



Port Hedland Industries Council
Community Industry Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday 28 February 2024
3.00 pm

VENUE

The WEB Business Hub, Port Hedland
and via MS Teams

Attendees	Organisation
Kirsty Danby	PHIC
Chantel Cullen (Chair)	PHIC - Recorder
Michelle Schluter	NR TAFE
Bill Lamb	PHIC / Roy Hill
Dan Barker	PHIC / MRL
Melinda Hayes	PHIC / Pilbara Minerals
Russell Trowbridge	Community
Christie Haynes	Ashburton Aboriginal Corp
Lee Ross	Community
Stacey Turale	BHP
Kianna Barker	Community/ PH WWC
Rebekah Worthington	PHCCI
Narelle Wells	Care For Hedland
Ambika Rebello	ToPH
Byron Klein	Community
Morag Lowe	Community
Emma Billett	Community
Gloria Jacob	Community
Nat Fielding	QUBE
Joel Schreiber	Community
Jaylan Smith	PHIC / Fortescue
Trish Barron	PDC

Apologies	Organisation
Tony Simpson	Regional Development Australia
Dave Batic	Port Hedland International Airport
Niv Reddy	PHIC / ConsMin
Ariana St-Pierre	PHIC / PPA
Kevin Michel, MP	Member for Pilbara
Roger Higgins	Community
Janine Keall	HSBS

Invitees	Organisation
Karlene Bylund	Hedland Maritime Initiative and Pilbara Ports

Observers	Organisation
Helen Farrell	Community
Laura Hawes	Hedland Maritime Initiative
Shanna Crispin	Town of Port Hedland

Meeting Details	
Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting opened by Chantel Cullen 3.00pm - Acknowledgement of Country and recognition of the Kariyarra people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the CIF meets.
1.1 Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of new members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Cross, Kariyarra Aboriginal Corporation Business Development Manager replaces Nic Green who has left the organisation. - Guest Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karlene Bylund, Managing Director, Hedland Maritime Initiative and General Manager Customer and Strategy for Pilbara Ports. - Dan Barker, Manager Stakeholder Engagement, Mineral Resources Limited - Nat Fielding, Senior HSEQ North West, QUBE
1.2 Confirmation of Minutes	Confirmation of the PHIC CIF Minutes dated 8 November 2024 confirmed by Morag Lowe & Kianna Barker.
1.3 Governance	- Nil
1.4 Action Items	- All members to positively promote information received through this group to their respective networks, supported by the facts presented to the group.
2.0 PHIC Update	<p>Chantel Cullen provided an update on Port Hedland Air Monitoring: AAQMN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The draft 2023 full year report has been received from our independent consultant Katestone. - Katestone is commissioned by PHIC to undertake independent verification of the monitoring network data, which is in line with DWER reporting. - PHIC's analysis of the data is undertaken quarterly, rather than annually, enabling an early view on outcomes. - Port Hedland is a challenging climate. This interim reporting from Katestone provides another level of detail, specifically in terms of climate and bushfire analysis per quarter. - We are also currently investigating new technologies and other types of analysis to provide even greater detail, which could see the results change in the final analysis for the year as a whole. - As we noted in the November update, there has been a lot of dry weather, strong winds, bushfires and a lot of local construction in our town and the region - With just five exceedances in the first nine months of 2023 – attributed to local industry and non industry events, there were 24 exceedances recorded from October to December at the Taplin Street station which is the official monitoring station for air monitoring. - The draft assessment by Katestone has attributed the full 29 exceedances for the 2023 year as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural events such as bushfires, prevailing winds in a long dry season 52% - Industry 17% - Combination – industry, local development, natural events 31% - Investigating the source of dust exceedances is an important contribution to the knowledge base to develop and implement initiatives by industry. This includes the current climate challenges. - Port Hedland has regional climate challenges, particularly the warmer and drier conditions over the October - December reporting period. - Over the 2023 year, a positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) and El Niño contributed to a higher chance of below-average rainfall for much of Australia and here in the northwest, it decreases cloudiness, which can lead to higher temperatures (Bureau, 2023a). - The mean maximum temp in Port Hedland was 3.6 and 0.8°C warmer in October and November last year than the climatological average for the same months (<i>Bureau, 2023c & 2023d</i>). - As well as those higher than normal temperatures, the three months of October to December all received slightly less rainfall than the climatological average. - Reduced vegetation growth and lower moisture content in soils and stockpiles are just a couple of examples of the impact of these conditions and the potential for dust generation from natural, local and industry activity. - Understanding the environmental and regional contributors to exceedances is an integral part of industry's ability to plan and implement strategies for dust mitigation. Both PHIC and our members are committed to continuing this work and sharing information. <p>Discussion following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A member stated that it would be interesting to see if the finalisation of the Spoilbank Marina works impacts the AAQMN results.

	<p>Chantel Cullen provided an update on PHIC Environmental Programs: Greater Port Hedland Vertebrate Pest Management Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PHIC members, the Town of Port Hedland, Care For Hedland and Dampier Salt all work together on this biannual program. The beach control program seeks to reduce fox populations at turtle nesting beaches during periods where turtles are laying eggs and hatchlings are emerging. The hinterland control program is timed to target vertebrate pests (foxes and feral cats) when they are breeding to reduce their populations and the associated predation of not just turtles, but Quolls, birds and lizards. - The fourth VPMP program for the 2024 financial year will take place in the second half of April from 15 to 29th. - A factsheet on the program is available on the Care For Hedland and PHIC websites. <p>State-Wide Array Surveillance Program (SWASP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The statewide array surveillance program continues to monitor for invasive marine pests in the Port. - The program’s summer soak was deployed in February. <p>Discussion following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nil
<p>3.0 Qube Update</p>	<p>Nat Fielding, Snr HSEQ North West, Qube presented an update on Qube operations:</p> <p>Discussion following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q – What is the life expectancy of the batteries in the trucks. - A – This is a trial so it is not certain. Life expectancy of the batteries in the Prime Mover is 8-10 years. - Q – Are the batteries recyclable? - A – The LV batteries are and we are looking into the Prime Mover batteries through this trial. - A member noted the commitment Qube made to the town in the down time. Qube was one of the companies that put policies in place to keep employees in Hedland which made a big difference to the town. - Nat responded that Qube still encourage a local workforce.
<p>4.0 Hedland Maritime Initiative Update</p>	<p>Karlene Bylund, Managing Director, Hedland Maritime Initiative and General Manager Customer and Strategy for Pilbara Ports presented an update on the Port Hedland Voluntary Buyback Scheme:</p> <p>Discussion following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q – What kind of numbers are there for short term stay accommodation? - A – 12 properties and 25 bedrooms initially - A member commented that this is a very welcome addition to the rental market, 80 properties across the whole of Port Hedland. - A member commented that it is great to see the Seafarers Centre is progressing. - Q - Is there a list that we are able to access for the properties and their uses. There is assistance for change of use purposes, would that mean that organisations and business can approach the steering group for use? - A – the first approach needs to be made to HMI. Most of the properties are long term residential for a while. Once we start to acquire vacant properties, we will start to consider a change of use. Several have been leased out as short-term stay. A few other uses are being considered. HMI will put proposals through to the steering group for endorsement for the change of use application for funding. Quite costly for some of the structural modifications you need to make for the change of use and occupation permit. HMI will assess what the likely costs are and all uses have to be consistent with IS1. IS1 has a broad range of uses excluding permanent residential.
<p>5.0 Mineral Resources Overview</p>	<p>Dan Barker, Manager Stakeholder Engagement, Mineral Resources presented an overview of Mineral Resources Operations:</p> <p>Discussion following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not minuted

6.0 Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please advise PHIC if you have anything you would like to discuss in future agenda items.
8.0 Other Business	<p>Hedland Well Womens Centre Pink Pilbara Breakfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planned for 30 August 2024 <p>Spoilbank Marine Boat Ramp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opened 20 January 2024 to the public. <p>Community BHP Wind Fence Tour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11 April 2024, invites to follow. <p>Community Mining 101 – Mine to Market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 May 2024, invites to follow. <p>PHLAGS Pilbara Pride Festival 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14-22 June 2024, program to follow. <p>Care For Hedland - Sustainable Living Expo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 29 June 2024, details to follow. <p>Care For Hedland - Sustainable Living Expo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 29 June 2024, details to follow. <p>BHP Community Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refreshed program open <p>Qube International Womens Day Raffle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proceeds going to the Hedland Well Women’s Centre. Get tickets from 777 Pharmacy. <p>Tentative PHIC CIF Quarterly meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 May 2024 - 7 August 2024 - 6 November 2024