

Purpose: Inner Harbour Community Liaison Group meeting

Date:	Tuesday 17 September, 2024	Time:	1700hrs
Location:	Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle		
Chair:	Neil Stanbury	Minute-taker:	Neil Stanbury
Attendees:	Sami Zouad- Fremantle Ports Neil Stanbury - Fremantle Ports Jane Edwards- Fremantle Ports Lawson Dixon - Leeuwin Foundation Brooke Gregory - Rottneest Island Authority Maryrose Baker - FICRA Shirley Burbidge - Fremantle Volunteer Heritage Guides Alison Evison - Samson Precinct Don Whittington - Fremantle Park Association Ann Forma - North Fremantle Precinct Gerry McGill - North Fremantle Precinct Cr Jenni Archibald - City of Fremantle Kavi Gupta - City of Fremantle Peter Scott - Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct Mark Woodcock - Fremantle Society Jeff Pengelly - Catherine Point CG John Dowson - Fremantle Society Lisa Barnes - South Fremantle Precinct Gina Blakemore - South Fremantle Precinct Ed Blackley, White Gum Valley Precinct		
Apologies:	Jane Edwards - Fremantle Ports		

Felicity Newman - Hilton Precinct
Paul Reiffer - Maritime Heritage
Association
Luke Gunson, University Notre
Dame
Eric Wilson - Port Beach User Group

Minutes

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting at 1710hrs and made an Acknowledgement of Country and an update on the organisation's recent work to conclude its first Reconciliation Action Plan and embark on plans to commence its second plan in 2025.

The group was briefed on current port trade figures from April, which showed mostly strong performance in both the Inner and Outer Harbours, with increased vehicle imports and container movements key features in the figures.

Mr Stanbury updated the group on the resumption of private vehicles on South Mole. There had been few issues regarding illegal camping and anti-social behaviour. There had been 20 parking breaches to date and no vehicles towed.

A briefing on the allision between the container ship Maersk Shekou and STS Leeuwin, resulting in damage to the tall ship, was given to the group. Fremantle Ports was providing full assistance to the Leeuwin Foundation and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau was conducting an investigation. Fremantle Ports was likely to conduct its own investigation as well.

Luke Pearson of Westport provided an update on the Westport project, including planning timeline, proposed infrastructure, next steps and community engagement measures. Members of the group had an opportunity to ask a range of questions.

Mr Stanbury and Mr Zouad update the group on Victoria Quay precinct development of public spaces and also the demolition of the Public Transport Authority pedestrian bridge adjacent to the passenger terminal. Fremantle Ports would continue to play an advocacy role on the importance of connectors, in its engagement with other Government organisations.

Ms Sally Swingler of Fremantle Ports gave an update of upcoming Victoria Quay activation and the organisations in the community that had been supported by Fremantle Ports in recent months, including Design Freo, Fremantle Volunteer Heritage Guides 1 o'clock gun, Beaconsfield and Hillman Primary Schools, Fremantle Society, George Street Festival, Fremantle Masters Swimming Club, Notre Dame University, Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club, Rockingham and Fremantle chambers of commerce, Rotary Club of Kwinana, Mission to Seafarers and Rockingham Castaways Sculpture Awards.

Mr Stanbury addressed complaints and incidents for the quarter, raising complaints about car-park pedestrian hazards north of the railway line on Victoria Quay and littering on North Mole.

The group was informed that the Mexican Sail-Training Ship ARM Cuauhtemoc would visit Fremantle Harbour tomorrow and be open to the public during the visit.

Mr Stanbury said that in other maritime news, Fremantle Ports' two new pilot boats, Parker and Kwilena, had arrived from Geraldton where they had been constructed, and would go into service in October. A naming event would take place in the near future.

There were no items of general business. The meeting closed at 6.50pm. The next meeting would be held on 19 November, 2024.