## Agenda/Minutes



## Purpose: Outer Harbour Community Liaison Group meeting

**Date:** 19 March 2024 **Time:** 1700hrs

**Location:** Jakovich Centre, Henderson

Chair: Neil Stanbury Minute-taker: Neil Stanbury

Attendees: Carol Catherwood, Gavin Dobb, Brett Apologies: Steven Jacobs

Dunn, Elizabeth Eaton, Jane Edwards, Richard Hague, Bart Houwen, Luke Pownall, Blake Rose, Malcolm Tull,

Mark Wells, Lisa Wiliamson

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and gave an Acknowledgement of Country at 1705hrs

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and, as there were no amendments requested, these minutes were taken as accurate.

Mr Zouad updated the group on Outer Harbour trade performance, noting that overall the Outer Harbour trade figures had been good in the past quarter, considering the fire incident which had occurred at Kwinana Bulk Jetty in January.

Mr Zouad gave an update on the fire incident, response to the fire and recovery activities to date. The fire had impacted a sulphur conveyor facility and shed, with it being fortunate there had been no major sulphur fire as a result. Emergency services had contained the fire, but not before significant damage to the conveyor facility. There had been 20 personnel onsite and two vessels at berth at the time. Fremantle Ports was working through options to continue trade facilitation and support customers' needs. Recovery work presented an opportunity for potentially better future outcomes.

Mr Stanbury gave an update on Fremantle Ports' two new pilot boats, which were well under construction in Geraldton by Dongara Marine. The vessels were expected to be launched in September and in use by October. The vessels would service both the Inner and Outer Harbours.

Luke Pownall of Westport gave an update on the Westport government project to plan for a new container port and terminal in Kwinana. Mr Pownall outlined upcoming community engagement activities and the Westport science program focusing on Cockburn Sound. Mr Pownall also outlined work currently occurring on planning for the most efficient supply chain in support of the new container port. Government would consider a Business Case for the project later in the year and the project was not yet funded.

Mr Stanbury offered a possible future site visit of Kwinana Bulk Terminal and this was agreed as desirable.

Mr Stanbury raised several incidents concerning unauthorised access to jetties at both Kwinana Bulk Jetty and Kwinana Bulk Terminal. Fremantle Ports was addressing ways to minimise this in future.

Mrs Edwards gave an update on Fremantle Ports' community investment program, outlining community organisations and initiatives supported in the Kwinana, Rockingham and surrounding areas.

In General Business KIC's David Harrison updated the group on the retirement of CEO Chris Oughton and Mr Harrison taking on this role recently. Mr Harrison took the opportunity to acknowledge Mr Oughton's strong work representing the interests of the Kwinana Industrial Area over a long period of time.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1800hrs.