

MEETING	Community Consultative Committee (CCC) - Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension Project		
MEETING NO.	23	DATE	Wednesday, 27 September 2017
LOCATION	The Auditorium – Eden Fishermen’s Club	TIME	6.00pm
ATTENDEES	Jenny Robb, Natalie Godward, Debbie Meers, Gail Ward, John Aveyard, Rob Bain, Richard Lamacraft, Megan Cleary, Graham Stubbs, Steve Heffernan, Paul Webster, Mike Crandell, Chantel Steele, Simon Wakefield, Mark Lomas, Garry Ward, Greg Thomson, Coral Reynolds		
APOLOGIES	Leanne Scott, Dr Denis Lawrence, Andrew Dooley, Glenn Vardy, Robin Arthur		
PREPARED BY	Coral Reynolds		

**1. Acknowledgement to Country, welcome and apologies**

Greg thanked attendees for coming to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians and peoples of the Country, both land and sea, and paid his respects to Elders past and present.

**2. Appointment of the Independent Chair**

The CCC was advised that Simon Wakefield, the Project’s Environmental Representative (ER), has been approved by Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) as the CCC’s Independent Chairperson. Simon provided an overview of his roles as ER and Independent Chair.

Natalie asked if Simon would be chairing the meeting. Simon advised he will chair the meeting with project update input from Greg.

**3. Actions from previous meeting**

Actions from the previous meeting were as follows:

- RMS to provide DOI Crown Lands & Water with a map of finalised swing mooring locations
- Coral pursuing opportunities to provide additional presentations to services clubs and local radio
- Amended Terms of Reference (ToR) to be sent to CCC Members for review.

**4. Updated Terms of Reference**

The ToR have been updated to reflect the changes to the CCC and the updated ToR will be circulated for comment. The CCC was advised to send any comments to Coral for consideration by 6 October 2017.

**5. Post approval update**

Simon provided a post approval update as follows:

- The project is progressing well. Only correspondence with DP&E to date has been related to weekly reporting regarding noise complaints of which there haven’t been any.
- Weekly compliance noise reports are being submitted to DP&E for dredging between 10pm – 7am
- A monthly Environmental Representative Report regarding environmental performance of the project will be submitted to DP&E

- NSW EPA have visited the site to observe the dredging operations and the site set-up.

## **6. Dredging update**

Greg provided a dredging update as follows:

- A Welcome to Country was held on the 12 September with BJ Cruse from Eden LALC with the dredging contractor, project personnel and DOI Lands & Water Senior Management attending
- Dredging commenced on Thursday 7 September 2017
- Approximately 62,000m<sup>3</sup> material has been dredged with approximately 150,000m<sup>3</sup> remaining
- Currently, dredging is scheduled to be completed by early November, weather permitting.

Greg presented the dredging footprint/map depicted in different colours with white showing completed areas.

Greg discussed the removal of debris from the port which has been predominantly tyres and wire.

## **7. Scour protection update**

Greg provided a scour protection update as follows:

- Scour protection works have commenced
- Daily concrete pours are underway
- Target of 4 mattresses to be fabricated per day
- 18 of 170 mattresses have been fabricated to date
- Engaging Mundaaba Construction (as part of the Aboriginal Participation in construction).

## **8. Other Aboriginal Participation options**

Greg discussed the following:

- Provision of Cultural Awareness Training to contractors and project personnel
- Provision of pontoon with long gangway ramp for boat ramp is a current option being pursued (dependent on Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council (ELALC) obtaining Approvals for installation)
- Supporting the construction of a memorial lookout on the Bundian Way which already has Council approval – this is still being worked with Eden LALC
- Possibly paying for rigging and dogging tickets for labour – also working at heights training
- Supply of tools/materials for construction of site huts.

## **9. Environmental monitoring update**

Greg provided an update of environmental monitoring:

- Water quality:
  - Turbidity levels to date have all been below the lowest (watch) trigger levels. Background levels similar to port levels
- Noise levels:
  - No noise complaints have been received to date
  - Dredging noise levels have been in accordance with the levels modelled for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Marine mammals:
  - A Cetacean Register has recorded 55 sightings (as of 24 September).

## 10. Community complaints

Attendees were advised that no complaints have been received to date.

## 11. Marine structures update

- Tender evaluation and negotiations are ongoing
- Contract award is expected in late October
- Works forecast to commence 1st quarter 2018 subject to timing of Contractor pre-mobilisation procurement activities
- Current forecast completion is February 2019.

## 12. Community feedback

Gail noted that there had been discussions in Eden regarding the issue of payment made to Eden Mussel Farm and dredging stopping harvesting mussels. Greg explained monies had been paid to Eden Mussel Farm establish another farm at Boydtown, enabling the Eden Mussel Farm to catch spat and harvest from the Boydtown lease while dredging is being undertaken. This has removed any potential claim against the dredging and provides Eden Mussel Farm with additional infrastructure to grow their business. It was also noted that the recent closure of the mussel farm was caused by an algal bloom that happened prior to dredging commenced.

## 13. Other agenda items

The Pedestrian Management Plan for the upcoming cruise season was discussed. John asked what the work is being undertaken adjacent to the Heron office. Greg explained that the "T" jetty will be utilised to disembark passengers from the tenders during the construction phase and the works being undertaken are to upgrade the area and make it safer for passengers disembarking tenders and accessing the Port.

Rob asked about Cruising Yacht Club being informed about what will happen over the Christmas break. Coral advised that she is a few weeks away from advising boating organisations as she is waiting for further information including the timing of dredging completion, site shutdown over the Christmas period, scour protection fabrication, vessels that still may be moored at the wharf.

The issue of drones flying over dredging and the port area was discussed as follows:

- The rules surrounding the flying of drones are covered under the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations Part 101. Regulation 101.055 stipulates that:
  - "A person must not operate an unmanned aircraft in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, another person or property"
- Drone Regulations and the Standard Operating Conditions for drones can be found on the CASA website [www.casa.gov.au](http://www.casa.gov.au).

Greg asked attendees if they could inform anyone they know who may be flying drones to advise them of these requirements.

## 14. Next Steps

Simon advised that the next CCC meeting will be held on 25 October 2017.

Meeting attendees were thanked for attending.

The meeting closed at 6.35pm.