

## Meeting minutes

**Meeting name** - Community Consultative Committee (CCC) -  
Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension Project and Revitalising Eden Program

**Date** – Tuesday 26 July 2022

**Location** – Eden Welcome Centre and via Microsoft Teams

### Attendees

#### In person:

Jenny Symons (Chair) - JS  
Eric Wolske (Eden Chamber of Commerce) - EW  
Deb Meers (Cruise Eden) - DM  
Clair Mudaliar (Eden Tourism) - CM  
Doug Walker (MIDO) – DW  
Mark Bateman (Eden LALC)  
Paul Webster (Port Authority) - PW  
Rob Bain (POEM) - RB  
Richard Lamacraft (Community Member) - RL  
Natalie Godward (Port Authority) - NG

#### Online:

Emily Harrison (BVSC) – EH  
Ricardo Prieto-Curiel (Port Authority) - RPC  
Nicole Holyer (Port Authority) - NH  
Marina Draper (Port Authority) - MD

#### Apologies:

Jenny Robb – JR  
John Aveyard (Community Member) – JA  
Gail Ward (Community Member) - GW  
Robyn Arthur (Twofold Bay Yacht Club) - RA  
Leanne Scott (Community Member) -LS

### 1. Acknowledgement

Welcome to Country, introduction, apologies - JS

### 2. Declaration of pecuniary interests

No comments. Minutes of previous meeting – no comments.

### 3. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

NG presented information regarding Eden's first cruise visit: Coral Princess 12 July 2022.

MB stated that the visit was all positive however noted passengers wore masks, at their choice, which could have been intimidating for some locals.

CM stated that the day was smooth and easy. The EWC building plan and layout worked well.

DM stated that operations around the EWC would be enhanced with signage for passengers.

EH stated that the Mayor undertook several media opportunities on the day to showcase the shire more broadly with positive commentary and reiterating that BVSC are supportive.

PW stated that the Coral Princess Captain was complimentary of the Eden Cruise Wharf.

RB stated that feedback on the day was good.

JS stated that it would be good to note complaints, even if none, at each CCC meeting.

MB asked if it would be possible for members of the community to go on board for visits.

NG stated that we have facilitated this in the past, in small numbers, and it will be possible again under a controlled environment, however we may need to get through this season post covid first.

DM stated that it could be possible in the future upon request.

MD stated that seating and landscaping planning had been raised and that Port Authority is still working on it, via NG. Port Authority will update the CCC as it progresses.

RL stated that the Warrens Walk sign needs attention with pruning and a tidy up required around it.

EW suggested that RL put it on 'Snap, Send, Solve' to go to BVSC as it works very well.

#### **4. Role of CCC**

MD discussed the Tor for the CC and the WOG group requested by CCC members. Port Authority is proposing to change the CCC group to focus on the Eden Cruise Wharf with the proposed modification. The CCC is the perfect group to continue as it is with MIDO and DPI continuing to be invited to update on their respective projects. NG stated that there is no appetite within Government to set up a WOG group discussing Eden and that this group is already acting within this space, therefore, best to keep going with this group and make the best of it in terms of informing members as it currently is with open invitations to other NSW Government agencies.

#### **5. Proposed Eden Cruise Wharf Modification 3**

MD discussed the proposed Modification and the Community Information drop-in sessions planned for 16 and 17 August. The community is invited to meet the Port Authority team and learn about the project.

RP stated that the proposed modification journey is underway with the scoping report having been submitted to DPE who have now responded with recommendations. Port Authority have started the consultation programme with letters to various agency stakeholders and community information sessions. Feedback has commenced and Port Authority is encouraging more to ensure they are aware of the community's main concerns and issues. RP stated that the EA is underway as is engagement the traffic consultants. The document will be ready for submissions in late 2022.

MB stated that Port Authority must do something more than just 'tick a box' as they don't want the issue that NPWS are having with the L2L project. Port Authority need a fair dinkum community consultation and engagement with local Aboriginal people, as well as others. If Port Authority are only interested in written submissions this will limit some members of the community who don't have access to computers etc. MB suggested the consultative process must be done properly so the community are open to it.

MD stated that she will chat offline with MB to ensure Port Authority tap into other consultative channels.

RP thanked MB for his comments and stated that Port Authority want to capture every opinion and view on this project. He also stated that if CCC members want to make comments at the CCC meetings, these will be collated and included in the feedback.

MD stated that CCC members and community members could contact any member of the Port Authority team to provide feedback on the proposal.

EH stated that BVSC seconded MB's comments re: having multiple channels and feedback points. BVSC are happy to share project updates and feedback streams through their communication channels including social media.

MD stated that comments made on Facebook by community members would not be counted as formal feedback.

CM stated this was the case with information that Eden Tourism shared on Facebook on behalf of the project.

EH stated that people assume anything commented on Facebook would be counted so this will need to be made clear.

JS asked that if CCC members have people commenting to them, where do they direct them to make formal comments and feedback?

MD stated that there is a dedicated email address and enquiries line and that the Port Authority web site is a good catch all. In addition, any Port Authority staff can facilitate feedback capturing.

MB stated that he'd be happy to share project information through the Eden LALC and Twofold Aboriginal Corporation networks.

NG suggested a follow up meeting with Mark B, Marcus, Marina and Nicole during information session week. MD to follow up with MB.

## **6. Safe Harbour Project**

DW provided an update on the Safe Harbour Project. The ESHP is just over 70% through the piling with 38 piles drive and only 3.5 weeks of noise left. DW stated they had just started on the concrete works as the second major part of the project. There will now be a few trucks coming in each week for 4 months carrying headstocks and panels. A TMP is in place to accommodate the truck movements.

DW stated that the ESHP contract is a little behind schedule due to inclement weather and plant downtime which has limited productivity.

DW Stated there had been an additional \$5m variation to the project to allow for the re-fendering of the mooring jetty piles. The mooring jetty is now closed, seahorses were found there and relocated to a similar environment in Snug Cove, work is about to commence starting with the dismantling. As agreed with Port Authority, the Mooring Jetty timbers will be stored for future use in the precinct such as in the landscaping plan.

DW stated that the only interaction with the cruise visit in July had been some minor property damage to the anchor lines when the cruise ship departed port. This will be addressed for the next visits.

DM asked if piling would stop on cruise days.

DW stated that it won't. NG stated that the next ship would be on a Sunday, when no piling occurs, and following that the piling would be complete therefore piling on a cruise day wouldn't be a concern anymore.

## **7. Other business**

MD stated that Port Authority are undertaking some road widening activity at Weecoon St behind the Eden Welcome Centre. The first stage of the works involved the relocation of low voltage electrical cables w/c 15 August – due to last one week. Stage 2 would follow with the road widening.

DM asked for clarification as to the location of the road widening.

NG stated that the road widening would take place south of the Eden Welcome Centre behind the shuttle bus embarkation stop and would allow for shuttle buses to pull up adjacent to the Eden Welcome Centre on cruise days whilst also allowing for two lanes of traffic to safely move behind them.

NG stated this work had always been planned however we had been waiting on Essential Energy to schedule it.

EW noted that Quantum class was due to visit Eden and asked if it would berth alongside.

NG stated that it wouldn't as it wasn't permitted to under the planning approval and that if it came it would anchor and run tenders ashore, however these vessels were now unlikely to come to Eden this season.

DM asked about the modification and would be considered re: social impact assessment. Would this be addressed in the EA process.

NG stated that the social impact assessment will be addressed properly and not just as a tick box exercise and that this concern had been raised by the community and heard by Port Authority.

MB addressed a question to EW regarding bringing the cruise ships into Eden and what could be done to support smaller businesses in town to be there, and open, on cruise days.

EW stated that many small villages on the South Coast were struggling however Eden had a 99% occupancy in the main St. which was a remarkable achievement after Covid and the Black Summer bushfires.

EW stated that hospitality industry is struggling meeting the needs of the Sunday cruise ship with a late departure.

MB asked if Port Authority could support local businesses more and noted the consideration of this by all agencies rather than working in silos. NG noted the comment.

MD thanked the CCC for attending the meeting and providing feedback.

*General Business / Other Business*

No comments

Next meeting: 25 October 2022 TBC

Meeting closed: 18:44