

Purpose: Inner Harbour Community Liaison Group meeting

Date:	10 October 2023	Time:	1700hrs
Location:	Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle		
Chair:	Neil Stanbury	Minute-taker:	Neil Stanbury
Attendees:	Neil Stanbury - Fremantle Ports Jane Edwards- Fremantle Ports Sami Zouad - Fremantle Ports Sally Swingler - Fremantle Ports Melissa Manns - Fremantle Ports Jay Illingworth - Fremantle Ports Mark Woodcock - Fremantle Society Mary Rose Baker - FICRA Shirley Burbidge - Fremantle Volunteer Heritage Guides Alison Evison - Samson Precinct Don Whittington - Fremantle Park Association Ann Forma - Apace WA Ron Kawalilak - Gibson Park Precinct Gerry McGill - North Fremantle Precinct Frank Mofflin - City of Fremantle Peter Scott - Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct John Dowson - Fremantle Society Lisa Barnes - South Fremantle Precinct Gina Blakemore - South Fremantle Precinct Felicity Newman - Hilton Precinct Group	Apologies:	Sue Clark - Notre Dame Gill Harrison - Maritime Museum Roy Lewisson - White Gum Valley Precinct Andrew McPhail - Town of East Fremantle Freda Ogilvie - Noongar Elder Brian Stoddart Peter Grant - Artsource Ed Blackley - White Gum Valley Precinct Jason Banks - Rottnest Island Authority Annette Harwood - Leeuwin Ocean Adventure

Minutes

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting at 1710hrs and gave an acknowledgement of country, noting this week's hosting by Fremantle Ports of the Murdoch University Kulbardi

bridging students, for a mentoring and experiential day at the Inner Harbour.

Minutes of the previous meeting - Brian Stoddart was noted as having attended at the previous meeting yet not included in the record. The minutes were accepted as drafted, with this amendment.

The proposed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Inner Harbour Community Liaison Group were circulated by the Chair in the pack. No recommendations for amendments had been received by Fremantle Ports since the last IHCLG meeting and the TOR were therefore accepted.

Mr Zouad gave an overview of Fremantle Ports' trade performance for the quarter to September 2023, featuring strong container and new motor vehicle trade. Electric vehicle imports this year had been notable.

Mr Zouad talked through the Year in Review publication by Fremantle Ports, which covers key achievements by the organisation in the 2022-23 financial year. The Year in Review document is available at [our year in review \(fremantleports.com.au\)](https://www.fremantleports.com.au/our-year-in-review)

Environmental Advisor Melissa Manns and Hydrographer Jay Illingworth briefed the meeting on proposed maintenance dredging for the Inner Harbour, planned for 10 days next year, most likely in April. This would be dredging to remove sediment that had built up in the harbour on the same footprint of the capital dredging that took place in 2010. Fremantle Ports was seeking a sea dumping permit from the Commonwealth, and a briefing had been provided to DWER EPA Services, with the project unlikely to be formally referred to the EPA due to the effect on the environment perceived to be low. Fremantle Ports already had a s18 approval with respect to Aboriginal Heritage granted in 2007 but had been consulting with the Whadjuk Aboriginal Corporation in any case, due to the elapse of time since the last dredging. The maintenance dredging would be far smaller, at just 2% of the total material dredged in 2010. Environmental impacts were expected to be small. Questions regarding plume movements and duration were brought up.

Mr Stanbury gave a summary of the Australia II 40 Years Celebration event on Victoria Quay, which had been successful. Mr Zouad followed this with general discussion on Fremantle Ports' work and planning to improve Victoria Quay as a vibrant civic and commercial space. Discussion ensued regarding future use of buildings on Victoria Quay and it was suggested that Fremantle Ports could attract art exhibitions to buildings, making this easy to undertake through the installation of art hanging systems in buildings. It was noted that Fremantle Ports supports local artists through projections on to the eastern wall of the port administration building in the evenings.

Mr Stanbury updated the meeting on works on B and C Sheds and various upgrade works on Victoria Quay to improve the public usage and appreciation of the precinct.

Jane Edwards briefed the meeting on Fremantle Ports' community investments (sponsorships) in the previous quarter, with recipients including The Friends of Cantonment Hill, Fremantle Masters Swimming Club, Phoenix Cricket Club and Friends of Samson Park.

Mr Stanbury summarised complaints to the port for the quarter, including two ship noise complaints, a complaint about antisocial behaviour on North Mole and a complaint about

Fremantle Ports' decision to suspend the all-abilities disco at E Shed on Friday nights, due to a need to examine risk issues. Sally Swingler from Fremantle Ports outlined the disco issue and its origins, and steps Fremantle Ports had undertaken to resume these Friday night events, which had re-commenced the previous week.

In general business, the following matters were raised and discussed:

- What Fremantle Ports intended to do to celebrate WA's bi-centenary in 2029. Fremantle Ports indicated that it would proactively approach the WA Government to ensure it was aware of planning for the event and could play a key role.
- The Future of Fremantle consultation week held during the quarter. Fremantle Ports participated in these sessions and contributed information and viewpoints.
- Noise from ships at Berth 12 on North Quay. It was noted that troublesome ships were put on a watch list so the issue could be monitored when those ships re-visited in future.
- The pedestrian overpass near the passenger terminal, which had been closed by the PTA due to it no longer meeting engineering code.
- Cruising to Fremantle and what scenarios existed for the trade's possible move westwards in the Inner Harbour in the future.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm. The next meeting scheduled for 20/02/24, most likely at Fremantle Sailing Club, but this venue to be confirmed.