



Western Port Community Liaison Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Date	8 March 2023
Time	1:00 – 2:30 pm
Location	Virtual Meeting chaired from BlueScope Western Port

Attendees: Olivia Fanke – BlueScope WP Environment Advisor (chair), Ian Stevenson - Western Port Catchment Committee, Glen McMillan – WP Biosphere, Melanie Barker – WP Biosphere, Lisa Dixon – Councillor MPS, Richard Mucha – Reading for Life, Carl Agar– Mornington Peninsula Motorcycle Club, Jade Brain – Port of Hastings, Andrew Cooke – ESSO, Kara Dunstan – Western Port Secondary College, Michael Hussey – BS Manager WP, Ron Bange – BS WP Assets Manager.

Apologies: Donna Geritz – Western Port Secondary College, Louise Page – Councillor Advisory Committee, Julia Stockigt – Save Western Port, Denis Casey – Mornington Peninsula Motorcycle Club, Sanam Sharma – BS WP Senior People Advisor.

1. Opening

Michael opened the meeting and welcomed all present, apologies recorded above. Olivia was introduced to the group as the new Environmental Advisor for the BlueScope Western Port site.

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

No actions from previous meeting held in October 2022.

3. Performance Review

Highlights/Issues of significance

- ISO 14001 (and 9001) surveillance audit completed in March.
- Responsible Steel Stage 2 Audit upcoming March.
- 3 reportable non-compliances associated with E.coli.

Activities

- Clean up Australia day FY23 activities coming up March/April.
- Fox control program underway – to conclude in March.

Incidents

- Incidents reported mainly near miss and low rated (actual) incidents related to issues including small spills, spills to banded areas and waste sorting issues.
- WP has had 3 reportable non-compliances for the current licence period associated with E.coli exceedances from our licenced discharge point.
 - 1 exceedance in December 2022 – limit is 1000 and result was 1200 colonies/100mL.
 - 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 currently met except Waste Water intensity, which was missed primarily due to the reduction in overall tonnes produced and manufacturing areas performing new product trials, which often requires refreshing of quenches/baths post trial.

Regulatory Update

- Licence stack monitoring completed for FY23.
- Groundwater monitoring program – completed in February for 2023.

4. 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.
- Zero maritime security issues.
- Shipping activity – approx. 155kt of steel across the berth (54kt USA export and 101kt from Port Kembla).
- No third party projects planned.
- No further activity on Wharf maintenance, at this stage.

Western Port People Update

Recruitment

- Leadership Accelerator Program – 15 employees selected for the Supervisor Talent List 2023.
- Number of trades/professional roles – 5 Electrical and 5 Mechanical Apprentices recruited through Chelgrave for 2023.
- Approx. 10 internal movements – secondments, higher duties, promotions.

Western Port People Stats...

- Average length of service: 10.4 years.
- Average age of employees: 43 years.
- Gender diversity – 21.4% F and 78.6% M.

Programs

- Brotherhood of St Lawrence Partnership (focused on unemployed, disadvantaged youth) – 2 candidates working at the WP Customer Service Centre.
- VCAL – 2023 enrolments commence March 2023.

Diversity and Inclusion

- Women in Steel Network established at WP – quarterly events.
- International Women's Day held 8th March 2023 – 2 guest speakers and 70 RSVPs from employees.
- Inclusion Month in March 2023 across Australian Steel Products Businesses.

Other General Business

- 50 Years celebrated at Western Port in November.
- CLC Terms of Reference and Address List updated with new members.
- Public website available: [BlueScope Western Port - BlueScope Corporate](#)
- WP Water Stewardship Plan revised and available: [Water management - BlueScope Corporate](#)

General

Round the table:

- Ian Stevenson - Western Port Catchment Committee
 - **CLC Terms of Reference request to view the recent update.**
 - WP Seagrass Partnership website updated with resources focusing on Western Port. Any general interest, contact Ian.

- Wind farm projects query – offshore proposals in which BSL WP has been approached (long term). Refer to government document (*Victorian Offshore Wind Energy Implementation Statement 2*). Port of Hastings is the preferred location for the offshore wind hub.
- Liquid hydrogen discussion. Refer to HESC website. Confirmed the plant will not be on BSL site.
- Richard Mucha – Reading for Life
 - Richard asked for more information on the Brotherhood of St Lawrence Partnership. This program assists disadvantaged youth to become employable. BSL offers opportunities for at least 3mths. Interviews are conducted for suitability to our industry and the Brotherhood assists financially. Some individuals are offered positions, there are around 5 permanent employees across site from this program.
 - Students in Hastings received their school pack of resources. The parents are trained to use these resources and the kids are better prepared for their school year and are now performing at a higher level.
 - 50 Children receiving support in literacy in local community from joint programs with BSL WP.
- Dick Cox – Rotary Club of Somerville/Tyabb
 - BSL assisted in the trailer raffle at WP.
 - An activity challenge for Yr 5 & 6 will be held at WP BSL Training Room on 15th June 2023.
 - The Rotary Club were involved in the bike trail – see Mornington Shire website.
 - E.coli testing in Oliver’s Creek is completed by BSL coming out of our property. We are not aware of any external testing in Oliver’s Creek completed by other facilities.
- Glenn McMillan – WP Biosphere
 - Carbon neutral by 2050 goal and Blue Carbon in WP discussed.
 - Public reports on restoration works are available.
 - BSL 30% GHG reduction target at WP in place. Emissions data is available on our public website.
- Melanie Barker – WP Biosphere
 - Port Philip Framework in place, however no WP Strategy Plan – happy to brief in detail to anyone interested.
 - **Request to include Western Port GHG emissions data in the CLC presentation pack to track BSL 2030 targets.**
- Lisa Dixon – Councillor MPS
 - Frankston rail outages: BSL receive notification of outages (upcoming mid-year 2023). This impacts BSL – roughly 75% product is received via rail.
 - Council update: Hastings Foreshore Master Plan received 1500 community inputs including 400 written submissions. Great feedback received from the community.
 - Performing Arts and exhibition space in Hastings. Around 2000 budget submissions have been received, after only one week.
- Carl Agar – Mornington Peninsula Motorcycle Club
 - The Motorcycle Club has expanded to over 2000 members, mainly families.
 - The water carts in place have been effective in dust mitigation.
- Andrew Cooke – ESSO
 - Welcomed to the group as a new member.

Actions

Action	Responsible Person	Due Date	Comment
Share updated CLC Terms of Reference document with members	BSL – Olivia Fanke	22/03/2023 (2 weeks post-meeting)	Completed – 21/03/23
Consider options to present GHG emissions tracking data against BSL targets	BSL – Olivia Fanke	Next CLC meeting - October 2023	

5. Next Meeting:

Proposed dates:

11th October 2023 (1-3pm)

25th October 2023 (1-3pm)

This will include a site tour as well as the regular meeting agenda. Let me know your preference and I will attempt to accommodate the majority. Please respond with your site tour location and date preference by April the 28th or BSL can nominate an area.

Minutes taken/prepared by OF.