on the Eneabba Mineral Sands Recovery Project. The mineral sands concentrate is a by-product of mineral sands separation activities and had previously been sold until 1993. It contains mainly Zircon and Ilmenite but also Monazite and is used in the manufacture of electric cars, wind turbines etc. This is a high value, low tonnage operation with the first shipment planned for May/June 2020. The product will be stored at Narngulu and shipped via rotainers from Berth 6. Stakeholder engagement was initiated in June 2019.
- CY – Tug naming – The community and MWPA/ Svitzer staff have been invited to help name the 3 new Svitzer tugs which MWPA will take delivery of mid-2020. There have been 50

nominations from the public and the MWPA General Managers and Svitzer will decide the winners.

7. Progress of Strategic Intent and MWPA operations

New and Emerging Projects that are of relevance to the community

- PD – There are 8 planned major capital works projects including an Integrated Operations Centre (IOC) to house all MWPA staff; Navigation Beacons, Wharf 4 Deck upgrade, Port Wide Fire Fighting System and land acquisitions. These projects would provide work for local contractors.
- PD – Working with State Government on election promises for the regions.
- RM -Taken delivery of 5 wind turbines bound for a wind farm at Agnew near Leinster.
- RM – A break bulk study is being done in an effort to increase trade and a dedicated quarantine facility is also planned.
- RM – Looking at roll on- roll off cargo at Berth 6 and working with a container service provider.

Monitoring and environmental Performance

- KR – Groundwater monitoring program commenced last week. Also looking at dust and getting more detail on the metal composition of the dust.
- KR – Target exceedances have been mainly in relation to sand bypassing activities.
- PD – A coastal modeler has been appointed to work on coastal processes.

Maintenance and Public Space Update

- JP – CBH will hit the 1mt mark in the zone tomorrow. There will be approx. 1.1mt – 1.2mt in the zone this year and a total of 1.5mt (including carryover). The grain silos are being refurbished.

Community Complaints and response to these complaints

- KR – 3 complaints received relating to sand bypassing activities at the Fishing Boat Harbour (FBH) and Kempton Street.

Information provided to the community and any feedback

- CY – The Business After Hours event co-hosted by MWPA, Svitzer and GFC which was held inside the secure zone was very well received with more than 200 people in attendance. MWPA are looking at holding regular port tours early next year. The video of Geoff Mackin interviewing MWPA staff will be made available on social media shortly.
- PD – Port Masterplan draft is open for comments until 3 December 2019. Sessions have been held with customers, stakeholders and the community in Geraldton and Perth. Good feedback so far.
- ID asked about the recent news about Oakajee and China.
- RM said that there is no tenure for any port infrastructure and that it would need 30mt throughput to be viable.

8. Community Update

RM – Jennifer Thomas has provided some comments to be presented in her absence.

- Congratulations to Rochelle on winning the 2019 Women in Shipping and Maritime Logistics Award.
- The video featuring Geoff Mackin and showcasing different members of staff and their roles was really well done. If allowed it would be great to have on the MWPA Facebook and Instagram Pages. Also used the use of #MWPA hash tag on the ICB Shuttle Containers
- Harvest – The harvest has been slow going especially last week with the Harvest Fire Bans that have been in place. Growers to the North of Mullewa have or are just about finished.
- Growers to the South of Mingenew, i.e. North Midlands region have about 2 weeks or less to go.
- The 2019 season in summary – an average or below average year. As a result of the eastern states drought prices are good at the moment, e.g., \$400pt spot price for Lupins which are normally \$300pt.

- Wind turbine Blades arriving at Geraldton Port – Lots of chatter on Facebook and Twitter in regards the video taken by ABC Midwest and Wheatbelt on unloading the turbine blades and where people can view the wind farm blades on their way to Agnew. It would be great to see this on the MWPA Facebook and Instagram page.

CC- Getting tourists into the port is a good initiative. He noted that sometimes the port was full and then empty the following week and asked how the line-up was determined. GM advised that there is a Berthing Priority Code which is basically first come first served. Sometimes an operational need will change that, e.g., if there are 2 Iluka vessels waiting for Berth 4 it is possible they will be berthed one after the other to avoid washdowns.

JP - Northern Reclaim area at the FBH has sand issues.
PD advised that MWPA are looking at using a spray on material as a control measure.

MK said that the Business After Hours event was the best he had attended.

HG- There is concern around how the Port Master Plan will affect the seals that inhabit seal rock. PD advised that the Port missed an opportunity to explain what plans are in place with regard to the seals. Some information will be made available about the impact on the seals and the environment as it was not very clear in the plan. RM added that the plan is to upgrade cameras throughout the port area and there will be a camera to view seal rock. An announcement will be made once it is installed.

9. Other agenda items

Midwest Rescue Helicopter petition

ID gave a presentation on the available rescue helicopters in WA to highlight the need for a rescue helicopter for the Mid West region. He will distribute petitions locally and handed some out at the meeting.

10. General Business

ID – The Geraldton Volunteer Marine Rescue Service have been successful in getting a federal grant for an emergency back up generator at the base. This will be installed at the end of the year.

11. Next meeting: 24 February 2020 at 3.00pm

12. Meeting Closed: 4.35pm