

Inner Harbour Community Liaison Group

Date: Tuesday 17 January, 2023

Time: 5pm-6.30pm

**Location: 1st Floor Conference Room, Fremantle
Ports Administration Building**

Chair: Neil Stanbury

Minute-taker: Jane Edwards

Attendance:

Don Whittington, Fremantle Park Association
Alison Evison, Samson Precinct
Gerard MacGill, North Fremantle Precinct
Peter Scott, Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct
Shirley Burbidge, Fremantle Volunteer Roundhouse Guides
Felicity Newman, Hilton Precinct
Andrew McPhail, Town of East Fremantle

Fremantle Ports representatives:

Neil Stanbury, Manager Government and Public Relations
Jane Edwards, Community Engagement Specialist
Sally Swingler, Communications Officer
Libby Collett, Government and Public Relations Advisor

Apologies:

Michael Parker, Fremantle Ports CEO
Carol Shannon, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure
Ron Kawalilak, Gibson Park Precinct
Rebecca Hicks, City of Fremantle

1. Acknowledgement of Country (provided by Chair)

2. Welcome, apologies, invitation for other agenda items

3. Confirm minutes:

Minor changes to minutes from September 2022 (Shirley Burbidge was recorded as an apology when in fact attended. Peter Scott attended and was not noted on minutes)

4. Trade Update (Neil Stanbury):

Business performance figures for December 2022 - tracking well overall.

5. Inner Harbour Maintenance Dredging Project overview (Denis Doak):

Why we need to dredge including discussions on removal of accumulated sediments and ensuring safe access to the harbour. Discussed environmental impacts including low impact dredging methods. Comprehensive environmental studies have been undertaken including an environmental review, sediment sampling, Benthic Communities and habitat studies, plume modelling and a Dredging environmental management plan including details of monitoring and management was discussed.

This is considered a small-scale maintenance dredging project. Discussions have been held with Traditional Owners. Project has been approved for a Sea Dumping Permit by Commonwealth Environment Department. The DWER EPA services have received a project briefing and it is unlikely the project will be formally referred to the EPA as effect on environment is considered very low. Aboriginal Heritage Section 18 approval granted in 2007 however seeking contemporary views. Fremantle Ports is working with SWALSC and the Whadjuk Regional Corporation.

6. B, C and E Sheds update (Sally Swingler):

B Shed remains closed due to subsidence beneath shed near café. A \$4m contract has been awarded to replace steel sheet-piling beneath the shed. Temporary fencing to go around west and east ends of shed though public access along berth will remain throughout. The works will include completion of the roof replacement. Works will be finished by August this year.

C Shed has been straightened and structurally overhauled and a new roof is being laid. The West end of the shed will be enclosed again. There were some unanticipated deck repairs, but the project is on track to be completed by end of May.

E Shed has had all timber windows along the front replaced and has been painted on the north and east sides. Rottnest Island Authority is moving this month to Mews Road, Fremantle. We have established a new ferry ticketing hub on eastern lawn. E Shed is currently the focus of negotiations between Fremantle Ports and the preferred proponent of the film studio market led proposal - Homefire Studios. This is in relation to a proposed creative industries hub.

Our new laser projector is working well. It is a dual projector and housed in E Shed with capacity to project on to front wall of the port building.

7. Port Development Plan (Denis Doak):

- Fremantle Ports commenced a project in 2022 to develop a port development plan
- Development of the plan will be closely aligned with Westport and Future of Fremantle Committee
- The first phase in developing the plan includes stakeholder engagement
- A materiality survey (important issues) survey is being developed to get input from key stakeholders including members of the IHCLG
- The survey will be sent to members, most likely in February, to get input into the plan and assist in identifying and prioritising key issues; the survey will be open for 3-4 weeks

8. Victoria Quay update (Neil Stanbury):

- Cliff Street intersection - working with PTA to improve the Cliff Street intersection. PTA going to the marketplace for a planning consultant next month. In the meantime, Fremantle Ports is investigating how we can upgrade signs and road markings on our side of the railway line.
- Victoria Quay amenities - entered into an MOU with Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage for it to plan amenity improvements at the western end of Victoria Quay.
- Maritime Day 2022 - over 6000 attendees and 90 exhibitors. Three ship movements during the day. HMAS Toowoomba tours, wooden boat parade, bands, food etc.
- Passenger Terminal - Solar panels now installed. Over 500kw and 800mw hours. Will provide half of Victoria Quay's power from March. Seven cargo doors have been motorized. Terminal has been busy with visiting cruise ships this season, including three alongside together in December. PTA overpass is closed.

9. Incidents and Complaints (Neil Stanbury):

- Pilot Fall
- Life rings thrown into water
- Filming of livestock loading

2023 meetings - Tuesdays - 17/1/23, 18/4/23, 11/7/23, 10/10/23

Please note meeting change to accommodate Easter break. Meeting will now be held on 9/5/23