



Port Hedland Industries Council
Community Industry Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday 15 March 2023

3.00 pm

VENUE

The WEB Business Hub, Port Hedland
and via MS Teams

Attendees	Organisation
Kirsty Danby (Chair)	PHIC
Chantel Cullen	PHIC - Recorder
Michelle Schluter	NR TAFE
Morag Lowe	Community
Jeanette Hasleby	PHIC / Roy Hill
Russell Trowbridge	Community
Janine Keall	Hedland Senior High School
Joel Schreiber	Community
Jaylan Smith	PHIC / Fortescue
Emma Billet	Community
Meg Harrison	Care For Hedland
Stacey Turale	PHIC / BHP
Gloria Jacob	Community
Roger Higgins	Community
Kerryn Forster	PHIC / ConsMin
Byron Klein	Community
Belinda Trowbridge	PHIC / BHP
Dan Barker	PHIC / MRL
Ariana St-Pierre	PHIC / PPA
Melinda Hayes	PHIC / Pilbara Minerals
Lee Ross	Community

Apologies	Organisation
Kevin Michel, MP	Member for Pilbara
Renae Coles	ToPH
Claire Boyce	PHCCI
Trish Barron	PDC
Kelly Howlett	Care For Hedland
Nicholas Green	Kariyarra Aboriginal Corp
Michelle Kivits	Ashburton Aboriginal Corp
Dave Batic	Port Hedland International Airport

Invitees	Organisation
Lyle Banks	Pilbara Ports Authority
Cindy Dunham	BHP
Karlene Bylund	Hedland Maritime Initiative

Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting opened by Kirsty Danby 3.04pm - Acknowledgement of Country and recognition of the Kariyarra people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the CIF meets.
1.1 Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CIF members provided an introduction of themselves and who they are representing (if applicable). - Introduction of new members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ariana St-Pierre, Pilbara Ports Authority / PHIC, replacing Siobhan Negri - Stacey Turale BHP, replacing Belinda Trowbridge - Melinda Hayes, Pilbara Minerals, replacing Linda Gimondo - Kerryn Forster, Consolidated Minerals - Member resignation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Johanna Ward, Community – relocated to Perth - Guests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cindy Dunham, GM Port Operations, BHP - Lyle Banks, GM Development & Trade, Pilbara Ports Authority, PHIC Chairperson - Karlene Bylund, Hedland Maritime Initiative
1.2 Confirmation of Minutes	Confirmation of the PHIC CIF Minutes dated 9 November 2022 confirmed by Morag Lowe & Gloria Jacob.
1.3 Governance	- Nil
1.4 Action Items	All members to positively promote information received through this group to their respective networks, supported by the facts presented to the group.
2.0 PHIC Update	<p>Kirsty Danby provided an update on the Federal Cabinet visit to Port Hedland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive messages from the Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers re: value of Port to the Nation. - Referenced injection of funds from Hedland industry during COVID - Kirsty met with a lot of the Ministers and reinforced value of the Port to Nation – economic and employment statistics. Discussed lifting red tape for environmental approvals for junior miners. - PHIC to continue to meet with Ministers. - Kirsty noted that OECD and Net Zero taskforce, representing the PM, are reaching out to Port Hedland representatives. <p>Discussion following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Morag addressed the Housing Minister for more incentives for investment. The Minister advised there was nothing planned at this stage. Kirsty applauded Morag’s advocacy.

Kirsty Danby provided an update on PHIC Activities:

- **SWASP**

- PHIC have released a factsheet on the SWASP initiative titled Protecting Port Hedland's Marine Environment which you can now find on our website. It was drafted by PHIC's environment team members, together with specialists Department of Primary Industry. It's got great information on how and why protecting the Port is important for our environment.
- The Summer SWASP soak was deployed on 8 February 2023. We had a great team of volunteers. PPA coordinated this round, and we had help from Fortescue – an excellent team effort.
- We are looking towards doing our winter soak report in 11 April

- **VPMP**

- This environmental monitoring and baseline studies were previously undertaken by individual businesses and the town itself.
- Now the program has developed into a wonderfully collaborative program that includes Town of Port Hedland, PHIC members and Dampier Salt.
- Care for Hedland team are also on board and are now providing their historical pest management data to help us measure past results against current activities.
- This is as a result of ongoing interaction with Care For Hedland and all organisations having a very clear shared value to protect our local native wildlife from pests around Hedland.
- It's a great example of PHIC members pooling information and resources together to create additional opportunities to expand reference sites, information capture and analysis so we can better understand potential impacts and continue to protect the environment.
- In the future it would be amazing if we could showcase this program to the rest of the State as a leading program of collaboration and teamwork for a common cause.
- The tentative date for the next program is the week beginning 24 April 2023 pending accommodation and long-range weather forecast.
- PHIC is now seeking Expressions of Interest from Port, marine and mining related supply chain businesses, related training providers to participate as an Associate Member in PHIC starting new Financial Year.
- PHIC's approach is to act collaboratively for the benefit of industry and the Port Hedland community to ensure long term sustainable growth of the Port.
- We do this by acting as a vehicle for information sharing and knowledge transfer and assists partner companies to manage and minimise the impact of industry on the community.
- From a community perspective, PHIC brings substantial industry expertise, provides a cohesive voice for industry and is a single industry wide point of contact for government and community concerning.
- industry development, environment and land-use planning - and responding to common issues and challenges.
- From a PHIC perspective – it will help us to inform, guide and educate businesses in the mining sector. They will have access to information on what is best practice, how to improve the way they operate.
- 4 events with Industry and Associate members have been earmarked for FY24.
- International Women's Day was celebrated.
- PHIC will arrange a CIF Harbour tour for members in June / July. PHIC to request an inclusion to visit Lumsden Point with PPA to provide information.
- PHIC will participate in ToPH Welcome to Hedland event.

Discussion following the presentation:

Nil

	<p>Kirsty Danby provided an update on Port Hedland Air Monitoring & DWER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From 2009 the air monitoring network has been capturing ambient air quality. The aim is to have under 10 exceedances at Taplin Street monitor annually of 70mg per cubic metre. - For the 12 months from 1 January 2022 to 30 December 2022, the Taplin Street monitor has recorded 6 exceedances, attributable to regional events. - Of the six exceedances, three were fully attributable to <u>non-industry/regional events</u>, and three attributable to a combination of both industry and non industry. - These exceedances are recorded in the independent Katestone bimonthly reporting commissioned by PHIC. Datasets are received from the DWER Port Hedland Ambient Air Quality Network. - To date in 2023 there was one exceedance on 5 January. - PHIC are working with DWER on the Port Hedland Dust Taskforce recommendation to create Dust Management Guidelines. <p>Discussion following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A member asked if PHIC has the number of days that 50mg/m3 was exceeded and if DWER will be reporting on NEPM in their annual report. PHIC CEO advised that PHIC does not report on 50mg/m3 and has not been advised at this time if DWER will report. DWER have been invited to present their findings to the CIF in June.
<p>3.0 Think Bigger for Port Hedland</p>	<p>Cindy Dunham provided an update on BHP Operations and Think Bigger for Port Hedland:</p> <p>Discussion following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A member queried how BHP is supporting education to encourage families to stay in Port Hedland. - Cindy commented that BHP employees are the best advocates for the school because they are given the opportunity to enter into industry, that option may not be available elsewhere. There are also multiple pathways for students including ATAR, alternative entrances to university, school based traineeships as well as work experience. The school has been agile enough to offer a diversity of choice to each student. BHP is partnering with the school to create the variety of pathways and ultimately greater career options. - Members discussed that historical negative perceptions need to be addressed as it is an impediment to attraction and retention of talent - Members encouraged to visit the High School and discuss any concerns. - A member suggested that more could be done through Positive Port Hedland to promote the school. - A member commented that it was great to hear that BHP are doing more work in childcare, Indigenous support and local business engagement. These are all things that are helping our community. - PHIC CEO commented on the wonderful difference that Cindy has made to the community through her role.
<p>4.0 Port Hedland Voluntary Buy-Back Scheme and Maritime Precinct development update</p>	<p>Karlene Bylund presented an update on the Port Hedland Voluntary Buy-Back Scheme and Maritime Precinct development:</p> <p>Discussion following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karlene advised that the dwellings on 4 properties will be demolished as they are not fit for habitation. Adjoining property owners will be notified prior to works commencing. - Karlene advised that real estate agencies in Port Hedland are managing the majority of the HMI leased properties. - Karlene encourages property owners in the West End owners to engage with HMI to have valuations undertaken before the scheme closes. - A member queried what would happen to the owners who declined to participate in the scheme. Karlene advised that they would continue to own them as it is a fully voluntary scheme. - A member queried if there would be a compulsory acquisition of the remaining properties. Karlene advised that it was voluntary and that she does not believe the scheme will go compulsory, but she cannot speak for what Government decide in the future.
<p>5.0 Lumsden Point General Cargo Facility & Logistics Hub</p>	<p>Lyle Banks provided a presentation on the Lumsden Point General Cargo Facility & Logistics Hub:</p> <p>Discussion following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A member queried how the new facility will affect road intersections at Great Northern Highway. Lyle advised that PPA are working with Main Roads & ToPH and there will be greater separation and possibly new entrance to Wedgefield to improve road corridors. - A member commented on the lack of amenity for the trucking industry. Currently no State transport plan in place. The road to Newman would have to be modified to move large loads such as wind turbine blades. - A member commented that Pilbara Mineral and Mineral Resources are moving their Lithium processing plants offshore due to high cost of doing business in the region. MRL quoted \$600m to build a plant in China versus \$1.5bill in the Pilbara. Lyle commented that those are commercial

	<p>decisions however there is a company that is considering a process plant in the Pilbara. These considerations would be taken for all green processing in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A member queried if there is consideration being given to more fuel storage. Lyle commented that typically as fuel vessels come through, they will deliver to each of the ports as required. An area is planned for fuel and chemical tanks at Lumsden, however eventually hydrogen, biofuels and green ammonia will phase out fuel in the future. - A member queried was there investment in servicing marine vessels in Port Hedland rather than sending them offshore. Lyle advised there has previously been land outside of the port considered for future development of marine services.
Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members encouraged to contact PHIC to discuss - Future speakers for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doris, Citizen Science, contactable through Care For Hedland - Roger Johnston, PPA CEO - Future CIF dates to be provided
6.0 Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PHIC to provide dates for PHIC CIF Harbour tour with Lumsden Point overview in Winter
7.0 Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PHLAG in collaboration with Port Hedland Visitor Centre and Activate South Hedland & Portside are hosting the inaugural Pride Week program including a parade on the Saturday 11 – 17 June. Community organisations are encouraged to ‘bling’ your business up for that week, package to be provided.