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Port of Newcastle Community Liaison Group

Date: Monday 19th September 2016

Location: Travelodge, Newcastle

Chairperson: Lauren Eyles, Executive Manager Communication, Port of Newcastle (LE)

Attendees:

Member	Representing
Robert Aitchison (RAI)	Business / Tourism, Northern Highland Travel
Peter Kibble (PK)	Port Waratah Coal Services, Manager Organisational Effectiveness
Joanne Dunkerley (JK)	City of Newcastle, Urban Planner, Strategic Planning Services (Alternate for Jill Gaynor)
Geoff Crowe (GC)	Port of Newcastle, Chief Executive Officer
Nicole Guyder (NG)	Office of the State Member for Newcastle, Electoral Officer (Alternate for Tim Crakanthorp)
John McLeod (JM)	Newcastle Rowing Club, Carrington Community Council
Nicole Hobday (NM)	Stockton Scout Group (Alternate for Julie Kearney)
John Thacker	Carrington resident. Carrington Community Centre Management Committee
Dr Richard Finlay-Jones (RFJ)	CLEANaS, Co-Founder. EcoEnviro, Director. Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club, Member. Newcastle Stand Up Paddle Club, Co-Founder, Surf Rider's Assoc.
Susan Bradley (SB)	Parks and Playgrounds Group, Throsby Villages Alliance.
Richard Anicich (RAN)	Hunter Business Chamber, Immediate Past President
Sonia McKay (SM)	Roads and Maritime Services, Principal Manager, Boating Operations Branch
Sarah Kiely (SK)	Port of Newcastle, Communication Officer. Minute Taker.
David Antcliff (DA)	Hunter Development Corporation, Contracts Manager. Guest speaker
Mike Bardsley (AG)	Hunter Development Corporation, Environmental Manager. Guest speaker

Apologies:

Member	Representing
Jill Gaynor	City of Newcastle, Manager of Strategic Planning Services
Richard Howard (RH)	Clark Shipping Australia, Director
John Hayes (JH)	Correct Planning & Consultation for Mayfield Group (Alternate for Claire Charles)
Michael Frost (MF)	Stolthaven, General Manager
Wayne Diemar (WD)	HunterNet, Project Director
Peter Francis	Port of Newcastle, Executive Manager Trade and Business Development
Claire Charles	Correct Planning & Consultation for Mayfield Group, Newcastle Trades Hall Council
Julie Kearney	Stockton resident. Newcastle Surf Life Saving Club

Absent:

Member	Representing
Emma Fensom/Bruce Cooper	Port Authority of NSW
Aaron Harpham	Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, Chief Executive Officer
Robert Coombs	Australian Maritime Officers (AMOU)
Nathan Juchau	Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group, Health, Safety & Environment Manager

1. Welcome and Introductions

- LE welcomed the attendees and guest speakers, David Antcliff (Contracts Manager) and Mike Bardsley (Environmental Manager) from Hunter Development Corporation (HDC) and noted apologies received.

2. General Business

Actions arising from the last meeting:

- **PON to confirm where the Glen Innes wind turbines are being shipped from**
 - LE advised that the wind turbine components have been manufactured in China and are being shipped from Taicang Port (near Shanghai).
 - LE mentioned that PON planned to promote the arrival of the wind turbines and CLG members would be kept updated.
- **RFJ to provide an update on recent clean energy news to CLG members.**
 - RFJ noted that investment in renewables continues to grow and that the Port needed to consider other non-coal opportunities. RFJ highlighted an online [article about the International Energy Agency's recent report](#).

Port Authority of NSW Update

A representative from Port Authority of NSW was not in attendance.

Port of Newcastle (PON) Update – Geoff Crowe (GC), PON Chief Executive Officer

- GC noted had achieved 833 days lost time injury free and PON was tracking well towards reaching 1,000 days LTIF.
- Non coal trade, including bulk liquids, wheat, fertiliser and concentrates, continues to track ahead of last year's result. The price of wheat had been a focus lately, as the growing season had been good for farmers.
- Coal is level with the year to date exports recorded at the same time as last year.
- In the coming months the wind turbines and components for the White Rock Wind Farm near Glenn Innes in Northern NSW will be received at the Mayfield 4 Berth.
- The supermaxi, *Perpetual Loyal*, arrived last week and will undergo a refurbishment adjacent to the Fitzroy Street berth in Carrington.
- Vue Australia and its trading entity East Coast Cement, has completed its 34,000 tonne cement terminal facility on Kooragang Island.
- PON is undertaking concrete repairs to the Dyke 1 and 2 dolphins to address concrete corrosion to preserve these key assets.
- PON has replaced the mooring buoy at West Basin 3 by recycling and refurbishing a Caltex mooring buoy which was sourced from Port Botany.
- Port of Newcastle has been working with Newcastle Police and Newcastle City Council around the anti-social behaviour and drag racing along Greenleaf Road, Kooragang Island. Concrete medium strips and improved fencing have been installed near Stockton Bridge and Restricted Parking Zones have been implemented each day from 7pm to 5am.
- GC mentioned that the next round of funding for the PON Community Partnerships Program will open on 24 September.
- GC noted that PON had put in an application for funding through the Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund towards the restoration of the exterior of the Carrington Pumphouse.
 - PON is contributing up to \$700,000 towards the restoration and has sought \$200,000 towards the restoration of the building façade and exterior and \$300,000 for the creation of a community space in front of the building.

- The community space could be used for picnics and wedding photos and the work would include landscaping, paving and public seating, plus a life-sized 3D blueprint sculpture of how the building's interior used to look, to allow the community to explore the building's history.
- The interior of the building and the back of the site is not part of this project. GC noted that a lot of work was required inside.
- A short slideshow of concept drawings and plans for the community space were shown to the CLG attendees.
- JM suggested that a plaque be added to the Newcastle Foreshore at Honeysuckle to explain what the building was.
- RAN mentioned his attendance at the HunterNet Defence Conference and the discussion at the Conference about the possibility that future Australian submarines being located at Newcastle. He asked if the Port was able to host submarines and whether it was on the horizon of the Port's longer term planning. GC confirmed that PON takes future land uses into account.
- RAN also mentioned the Smart Seeds program and the winning entry, which was around community activation of the port, including painting the tugboats and making them into a local attraction. GC noted the success of the Smart Seeds program and that the winning project had merit and was similar to initiatives seen at some Canadian ports. There was discussion around the other ideas of the Smart Seeds winning entry, including an interactive digital application that allowed users to hold their smart phones to learn more about ships on the harbour.
- RA noted the recent media interest in the cruise terminal and whether there was any information GC could share. GC responded that PON was respectful of the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund (HIIF) process and was hopeful that HIIF projects may be announced soon.
- SB asked whether the Port would look at a specific funding bucket for smaller projects and events held in portside suburbs, so that they did not have to compete against larger organisations for funding. LE mentioned that PON is keen to partner with communities neighbouring the port and the average grant is around \$6,000. SK will contact SB to provide further information on the application process. LE noted that NCIG and Orica had recently invited applications for community funding.

Other business

- LE mentioned the next CLG meeting would be held at Carrington Bowling Club and would include a site bus tour, followed by dinner and a shorter meeting at the Bowling Club. More information would follow and CLG members were asked to let PON know about any special dietary requests.
- LE also noted that the first CLG meeting for 2017 would be scheduled for February as it was a quieter time in terms of updates from the Port and it would also allow members to return from holidays.

3. Presentation - Remediation of the Mayfield Intertrade Site

David Antcliff (Contracts Manager) and Mike Bardsley (Environmental Manager), Hunter Development Corporation (HDC)

- HDC presented a slide show of images to demonstrate the visual progress of the remediation works to date and the changes to the site. A timeline and status of the works conducted was also provided as part of the presentation.
- HDC noted that future uses of the site were not within its scope, however it had been mindful of what it could be potentially used for in the future in its remediation planning.

- RFJ asked what the site would be used for in the future. DA responded that it was likely to be light industrial and possibly port related.
- RA asked how the capping process would be managed in the future – e.g. if it could be damaged or altered. MB responded that there would be a management plan that travelled with future ownership of the site to provide a set of guidelines and protection. There was ongoing communication between the government and the Port regarding future uses.
- GC asked if there had been a strong response to the tender process for the next stage of the remediation works. DA responded that there had been a number of very competitive bids.
- RA asked if there was a 'ball park' figure around the total cost of the remediation and DA responded the total budget for remediation works associated with former BHP lands was in the order of \$100 million.
- RFJ asked how the land would be released to the market and DA responded that this aspect was yet to be decided as HDC was currently focussed on getting it ready for release.
- DA noted that HDC are in the process of appointing a contractor for the delivery of the final works package associated with the Intertrade site. This work involves the completion of land forming and capping to the remaining 52Ha site. Works are expected to commence in October 2016 and run for about 6 months.

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- In closing the meeting, LE advised that PON was looking at broadening the representation of the CLG to other businesses around the port and mentioned the Throsby Basin Chamber as a potential future member. SB suggested that Orica be invited to be part of the CLG. LE said that she would consider port industry representation, with a focus on businesses that had the closest link to the port (e.g. port terminals).
 - RFJ acknowledged the three representatives from Newcastle attending the Australian Stand Up Paddleboarding titles.

Next meeting*

Monday 21st November 2016

Carrington Bowling Club

5.00pm – 8pm

*Attendance is by Port of Newcastle's invitation.