



Western Port Community Liaison Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Date	13 October 2021
Time	1:00 – 2:20 pm
Location	Virtual Meeting chaired from BlueScope Western Port Admin Meeting Room 1

Attendees: Shelley Kyriazis – BlueScope WP Environment Advisor (chair), Glen McMillan – WP Biosphere, Dick Cox, Richard Mucha, Ian Stevenson -Western Port Catchment Committee, Donna Geritz -WP Secondary College, David McCord – ESSO, Louise Page – Councillor Advisory Committee, Lisa Dixon – Councillor MPS, Julia Stockigt – Save Western Port, Mel Barker – WP Biosphere, Katerina – WP Biosphere (intern), Michael Hussey – BS Manager WP, Ron Bange – BS WP Assets Manager, Christine Cooper – BS WP Senior People Advisor.

Apologies: Greg Hunt (retired), Kathryn Every (no longer at PoHDA), Jodie Belyea, Michael Dillon, Andrew Souter, Denis Casey.

1. Opening and apologies

Shelley opened the meeting and welcomed all present, apologies recorded above. We farewell Greg Hunt who has retired, and Kathryn Every who has departed the PoHDA. Welcome to our new member from the WP Biosphere Glen, Mel and Kat.

ACTION: Shelley to add Councillor Dixon to WP CLC membership list.

2. Review of previous minutes (except EIP and Performance)

Listed actions from previous meeting held in March 2021 have all been completed.

3. Performance Review

Highlights/Issues of significance

- ISO 14001 (and 9001) recertification process completed in March, Western Port successfully maintained our certification to the standards.
- EPA Licence Performance for FY21 -Western Port complied with all the conditions/permissions of our licence.
- Western Port Environment Improvement Plan five yearly review completed. Environment targets have been integrated in the Western Port Business Plan, environment improvement part of how we do business. Environment intensity targets will now be reviewed on an annual basis (in line with business plan review) driving continuous improvement.

Activities

- BlueScope's annual 'clean up Australia day' activities completed in March, with strong engagement across the Western Port Plant.
- Hastings Township won the "Keep Australia Beautiful National Sustainable Communities Tidy Town Awards 2021", BlueScope Western Port were proud to contribute to the submission, presenting a project in the resource recovery/innovation category. Congratulations to the Shire for coordinating the submission.
- BlueScope Western Port Tree Planting Commitment FY22 will take place in mid-November, with 1 tree per employee being planted across our manufacturing area (some 640 trees).
- Regular fox control across BlueScope landholding undertaken in May and June, awaiting results on numbers.

Incidents

- Western Port's reporting of environment incidents remained very strong in FY21 – reporting numbers comparable to previous years despite COVID restrictions and a large portion of employees working remotely.

- Incident reporting continues to be centred on pro-active (near miss) reporting of incidents, low rated (actual) incidents reported relate to incidents like small spills into bunded areas, minor leaks, issues with rubbish segregation and incorrect storage of chemicals outside of bunds.

Environment Improvement Plan (EIP) Intensities

All EIP targets met in FY2021. As mentioned in highlights the EIP is no longer a stand-alone plan, with targets integrated into the Western Port Business Plan. Environment targets are part of how we do business. Benefits of incorporating in the business planning process – targets will be reviewed on an annual basis rather than every five years. This approach supports continuous improvement.

Regulatory Update

- Reporting submissions for FY21: WP National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting data, National Pollutant Inventory and EPA Licence Annual Performance Statement all submitted on time.
- FY 2021 Licence Monitoring progress:
 - All stack testing completed in first half of the financial year.
 - Noise monitoring 5 yearly assessment completed.
 - Groundwater monitoring of internal bores completed.
 - Background and boundary stormwater monitoring was limited due to weather patterns, however we managed to collect 3 of the 4 sampling rounds.
- Legislative Changes
 - Western Port has transitioned to the new Environment Protection Act, which commenced in July this year.
 - New EPA waste track tool commenced in July.
 Preparation for changes has been underway for 18 months or more, including updates to procedures and legal compliance requirement changes.

4. General Business

Western Port Production Performance

- Production performance at Western Port despite the various restrictions in place to manage COVID19, very strong for FY21. High domestic demand continues, decline in exports as a result, essentially at production capacity. Export used to top up capacity when domestic demand declines. Technological development of new or improved product continues, setting our products apart from our competitors (e.g. extended warranty).
- MCL5 now operating at full capacity with the addition of another crew (three crews to four).
- Rail outages continue to challenge our steel supply and delivery of product, increased ship and truck movements as a result.
- Overall positive outlook for BlueScope.

Western Port Wharf SEMP Update

- There have been zero reportable incidents since our last meeting.
- Maritime Security Plan has been updated and approved by the department to capture the new hydrogen ship security measures.
- KHI Hydrogen Project – for further information please contact project team directly using the link below.
<https://hydrogenenergysupplychain.com/about-hesc/#:~:text=The%20world-first%20Hydrogen%20Energy%20Supply%20Chain%20%28HESC%29%20Project,demonstrate%20an%20end-to-end%20supply%20chain%20between%20both%20countries.>

Western Port COVID 19 Management

- Site Health and Hygiene committee coordinate site based activities.
- Ongoing COVID-19 Safe Management Plan outlines controls.
- Vaccination programme on site for employees, contractors and family member.

Western Port People Update

- Human Rights exemption granted to BlueScope Western Port – to actively recruit female employees.
- COVID restrictions impacting recruitment processes. Changed approach moving to online interviews and assessment work.
- Graduate program – four graduates in engineering field engaged to work on some key projects over coming months.
- VCAL program has suffered due to COVID, with many BlueScope staff working remotely difficult to provide meaningful work experience opportunities for students.

General

Round the table:

- Richard Mucha – Reading for Life
 - Volunteers ready to commence but lockdowns hampered delivery of program.
 - Plan B training offered to parents online to utilise at home.
 - Program expanding with the inclusion of 'counting for life'.
 - Program offering a starter pack to every prep student continues. Providing a resource pack and online parent training.
- Lisa Dixon – Mornington Peninsula Shire
 - Shire currently experiencing high workload (phone call, email, chat volumes increased) largely attributed to COVID funding program.
 - Shire staff hoping to return to onsite work in mid-November.
 - Introduction of new speed limits in Hastings – now 40km/hour.
 - Masterplan has been approved.
 - Hasting Boat Ramp dredging program has been deferred.
- Dick Cox
 - Extended thanks to BlueScope for continued sponsorship of Rotary.
 - Supporting National Science Forum with Somerville Secondary College.
 - Rotary celebrating 100-year centenary in October – Bicycle track upgrade key project to mark celebration, progress slowed due to COVID restrictions.
 - Dick has been rewarded with an Order of Australia Medal – WELL DONE DICK, YOU ARE A VERY DESERVING RECIPIENT!
- Glen McMillan – WP Biosphere
 - Currently a lot of project work on the go.
 - Stephen Brend has departed the Biosphere, moving countries.
- Ian Stevenson – Seagrass Partnership
 - Comment regarding overall lack of awareness in the community in relation to Western Port and the various projects going on.
 - Project direction and energy in Western Port area amongst the various environment groups is scattered. A management plan or similar for Western Port would assist in providing greater cohesion in efforts.
- David McCord – ESSO
 - Exciting opportunities in changing operations, exploring potential alternate fuel source generating energy back into the grid.
 - Strong focus on recruitment
- Donna Geritz – WP Secondary College
 - COVID has created some difficulties for VCAL students and opportunities for hands on work experience.
 - Focus on employment – promotion of local opportunities.
 - Working towards regaining 5-star sustainability rating for the college. For further information please refer to link below.

<https://westernportsc.vic.edu.au/about-the-college/sustainability/sustainable-schools-program/>
- Michael Hussey -BS Manager WP
 - WP 50th Anniversary celebration planned for October-November 2022. Hoping to engage employees, suppliers and community.

5. Next Meeting:

Suggested Dates – March 16th, 23rd or 30th 2022. Time 1PM to 2:30PM.

Let me know if you have any specific preference regarding timing and I will attempt to accommodate the majority.

Minutes taken/prepared by SK.