



**Port Hedland Industries Council- Community Industry Forum (CIF)
Minutes**

DATE: Tuesday 09 September 2025

TIME: 3.00 pm – 6.00 PM

VENUE: The WEB Business Hub, Port Hedland
and via MS Teams

Attendees	Organisation
Kirsty Danby	PHIC- CIF Chair
Ambika Rebello	PHIC - Community
Patrik Melberg	PHIC / BHP
Ariana St-Pierre	PHIC / PPA
Laura Hawes	PHIC / Fortescue
Stacey Turale	PHIC / BHP
Rebecca Parker	PHIC / Pilbara Minerals
Annie Court	PHIC/ Qube
Orazio Santalucia	Town of Port Hedland
Kelly Howlett	Care for Hedland
Phil Donnan	PH Seafarers Centre
Morag Lowe	Community
Lee Ross	Community
Abby Carter	Community
Kianna Barker	Community
Joel Schreiber	Community
Kelly Howlett	Care for Hedland
Dave McGowan	Community
Byron Klein	Community
Gloria Jacob	Community

Invitees	Organisation
Adrian Mullan	Fortescue Metals
Zac Slaughter	Volunteer Marine Rescue

Observers	Organisation
Katie Voss	Fortescue Metals
Brett Ellacott	Volunteer Marine Rescue
Adam Norton	Hancock Iron Ore
Chantel Cullen	Platform Communications
Claire Wheeler	Mineral Resources

Apologies	Organisation
Niv Reddy	PHIC / ConsMin
Kevin Michel, MP	Member for Pilbara
Bill Lamb	PHIC / Roy Hill
Michelle Schluter	NR TAFE
Michael Ciccotosto	Hedland Senior High School
James Waltham	PHIC / QUBE
Roger Higgins	Community
Christie Haynes	Ashburton Aboriginal Corp
Dan Barker	PHIC/PLS
Chris Vale	Community
Hayley Vale	PH International Airport
Brittany Heydenrych	Community
Michelle Schluter	NR TAFE
Scott Ballum	PHCCI
Trish Barron	PDC
James Gibson	Kariyarra Aboriginal Corp.
Russell Trowbridge	Community

Meeting Details	
Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting opened by Kirsty Danby 3.00pm - Acknowledgement of Country and recognition of the Kariyarra people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the CIF meets.
1.1 Confirmation of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirmation of the PHIC CIF Minutes dated 21st May 2025, confirmed by Laura Hawes.
1.2 Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guest Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adrian Mullan, Project Manager, Fortescue Metals
1.3 Governance	<p>Observer Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Observing the CIF is a privilege that has been agreed by members, noting that conversation participation is restricted to members. You are welcome to continue the conversations with members following the meeting in the networking drinks.
1.4 Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All members to positively promote information received through this group to their respective networks, supported by the facts presented to the group.
1.5 PHIC News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PHIC was honoured to host EPA members at a 2-day visit to Port Hedland in July 2025. PHIC took the opportunity to highlight the priority strategic challenges for the region, building a shared understanding of what it will take to support decarbonisation and the next generation of energy transition for industry in the Pilbara. - PHIC welcomes Ambika Rebello as Community Relations Officer in place of Chantel Cullen.
2.0 PHIC Update	<p>Kirsty Danby provided an update on Port Hedland Air Monitoring: AAQMN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The original intent of PHIC was around collaboration on environment impacts, including dust. PHIC's commitment is to share information openly and honestly with community members who are interested, and in a timely manner. - While DWER has now assumed responsibility for the Air Monitoring, PHIC has promised the CIF that we will continue to provide updates in this forum. - Dust emissions are measured at Taplin street monitoring station. The air guidelines state that the limit is 70mg / m3 over a 24-hour period with an allowance for some exceedances due to the nature of the Port Hedland environment and export activities. - I will be providing an overview in this meeting and detailed queries can be made to PHIC offline. - The January to June 2025 result reports have been received from our independent consultant Katestone. - Katestone is commissioned by PHIC to undertake independent verification of the monitoring network data, which is in line with DWER reporting. - PHIC's analysis of the data is undertaken quarterly, rather than annually, enabling an early view on outcomes so we can share the information with this Forum. - There has been one exceedance of the 24-hour average PM10 in January – June 2025 verified by Katestone. - All exceedances have background contribution. - PHIC has a factsheet on Air Quality and Dust Monitoring on the website - https://www.phic-hedland.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/PHIC-Fact-Sheet-Air-Quality-April-2024.pdf <p>Discussion following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nil

**Kirsty Danby provided an update on PHIC Environmental Programs:
Greater Port Hedland Vertebrate Pest Management Program**

- The main objectives of the VPMP include:
 - Increasing awareness on threats and impacts caused by foxes and feral cats to native fauna and ecosystems
 - Reducing impacts and damage of foxes and feral cats on susceptible native fauna species and the environment by implementing effective controls according to best practices and guidelines
 - Promoting collaboration, information and resource sharing between stakeholders for a holistic approach to broadscale vertebrate pest management across multiple land tenures.
- The beach control program seeks to reduce fox populations at turtle nesting beaches during periods where turtles are laying eggs and hatchlings are emerging. The hinterland control program is timed to target vertebrate pests (foxes and feral cats) when they are breeding to reduce their populations and the associated predation of not just turtles, but Quolls, birds and lizards.
- Efforts around assessment and control of feral cats and foxes were originally conducted separately by individual businesses and the Town itself.
- PHIC initiated consolidation of these efforts and resources has become a wonderfully collaborative group including:
 - The Town of Port Hedland
 - PHIC members
 - Dampier Salt
 - Care for Hedland
 - APA
- After completing three full years of this program, the reported trends are showing a reduction in fox population and an **increase in native fauna activity where once there was none**. Native fauna including short-beaked Echidnas and Sand Goannas have been caught in the traps and were released in good condition.
- Care for Hedland estimates that **from 2008-2024, 61,800 eggs have been saved because of program**.
- Feral cat captures have decreased compared to the previous three treatments. This may indicate that the feral cat population has been reduced, with cat removal occurring at a higher rate than recruitment of feral cats into the wild population. The ToPH expanded their feral cat trapping footprint area into more domestic spaces in April 2025 and we are looking forward to seeing the results.
- The last full program was conducted in August 2025.
- A reminder that the ToPH offer free traps and removal of feral cats for community members. Please contact them directly if you would like more information

SWASP

- PHIC coordinates a program that monitors for invasive marine pests in the Port waters, known as the Statewide Array Surveillance Program – which we refer to as SWASP.
- The program runs for a three-month period, twice a year.
- This program is a partnership between PHIC, our members, Pilbara Ports and DPIRD and is an award-winning early warning system.
- To date, no invasive marine pests that require intervention have been detected in the Port Hedland port water.
- Like the VPMP, a fact sheet on this program can be found on the PHIC website.

Marine Environment Quality Monitoring Program

- The Marine Environment Quality Monitoring Program, or Marine Program for short has been in full swing with quarterly water sampling being undertaken under the PHIC collaborative program.
- The purpose of implementing the Marine Program is to improve understanding of the quality of the local marine environment including natural processes and pressures, enabling monitoring and reporting on long-term trends in marine environmental quality.
- This program is collaborative and risk focused. It is non-regulated, voluntary program that is consistent with best practice. Members and the community will have access to up-to-date data on marine environmental quality to demonstrate the environmental values of the Port are being protected.
- A key feature of the MEQMP involves quarterly sampling of marine waters and annual marine sediment monitoring, in combination with scientific assessment and observations at a range of monitoring sites within the Port and surrounding areas. Water and sediments collected as part of the MEQMP are sent to third party laboratories for a range of analyses (e.g. metals, hydrocarbons, nutrients, nuisance organisms and pathogenic bacteria). Results from these analyses are used as indicators of the 'quality' of the marine environment within the Port.

Discussion following the presentation: Nil

3.0 Fortescue Turner River Solar Hub	- Adrian Mullan, Project Manager- Green Power Delivery , made a presentation on the proposal to construct and operate the Turner river solar farm, 90km south of Port Hedland.
4.0 VMR- Facility Replacement Project	- Zac Slaughter, Commander- Port Hedland Volunteer Marine Rescue , gave us an update on the progress of their Facility replacement project.
6.0 Farewell message from PHIC CEO	<p>Kirsty Danby advised the members that this is her last meeting as PHIC CEO and CIF Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As PHIC CEO for the past seven years, Kirsty worked to bring industry and community together, to build productive and constructive relationships, and to work for the benefit of the wider Port Hedland community. - Kirsty is leaving to focus on Platform Communications, the marketing and communications agency she founded in 2006. - PHIC Board is progressing through the recruitment process to hire a new CEO and will advise all stakeholders as soon as a new CEO is appointed. - Until the CEO appointment, please direct all PHIC queries to the Community Relations Officer Ambika Rebello.
6.0 Other Business	- Instead of the usual Networking after the presentations the members headed to watch the Port Hedland Tuggers Cup, a BHP and FMG Towage community event.
7.0 Future Agenda Items	<p>Please advise PHIC if you have anything you would like to discuss in future agenda items.</p> <p>Tentative PHIC CIF Quarterly meeting date: 12 November 2025</p>