



**Port Hedland Industries Council**  
Community Industry Meeting

**Minutes**

Wednesday 8 November 2023  
3.00 pm

**VENUE**

The WEB Business Hub, Port Hedland  
and via MS Teams

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Kirsty Danby (Chair)	PHIC
Chantel Cullen	PHIC - Recorder
Michelle Schluter	NR TAFE
Bill Lamb	Roy Hill
Roger Higgins	Community
Dan Barker	PHIC / MRL
Ariana St-Pierre	PHIC / PPA
Melinda Hayes	PHIC / Pilbara Minerals
Dave Batic	Port Hedland International Airport
Russell Trowbridge	Community
Christie Haynes	Ashburton Aboriginal Corp
Lee Ross	Community
Stacey Turale	BHP
Kianna Barker	Community/ PH WWC
Rebekah Worthington	PHCCI
Tony Simpson	Regional Development Australia
Ambika Rebello	ToPH
Byron Klein	Community
Morag Lowe	Community
Janine Keall	HSHS
Tony Simpson	RDA – Pilbara
Emma Billett	Community

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Trish Barron	PDC
Gloria Jacob	Community
Joel Schreiber	Community
Niv Reddy	PHIC / ConsMin
Jaylan Smith	PHIC / Fortescue
Kevin Michel, MP	Member for Pilbara
Nic Green	Kariyarra Aboriginal Corp
Liz Turner	Care For Hedland
Nat Fielding	QUBE

<b>Invitees</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Andrew Pyke	Main Roads
Linda Gimondo	Pilbara Minerals
Zac Slaughter	Marine Rescue Port Hedland

<b>Observers</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Belinda Trowbridge	BHP

<b>Item</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting opened by Kirsty Danby 3.05pm</li> <li>- Acknowledgement of Country and recognition of the Kariyarra people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the CIF meets.</li> </ul>
<b>1.1 Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of new members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tony Simpson, CEO Regional Development Australia – Pilbara</li> <li>- Rebekah Worthington, CEO Port Hedland of Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>- Bill Lamb, Manager of Indigenous Affairs at Roy Hill</li> <li>- Ambika Rebello, Town of Port Hedland Councillor</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Guest Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Andrew Pyke, Pilbara Regional Director, Main Roads</li> <li>- Linda Gimondo, Corporate Affairs Manager, Pilbara Minerals</li> <li>- Zac Slaughter, Commander, Port Hedland Voluntary Marine Rescue</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Congratulations to Port Hedland Senior High School for being a Finalist in the Australian Training Awards for School Pathways to VET program.</li> <li>- Congratulations to Byron Klein on the arrival of his new daughter.</li> </ul>
<b>1.2 Confirmation of Minutes</b>	Confirmation of the PHIC CIF Minutes dated 7 July 2023 confirmed by Roger Higgins and Russell Trowbridge.
<b>1.3 Governance</b>	- Nil
<b>1.4 Action Items</b>	- All members to positively promote information received through this group to their respective networks, supported by the facts presented to the group.
<b>2.0 PHIC Update</b>	<p><b>Kirsty Danby provided an update on Port Hedland Air Monitoring &amp; DWER: AAQMN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Five confirmed exceedances at the Taplin Street Monitor since last meeting – all occurring within a 12 day period of September between 16 and 28 September.</li> <li>- An additional five exceedances remain to be verified and reported by Katestone.</li> <li>- This will potentially bring the 2023 exceedances to eleven since 1 January.</li> <li>- Katestone, our independent dust analysis company, will be undergoing investigations as to the reason behind this occurrences. It is important to note that there have been quite a few bush fires with smoke affecting the area and regional activities that could be impacting along with local construction activities. Current local construction work include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spoilbank Marina (ongoing)</li> <li>- Sea walls – to preserve Hedland coastlines (Sutherland St 2022-2023, Goode St 2023)</li> <li>- Bridge build and Northern Hwy diversion works on Great Northern Hwy, heading North (commenced August 2022, completion due early 2024)</li> <li>- Wedgefield Industrial area extension (current and ongoing)</li> <li>- Lumsden Point (current and ongoing works)</li> <li>- Boodarie Strategic Industrial Area - construction and major projects (current and ongoing)</li> <li>- Community centre – Miklpaku Kuma (construction works completed September 2023)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>DWER Dust Management Guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussions with DWER for the dust management guidelines continue. PHIC CEO is meeting with the Industry Regulation Director this Thursday to ask for an update, as well as update him on our exceedances.</li> <li>- PHIC is continuing to work with the Industry Working Group to review the DWER Dust Management Guidelines. The practicality of these initiatives is currently being assessed within DWER.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion following the presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nil</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Kirsty Danby provided an update on PHIC Environmental Programs: Greater Port Hedland Vertebrate Pest Management Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The third 2023 control event was undertaken from 16 to 30 September for a period of 14 days, consistent with previous programs.</li> <li>- 15 feral cats &amp; 3 foxes removed.</li> <li>- A factsheet on the program is available on the PHIC and Care For Hedland websites.</li> </ul> <p><b>State-Wide Array Surveillance Program (SWASP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The statewide array surveillance program continues to monitor for invasive marine pests in the Port.</li> <li>- The program runs for 3 months - twice a year.</li> <li>- There are no indications of marine pests in our survey area that require action.</li> <li>- A factsheet on the program is available on the PHIC website or you can contact PHIC directly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion following the presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nil</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Kirsty Danby provided an update on PHIC Activities:</b></p> <p><b>2023 Pilbara Summit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2023 Pilbara Summit was held in Karratha in October.</li> <li>- Chantel attended the Summit on behalf of PHIC. She reported that the Summit had a strong focus on the transition to net zero. And that the Pilbara will play a strong part in this transition for the future of Australia.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hedland Senior High School Marine &amp; Maritime class excursion to Pilbara Ports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PHIC has facilitated an excursion to the Pilbara Ports Authority for the Marine and Maritime students.</li> <li>- The tour included a run through of the control tower, discussion around the Environmental management of the Port and career options.</li> <li>- The students also visited the Ports Redbank Mangrove Rehabilitation area.</li> <li>- A huge thank you to all the Port staff who made this possible.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Session for Mine to Market</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The success of presenting a “Mining 101 – Mine to Market” to the Hedland Senior High School was of interest to this group at this last meeting.</li> <li>- PHIC have agreed to support a roll out to the CIF members in early 2024.</li> <li>- Event dates and registrations will be announced in the new year.</li> </ul> <p><b>West End Voluntary Buy Back Scheme Extension</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The buy back Has been extended for two years.</li> <li>- PHIC supported the Minister for Ports Hon. David Michael to discuss the announcement in Port Hedland.</li> <li>- To date the program has achieved a 52% sold rate which we expect to increase to 60% by the end of this year.</li> <li>- Management of the extended program will fall under the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, administered by Hedland Maritime Initiative and guided by a Steering Committee.</li> <li>- PHIC will have a seat on that Committee.</li> <li>- Thank you to Chantel Cullen for the work she has completed to ensure we are represented.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion following the presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Q – Do you know what will be included in terms of commercial properties?</li> <li>- A – From PHIC CEO – It will include some commercial properties but don’t know what ones. HMI will contact those who will be included.</li> <li>- A - From Member - Commercial properties that are part of a Strata in the West End will be bought back but not 100% sure if they will buy all commercial properties.</li> <li>- A - From Member - Suggested to attend PPA Community Consultation Meeting where HMI will be in attendance to give better understanding of what will be included.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.0 Main Roads</b></p>	<p><b>Andrew Pike, Pilbara Regional Director from Main Roads Western Australia:</b></p> <p><b>Discussion following the presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A – FFI is one of the proponents bringing in wind turbines through Lumsden. Another proponent is also scheduled to deliver its blades into Lumsden Point with the intention to deliver to their project site north of Pardoo. We understand that their wind turbine project is 10 times the size of FFI. We have been advised that components are coming in from Europe and Asia to Lumsden Point, including blades that may be between 102-120m long.</li> <li>- Q – Is Redbank Bridge one of the upcoming projects?</li> <li>- A – Not currently. We have spent a significant sum of money recently upgrading the sub-structure and superstructure. However, we do have a design for a 50m single span bridge to go over the BPH rail. We are hoping with the upcoming elections that there may be a possibility of some financial commitment to fund the Port Hedland Road duplication and bridge works. BHP have some expansion plans and may be interested in also supporting the bridge works in order to aid their future proposed expansion plans.</li> <li>- Q - Can there be an extended turning lane from Cooke Point Drive to Wilson Street. Currently it’s becoming dangerous due to increased traffic.</li> <li>- A – Unfortunately Cook Point Drive is a Local Government Road and not within the control of Main Roads. We would however support this proposal through the Regional Road Group if it were raised by the Town of Port Hedland as a project. It should be noted that the Port Hedland Road duplication and Redbank Bridge also impacts Cooke Point Drive and this Main Roads project will upgrade Cooke Point Drive intersection, which will see four lanes at the intersection that will merge back into two lane road back toward Styles Road and that should help with this issue (when the duplication project is completed).</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.0 Pilbara Minerals</b></p>	<p><b>Linda Gimondo, Corporate Affairs Manager from Pilbara Minerals:</b></p> <p><b>Discussion following the presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not minuted</li> </ul>

<p><b>5.0 Port Hedland Voluntary Marine Rescue</b></p>	<p><b>Zac Slaughter, Commander from Marine Rescue Port Hedland:</b></p> <p><b>Discussion following the presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Q – How did the building get into such a state? Who owns it?</li> <li>- A – Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage - State Government (Crown Land). In the 60’s when the school moved to Cooke Point, the building became a community group building and several organisations have had the tender including Town of Port Hedland, Port Hedland Play Group, St John Ambulance. We’ve had the building since 2003, and it wasn’t in great condition then but it was only meant to be temporary until we could move into the Marina which was also in talks in 2003. In 2016 MRPH put in approx. \$35k to put some band aids on the issues. BHP have also sent contractors down to do hundreds of hours of works, but unfortunately it is just reaching the end of its life.</li> <li>- Q – Have you looked into alternative siting?</li> <li>- A – We have discussions land at three areas either at or near the, they have not come to fruition due to some underlying issues with the stakeholders that didn’t agree with our proposals and there were not avenues to get land at the marina but due to the urgency for us to get a new facility, it outweighed that timeframe from when the marina would be completed.</li> <li>- Q- Have you thought about breaking the project up into sections?</li> <li>- A – Yes, currently the \$1.8M builds us the new office (at 10 Mckay Street) behind the current old office. It doesn’t do the demolition, the shed addition or the site and civil works.</li> <li>- Q – Do you need volunteers?</li> <li>- A –Currently we have 48 active volunteers, which is unheard of in the Northwest. We are always looking for the right volunteers who are dedicated and committed who can make the time to come down.</li> <li>- Q – What is the plan to raise the next \$1.1M?</li> <li>- A – We have a few grant applications out at the moment, Growing Regions Program which will have the biggest potential cash flow. National Disaster Risk Reduction is a \$250K that we have open at the moment – just waiting to hear back. A few other engagements for smaller grants with Roy Hill and Pilbara Minerals and some discussions with the Town of Port Hedland and Fortescue about some larger community contributions, similar to what Port Authority have done.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6.0 Future Agenda Items</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please advise PHIC if you have anything you would like to discuss in future agenda items.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.0 Other Business</b></p>	<p><b>BHP LEAF Project expansion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leaf Enhanced Air Filtration (LEAF) Project. Joint venture between BHP, Greening Australia, Town of Port Hedland and Curtin University.</li> <li>- Planting is now complete along Taplin Street. 150,000 plants have been planted.</li> </ul> <p><b>BHP Wind Fence Tour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Members are invited to attend a site tour of the wind fence at Nelson Point in the new year. Date TBC.</li> </ul> <p><b>Spoilbank Marina</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opened the marina to the ocean, successfully created a new navigational channel, installed a two-level public jetty, the pontoons, the gangway, boat ramp and completed the inner breakwater and close to completing the outer breakwater. Began installation of underground services, starting construction of marina access road and carpark and started construction of the public amenities building.</li> <li>- For more information the Pilbara Ports Facebook Page has the best information.</li> <li>- Coffee Catchup on Friday with PPA Sam McSkimming, everyone is more than welcome to join. 10am at Web Hub.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tentative Quarterly meeting dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 28 February 2024</li> <li>- 8 May 2024</li> <li>- 7 August 2024</li> <li>- 6 November 2024</li> </ul>