

Meeting Minutes

Meeting name	Eden Cruise Wharf Community Consultative Committee		
Date	21 February 2023	Time	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Location	Virtual via Microsoft Teams and in person at the Eden Welcome Centre		
Meeting chair	Jenny Symons		
Attendees	Members of CCC and guests		

Attendees

Jenny Symons (Chair) – JS

CCC Members

Eric Wolske (Eden Chamber of Commerce) – EW
 Clair Mudaliar (Eden Tourism) – CM
 Paul Webster (Port Authority) – PW
 Natalie Godward (Port Authority) – NG
 Jenny Robb (Eden Tourism) – JR
 Gail Ward – (Community member) - GW
 John Aveyard (Community member) – JA
 Peter Wild (BVSC) – PeW
 Robyn Arthur (Twofold Bay Yacht Club) – RA
 Richard Lamacraft (Community member) – RL
 Leanne Scott (Community member) – LS
 Rob Bain (POEM) – RB

Nicholas Daly (Port Authority) – ND

Guests

Sam Isaacs (Port Authority) – SI
 John McKenna (Port Authority) – JM
 Joseph Dbais (Port Authority) - JD
 Andrew Dooley (TfNSW - MIDO) – AD
 Brendan Dick (TfNSW MIDO) - BD
 Nathan Penberthy (TfNSW - MIDO) – NP
 Doug Walker (MIDO – Safe Harbour Project) – DW

Apologies

Sara Bennetts (Property & Development NSW) – *Guest*
 Andrew Heathcote (Property & Development NSW) – *Guest*
 Sarah Webster (Property & Development NSW) – *Guest*

2. Acknowledgement of Country (JS)

3. Introductions (JS)

- ND introduced himself as Port Authority's Community & Stakeholder Engagement Manager

4. Declaration of pecuniary interests (JS)

- Nil

5. Business arising from previous minutes (Jenny)

- Nil

6. Port Authority Update

Eden Cruise Wharf – cruise update

- NG provided PA update with number of cruise ships during season.
 - Eden will welcome 37 cruise ships this season, with 9 yet to visit. As at 25 February 760 passengers had visited Eden
- JM provided update on meeting with representative from Virgin cruise lines:
 - Virgin confirmed that they would bring ships to Australia which would include stopping in Eden.
 - It's anticipated that Virgin would have 2-4 cruise ships visiting Eden starting from July 2023.
 - Their ships are no bigger than the ships that currently visit Eden.

Action 1: Share cruise activity presentation with CCC.

Complaints

- ND confirmed no complaints through Enquiries inbox / Service NSW

Seating area outside Eden Welcome Centre

- NG stated that seating options sent to CM, EW, DM so the project has commenced.
- JA asked how long until installed.
 - NG stated that it would depend on procurement period for seats, bins etc. and that the CCC will be kept updated.

Eden Mod 3

- SI provided an update on the Modification:
 - Port Authority has submitted the Environmental Assessment (EA) to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) for consistency review. The purpose of this review is to check that the EA complies with the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEAR's) that define the scope and extent of technical studies required to support the MOD.
 - This review is expected to take about 6-7 weeks. DPE could ask Port Authority for additional detail or clarifications to be added to the EA before they will accept the EA for lodgment. Once formally lodged DPE will assess and make a decision (determination) on the EA.
 - We anticipate that we will formally lodge the EA in early-mid April, subject to DPE's consistency review timeframe and the need to update/revise the EA.
 - DPE will manage the public exhibition of the EA where the community and stakeholders will be able to view the Mod 3 and provide formal submissions to DPE.
 - All submissions received by DPE during the exhibition period will be provided to Port Authority. Port Authority will then prepare a Response to Submissions report responding to issues raised during the public exhibition. This report will be publicly available after it is submitted to DPE.

- The Department of Planning and Environment will review the EA, public submissions, the Response to Submissions report and make a determination (likely second half of this year; though the assessment timing is determined by DPE)
- If approved, the determination will include conditions of approval which will be provided to Port Authority.
- EW asked about public exhibition and suggested that local information sessions work well to engage the Eden community. Suggested that plans and information be provided at local venues such as the RSL or Welcome Centre for the community. EW also suggested the information is not released to social media as it could be taken out of context and spread by locals.
- SI advised that DPE will manage the public exhibition and will provide this feedback to DPE. He advised that Port Authority could look at activities to help promote this public exhibition and provide information to the community.

Action 1: SI to liaise with DPE about plans for public exhibition.

- PA will keep group and broader community updated once we have confirmed dates.
 - JA asked who is determining authority.
 - SI stated it was DPE.

Widening of Weecoon Street

- JD provided an update on the widening of Weecoon Street.
 - Works to relocate electrical services have been completed.
 - Planning for road works is continuing. Works are anticipated to commence late April/May and be completed around end of June to avoid the cruise season.

Seating are outside Welcome Centre

- NG provided an update about seating around the Eden Welcome Centre
- Seating is going to be custom made by local wood craftsman Simon, who worked on the Eden Welcome Centre, using recovered timber from the Eden Mooring Jetty fender replacement project
- Bins will also be custom made.
- As both the seating and bins will be bespoke/custom made rather than off-the shelf products, there are long lead times for production and delivery. The bins are expected to take around 10 weeks to complete and be installed during May. The timing for seats is to be confirmed.

Eden Welcome Centre external building

- JM advised that Port Authority will re-oil the timber on the Welcome Centre Façade
- Port Authority is currently procuring a contractor.
- Work will be completed after cruise season has finished to minimise disruption to the Eden Welcome Centre. PA confirmed it will keep Eden Tourism informed of the timing of works to ensure minimal disruption to the Eden Visitor Information Centre.

7. MIDO update

Eden Safe Harbour Project

- BD provided an update on the Eden Safe Harbour Project (wave attenuator)
 - Piles for the breakwall will finish on 11 March
 - Main structure will finish in mid-March
 - Work on the mooring jetty is expected to finish at end of March.
 - The barge will leave the harbour on 13 March.
 - There will be some local traffic control from early-mid March to assist with demobilizing equipment and machinery from site
- RA Q. Will any new lighting be installed for boats, especially at the inland end of the attenuator?

- A. Navigational aids will be installed. There will also be lights at the end and the middle of the attenuator.
- Q. Will there be a media event when it is completed?
- AD advised that he is talking with MIDO's media team about opportunity for a media event.
- AD advised that two anchors were found during work. A heritage specialist advised that they have local significance. The Eden Killer Whale Museum declined to accept the anchors. MIDO would be grateful for any ideas from the community about what to do with the anchors. DM Q – can they be displayed outside the Eden Welcome Centre. NG advised this is not a possibility.

Action 2: CCC to share any ideas for the anchors at next meeting.

Snug Cove Marina

- NP provided an update on the Snug Cove Marina EOI
- Four responses were received to the EOI and assessed as suitable to proceed with next stage.
- Requests for Proposals (RFP) will be called in early March. It will take about 8 weeks to receive and evaluate proposals.
- NP confirmed EOI's are commercial-in-confidence and he can't provide details on the submissions received.
- Following a question asking if a new government following the March election could cancel the tender process, NP advised that RFP process is continuing as planned, and that he can't comment on any action a future government may take
- Comment made that proponents need to be mindful of old swimming pool at the cliff face near Cattle Bay that has significance to the community.
- Question was asked if any of the EOI submission included Property & Development NSW owned land. NP reiterated that details of submissions cannot be shared due to the information being commercial-in-confidence.
- A comment was made that the community needs to understand what Property NSW will do with the vacant land if no suitable proposals are received.
- JA commented that Property & Development NSW are not maintaining their land. This led to a discussion about ongoing issues with maintenance including grass cutting weeds and maintaining the fences.
- It was resolved that the community members of the CCC would write a letter to Property NSW to note concerns about maintenance.

8. Property NSW update

- Nicholas noted Property NSW's apologies.
- JA commented that Property NSW are not maintaining their land and expressed his concern at their most unsatisfactory contribution to date and lack of plans being provided.
- Other members also commented about this issue. This led to a discussion about ongoing issues with maintenance including grass cutting weeds and maintaining the fences. It was suggested that area should be landscaped.
- It was resolved that the community members of the CCC would write a letter to Property & Development NSW to note concerns about maintenance.

Action 3: JA to write letter on behalf of community members of CCC for Port Authority to pass on to Property & Development NSW. Note Port Authority has received this letter and sent to Property & Development NSW.

10. BVSC - Public utilities and services

- PeW introduced himself as Councils' representative on the CCC.

- PeW requested that the CCC have a standing item on the agenda to receive feedback on public utilities and services underpinning cruise visitation.
- PeW encouraged community to provide feedback on any issues with Council utilities and services, so that Council can remain informed and respond appropriately.
- EW raised concern regarding the number of cruise visits in March and the need for public bins to be emptied more than twice per week and public toilets to be serviced more often during this period. PeW noted this and stated he would check with the town team re: scheduling.
- PW noted a shout out to BVSC's water and sewer team who responded to an emergency call on a Sunday (cruise day) within an hour of being called and fixed the issue quickly.

10. Other business

- EW advised that he wanted to share some information about the Eden Hospitality project.
- As the CCC meeting was due to close, it was agreed to send information with meeting minutes.

Action 4: EW to send information about hospitality project to Port Authority to distribute with minutes.

Proposed next
meeting date

16 May 2023

10. Close of meeting

- There being no further business the meeting was closed at **6.05pm**.