



Western Port Community Liaison Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Date	12 October 2022
Time	1:00 – 2:30 pm
Location	Virtual Meeting chaired from BlueScope Western Port

Attendees: Callum Pohl – Acting BlueScope WP Environment Advisor (chair), Ian Stevenson - Western Port Catchment Committee, Glen McMillan – WP Biosphere, Lisa Dixon – Councillor MPS, Richard Mucha – Reading for Life, Donna Geritz -WP Secondary College, Louise Page – Councillor Advisory Committee, David McCord – ESSO, Julia Stockigt – Save Western Port, Carl Agar– Mornington Peninsula Motorcycle Club, Michael Hussey – BS Manager WP, Ron Bange – BS WP Assets Manager, Sanam Sharma – BS WP Senior People Advisor. Special Guest – Elsa Halstead presenting Responsible Steel Certification Project.

Apologies: Donna Geritz – Western Port Secondary College, Dick Cox, Denis Casey – Mornington Peninsula Motorcycle Club.

1. Opening and apologies

Michael opened the meeting and welcomed all present, apologies recorded above. We acknowledged the hard work of Shelley Kyriazis who has left BSL. We welcome Elsa Halstead to present information on the Responsible Steel Certification that BSL WP is in the process of preparing for, and Callum Pohl who is deputising until a permanent Environmental Officer is employed to replace Shelley.

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

No actions from previous meeting held in March 2022.

3. Responsible Steel Certification

Elsa Halstead presented on BlueScope Western Port's upcoming audit to establish the site as Responsible Steel certified. The essence of Responsible Steel is as follows:

- RS is a not for profit organisation.
- 12 Principles of the Standard with cover environmental, social and governance issues.
- Audit occurs over 2 stages, where each of the 12 Principles are scrutinised.
- A key aspect of the Standard is engagement with community.

Elsa asked CLC members if during the Stage 2 audit they would agree to be on the list of possible key external stakeholders that are required to be interviewed on BSL WP as part of the Standard.

Action: Should any of the External Committee members not wish to participate in the Responsible Steel accreditation process, please inform BSL.

4. Performance Review

Highlights/Issues of significance

- ISO 14001 (and 9001) surveillance audit completed in March.
- CPL2 Ovens Upgrade – Development Licence Exemption Application approved. This means that progress on the project can continue.

Activities

- Clean up Australia day FY22 activity completed in April.
- Fox control undertaken – March result, ~90 bait takes. Next round planned for November.

Incidents

- Incident reporting once again continues the trend for pro-active (near miss) reporting of incidents, low rated (actual) incidents reported relate to issues including small spills, spills to bunded areas and waste sorting issues.
- WP unfortunately had 3 reportable incidents in the previous 6 months associated with E-Coli exceedances from out licenced discharge point.
 - 1 for a Annual median miss – limit is 100.
 - 2 in August for limit exceedance – limit is 1000, misses were <1500.
 - Discussed that background natural E-Coli counts in the surrounding environment are often >4000. BSL WP working closely with EPA and an external consultant to better understand the nature of the exceedances and what we can do to mitigate this.

Environment Improvement Plan (EIP) Intensities

Western Port Business Plan intensity targets met apart from Waste Water intensity which missed primarily due to some reduction in overall tonnes produced and manufacturing areas performing new product trials which often requires refreshing of quenches/baths post trial.

Regulatory Update

- Western Port Emissions Licence Monitoring Program for FY22 – results from FY22 were all within licence requirements. FY23 has already begun testing.
- Groundwater monitoring program – completed in April. Report showed good results on groundwater stability.
- EPA waste tracker has changed from annual reporting (Annual Performance Statement – APS) to an upon request reporting (Permission Information and Performance Statements – PIPS). This will entail BSL WP having 8 weeks to provide desired information

5. General Business

Western Port Production Performance

- The Business continues to perform strongly, some slight softening of our Production requirements, building and construction market slowing with interest rates and cost of living increasing significantly over the last period.
- FY22 was very strong for all units with some breaking production targets.
- BlueScope overall recorded a very strong FY22 and continues to grow and build toward a sustainable future.

Western Port Wharf SEMP Update

- There have been zero reportable incidents for both environment and safety since our last CLC meeting.
- SEMP three yearly external audit undertaken during September with zero non-conformances found.
- Discussed the reported HSEC Hydrogen incident, however, BSL WP have not been included in investigation or findings.
- Zero security issues.
- Shipping activity busy – 150kt of steel across the berth.

Western Port COVID 19 Management

- Continuing to follow State and Federal government guidelines.

Western Port People Update

Recruitment

- Talent committee of 60 candidates (57% female) – this will be used to fill job vacancies as they arise.
- Number of new starters – 39 employed from current talent community (female 31/male 8).

- Number of trades/professional roles in 2022 – approximately 10 positions including reliability specialist, 3 by equipment specialists, admin coordinator, process specialist, maintenance manager, operations coordinator, production consumables, principal process specialist, automation engineer.
- Leader acceleration program for Operations and Maintenance Leaders begun. This entails upskilling our ambitious workforce with leadership skills and allows them to develop and build career pathways.
- 15 internal movements – secondments, higher duties, promotions.
- Several graduates commenced in 2022 – 10 graduates (4 females, 6 males), and 4 interns.

Programs

- VCAL – 6 students participating in terms 2 and 3.

Western Port People Stats...

- Average length of service 11 years.
- Average age of employees 44 years.
- Gender diversity 20.57% female and 79.43% male.

General

Round the table:

- Richard Mucha – Reading for Life
 - 50 Children receiving support in literacy in local community from joint programs with BSL WP.
- Dick Cox – Rotary Club of Somerville/Tyabb
 - An apology but had provided link to a video of BSL WP sponsored and hosted Inter School Activity Competition.
- Glenn McMillan – WP Biosphere
 - Biosphere 10 year report finalised and submitted.
- Julia Stockigt – Save Western Port
 - Comment on condition of signs outside Leisure Centre needing update with respect to natural environment. **Ron to inspect the sign and consider updating.**
 - Discussion around Bunurong Land Council participation in CLC. Have been very busy with a lot of various groups and is worth continuing to follow up.
 - Comment around submission to protect WP Bay – Actforwesternportbay.au
- Louise Page – Councillor Advisory Committee Chair
 - Query regarding E-Coli effect on native flora and fauna. Background levels higher, nature of rain/natural systems, the lagoon is being controlled more effectively.
 - Query on fox baiting and potential harm to native owls. BSL WP fox baiting conducted in line with council directives.
 - Discussion about purchasing native plants from First Nations plant nursery – BSL WP does this.
- Ian Stevenson - Western Port Catchment Committee
 - Wind farm projects query – offshore proposals in which BSL WP has been approached (long term).
 - BSL WP is out to market for a renewable energy supplier.
 - Discussion about blue carbon initiatives, BSL WP hasn't been approached to assist.
 - BSL continuing with planting 1 tree/person/year.
- Carl – Mornington Peninsula Motorcycle Club
 - Dealing with dust during summer conditions by applying water through the purchase of 2 tankers. MPMCC stated that they are fire fighting appropriate and can be utilised if required.

Michael Hussey finished the meeting discussing plans for a new BSL WP dedicated website to be rolled out soon. Also, 50 year celebrations that are occurring for the WP site in November.

6. Next Meeting:

8th March 2023, 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 CP.