

# **Meeting Minutes**

| Meeting name  | Eden Cruise Wharf Community Consultative Committee                   |      |                    |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------|
| Date          | 8 August 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**

#### **CCC Members**

Jenny Symons (Chair) – JS
Andrew Dooley (Transport for NSW - MIDO) – AD
Clair Mudaliar (Eden Visitor Information Centre) – CM
Deb Meers (Cruise Eden) – DM
John Aveyard (Community member) – JA
Peter Wild (Bega Valley Shire Council) – PeW
Richard Lamacraft (Community member) – RL
Rob Bain (Community member / POEM) – RB
Robyn Arthur (Community member / Twofold Bay Yacht Club) – RA

#### Guests

Crystal Lenane (Transport for NSW) – CL
Emma Moxon (Port Authority of NSW / minutes) – EM
Enwee Lindford (Transport for NSW) – EL
George Pajmakoski (Property & Development NSW) – GP
Glenn Snow (Department of Planning and Environment) – GS
Jonathan Kerr (Department of Planning and Environment) – JK
Joseph Dbais (Port Authority of NSW) – JD
Michael Tran (Department of Planning and Environment) – AB
Natalie Godward (Port Authority of NSW) – NaG
Nerida Green (Port Authority of NSW) – NeG
Paul Webster (Port Authority of NSW) – PW
Russell Fitzpatrick (Bega Valley Shire Council) – RF
Sam Isaacs (Port Authority of NSW) – SI

### 2. Apologies

Andrew Heathcote (Property & Development NSW)
Emily Harrison (Bega Valley Shire Council)
Eric Wolske (Eden Chamber of Commerce)
Gail Ward (Community member)
Jenny Robb (Community member)
Leanne Scott (Community member)
Maddie Milazzo (Transport for NSW)
Mark Bateman (Eden LALC)
Nathan Penberthy (Transport for NSW - MIDO)
Samiru Manukulasuriya (Property & Development NSW)

#### Sara Bennetts (Property & Development NSW)

- 2. Acknowledgement of Country (JS)
- 3. Introductions (JS)
- 4. Declaration of pecuniary interests (JS)
  - Nil

#### 5. Business arising from previous minutes (Jenny)

• The Committee endorsed the minutes of the 16 May 2023 meeting.

#### 6. Port Authority Update

#### Widening Weecoon Street

- JD updated the Committee on the Weecoon Street road widening project:
  - Works have commenced, with the removal of the curb and gutter
  - o Expected to take 6-8 weeks to complete, in time for the 23/24 cruise season.
  - o One lane will be kept open at all times.

#### Eden Welcome Centre furniture

- JD provided an update on furniture:
  - 5 of the 10 seats from Eden Mens Shed almost complete to be installed in next fortnight.
  - Bins and bike racks to be installed in next fortnight.

#### Eden Mod 3

- SI updated the Committee on the proposed Eden Mod 3 project:
  - Port Authority working on updating the Environmental Assessment for final lodgement.
  - Draft Environmental Assessment was reviewed by DPE, along with other agencies (including biodiversity and fisheries). This resulted in some additional assessment to be undertaken to analyse potential sediment disturbance from larger cruise vessels.
  - Port Authority has nearly completed this additional assessment and will submit updated report back to DPE in August/September 2023.
  - o Once accepted, it will progress to public exhibition stage likely in September 2023.

#### 7. Public exhibition process for MOD3 - Department of Planning and Environment (DPE)

JK, GS and MT presented to the Committee regarding State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) and making a submission (see **attached** presentation).

- RF queried if all modifications need to go through SSI process as project was SSI, even though it has finished?
- GS confirmed that they do, unless the proposed modification was very minor and consistent with the existing planning approval.
- The Committee discussed ways notification of the public exhibition process can reach the community. Suggestions included flyers at local billboard locations, Eden Community Access Centre newsletter, radio and using Eden CCC as a vehicle to disseminate information.
- JA asked when the works on the ground would be completed.
- SI advised that the majority of the planning mod is about changing operational controls rather than construction work. The additional infrastructure included within the MOD is only required for the largest vessels which are not planned to call at Eden in the near future and as such the construction of this infrastructure is not planned for the short/medium term.

### 8. Marine Infrastructure Delivery Office (MIDO) update (Safe Harbour project / Snug Cove Marina)

#### Safe Harbour project

- EL provided an update on the Safe Harbour project:
  - The project, demobilisation and works on the mooring jetty are now complete and open to the public.
  - The fence is scheduled for removal on 9 August.
  - Road will be restored to its previous condition.
  - Information will be published on the website and an email sent to the community.
  - Believes the boat ramp will be able to be used again, limited to commercial operators.

## Snug Cove Maritime Precinct

- AD provided an update on the Safe Harbour project:
  - TfNSW received 4 EOIs, of which 3 were shortlisted.
  - Shortlisted applicants were invited to submit commercially binding proposals, however 1 applicant withdrew, so MIDO received 2 submissions.
  - Following the evaluation of the proposals Transport for NSW is unable to move forward with these, due to various commercial and risk related factors
  - Unsuccessful applicants were notified last week.
  - o TfNSW has since advised DPE that they have no interest in the SCMDC land.
  - The situation is unfortunate and TfNSW had hoped for more interest from the private sector.
  - TfNSW will now work with various government entities to determine next steps and keep the community updated.
- RL asked if the area behind the wave attenuator will be open to vessels and the public.
- AD advised that they will be open in a couple of weeks and looking at option to reinstate public swing moorings.
- RA asked if it was feasible for an arrangement to be made for local boats to tie up behind the wave attenuator.
- AD advised that the wave attenuator has not been designed to accommodate line loads. Will be looking at options for the interim to provide short term benefit, however is a balancing act as to how much is spent on a short term solution as it could preclude the long term solution.
- GP advised that there is an Aboriginal Land Claim on the SDMDC site and they are hoping to have a determination by end of the year, so are not actively encouraging proposals for the site. However, if anyone had a viable plan for the SCMDC site that meets all interest, DPE would be open to hearing the plan.
- GP asked that suggestions be sent to GP and SB from DPE.
- RB suggested that signage explaining the history of the area would be beneficial for cruise visitors.
- RA advised that the demolition site at Snug Cove is one of 3 major sites in Eden impacting on town.
- CL advised that all Government agencies have worked hard to try and get the landside up. We are not abandoning it, just need to regroup.
- AD advised that the outcome of the EOI is made public as of now via the CCC. The Minister has been advised and is up to the MO to advise local member. Encourage community to speak to local member with ideas and to make Government aware of how important this is to community.
- CM asked that DPE advise how to better communicate the community's position on this as it needs to be made a top priority.
- CL advised that she will call CM tomorrow morning to discuss.

#### 9. BVSC - Public utilities and services

NaG asked if there was an update on the hospitality project – PW advised not yet.

## 10. Questions and general business

• Nil.

Proposed next meeting date 17 October 2023

## 10. Close of meeting

• There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6.17pm.