

**Port Botany Expansion
Community Consultative Committee**

Date: 6th May, 2009

Meeting number: 22

Attendees:

John Burgess (JB) - Community Representative
 Nancy Hillier (NH) – Community Representative
 Neil Melvin (NM)- Community Representative
 Paul Pickering (PP)- Community Representative
 Mick Costelloe (MCo) – Community Representative
 Bronwyn Englaro (BE)– Randwick City Council
 Roberta Ryan (RR) – Chairperson
 Sandra Spate – Minutetaker
 Shane Hobday (SH) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Peter O’Leary (PO) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Marika Calfas (MC) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Kathy Lloyd (KL) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Peter Zangari (PZ) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Margaret Harvie – Baulderstone Hornibrook
 Linda Armstrong(LA) – Baulderstone Hornibrook
 Vince Newtown (VN) – Baulderstone Hornibrook
 Quentin Pitts (QP) – Baulderstone Hornibrook

Apologies: Paul Shepherd

Not present: Neil Brener

Item	Issue	Action	By whom	When
1	<p>Site Tour – 3.00pm-4.00pm An induction, evacuation procedure and emergency procedure was conducted by Martin Carmody.</p> <p>Mick Costelloe was introduced and welcomed as a new member of the CCC.</p>			
1.1	<p><u><i>Foreshore Rd/Beach works</i></u></p> <p>Foreshore Rd/beach works tour included the Penrhyn Estuary, dune removal, new roosting islands, the old government pier, the shared cycle/pedestrian pathway, site of the new pedestrian bridge, the new Terminal Access Bridge (ie for trucks), the new boat ramp amenities building, the Millstream groyne and carpark.</p> <p>PP asked how high the new Terminal Access Bridge would be. VN replied it</p>			

	<p>wouldn't be significantly higher than the level of Foreshore Rd. PP asked whether drilling was taking place before piling at the access bridge site. VN responded that due to compacted hard sand drilling was being undertaken.</p> <p>QP drew attention to the silt curtain around the protected seagrass area, noting monitors here were continually monitoring turbidity.</p> <p>PP asked what the life of the solar panels for lights on the shared pathway was. .VN advised that it was expected they would be serviceable for a long period. SH indicated that it was SPC's responsibility to maintain them.</p>			
1.2	<p><u>Reclamation and Main Construction Area</u> The tour of the main construction area included the concrete batching plant and the storage of the concrete bases and panels cast for the counterfort units which will form the outer wall of the reclamation and the transition units for the link between the new Terminal and the existing Brotherson Dock. The trench into which the counterfort units are placed consists of a rock base with compacted sand on top. The visit included the reclamation area called the eastern berm, with the stockpiles of rock for the revetments.</p>			
2	Minutes of last meeting			
2.1	NH noted that in actions arising from the previous minutes, the section noting safety issues to be dealt should read "e.g. is a fire buffer required between Swinbourne St and Bay St?" This matter has been referred to the Port Botany Neighbourhood Liaison Group.			
3	Update on construction and activities			
3.1	<u>Presentation by BH-JDN (VN)</u>			

	<p>Landscaping at the Millstream groyne is being finished as well as the walkway and handrails.</p> <p>At the boat ramp the shared path is completed, landscaping and beach replenishment is ongoing. The associated amenities building and revetment are also under construction. Rebutment construction is to commence at the Penryhn estuary. Work is commencing on the interterminal access corridor revetment. Rocks have been stockpiled for the east berm revetment construction. Cast concrete elements for the counterfort units are being cast at the pre cast yard.</p> <p>Brotherson Dock transition units will be completed this month. Foundations works in the dredged trench for the wall units is commencing.</p> <p>A major milestone will be the delivery of a shear leg barge which will be used to lift the counterfort and transition units into place.</p> <p>A trailing suction hopper dredge will arrive late early June</p> <p>A Licence application for the dredge is being progressed.</p> <p>The dredge will be used: 1) to remove the sand surcharge from the trench, which will be placed in the reclamation; 2) to add additional sand to the reclamation area, excavated from high spots in the swing basin. This will be excavated and placed in the reclamation area to provide a consistent 15.5 metres depth in the swing basin.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
3.2	<p>JB asked whether the stockpile of sand in the Penrhyn Estuary area would be moved to the reclamation area.</p> <p>MC replied that this would be redistributed in the estuary area.</p>			
3.3	<p>MCo asked about the size of vessels catered for by the expanded port.</p> <p>SH replied that they would be 8,000 TEU vessels. Current vessels are up to 4,500 TEU.</p>			

3.4	<p>PP asked what would be done to improve aesthetics around the storm-water pipes on Foreshore Beach. MC noted that the pipe diverted through the Mill Stream groyne wouldn't be visible. Of the other two, one would remain the same as is now, and SPC was looking at possibilities for the other. JB suggested a possibility of diverting the others to the groyne. However, this would require Sydney Water approval and was difficult at this stage and would need to be financed. He suggested this was an opportune time to look at this option.</p> <p>PP asked whether there was a possibility of drains for stormwater from Foreshore Rd went into pipes that discharge on the beach.</p> <p>VN replied that it did not and there was no proposal for stormwater drains from Foreshore Rd as it is designed for this water to drain from the shoulder into the sand.</p>			
3.5	<p>MCo asked who would be responsible for maintaining the Millstream lookout after completion. He noted the best world ports have facilities for the public to be able to look at the ports and for public education.</p> <p>SH responded that SPC will have responsibility for maintenance and security, noting however, that this would be a public area.</p> <p>MC responded that SPC is committed to keeping the area in good condition. Foreshore Beach will have interpretative signage. The Penrhyn Estuary lookout will be the only public area will be closed overnight.</p>			
4	Environmental monitoring Monthly Report			
4.1	<p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN (QP)</u></p> <p>Dredging has been well managed with regard to turbidity. Large scale dredging has now ceased.</p> <p>There have been no issues with acid sulphate soils.</p> <p>Bird hazard numbers have reduced.</p> <p>There was one dust exceedence this month but it did not appear to be related</p>			

	<p>to construction. All measures have been within agreed criteria. A few vibration complaints were received in April. The saltmarsh is still doing well. There has been no physical damage to seagrass. There has been a decline in sediment deposition. This is extremely hard to measure as there was no preconstruction data available. Shorebirds numbers have decreased significantly and have largely migrated off site The silt curtain has been effective in maintaining water quality.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
4.2	<p>PP asked whether the seagrasses which had been failing for some time are now thriving. MC replied that seagrass levels were consistent with preconstruction levels.</p>			
5	Update on communication activities including complaints			
5.1	<p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN (LA)</u> LA reported that members should have received over the last month a Community Notification regarding dredging and reclamation; a notification regarding service works at Tupia St; the March environmental monitoring report; and the latest activities 'look ahead'. The Complaints Report will be distributed after the meeting. The Statistics Report was handed out at the meeting.</p> <p>The number of requests for 'further information' identified in the Statistics Report was due largely to requests from resident for their pre-condition property reports. There have been four vibration complaints since the last meeting, largely due to dynamic compaction activities at the east berm. There was one complaint regarding Foreshore Rd night works.</p>			

	<p>Some nightworks are coming up, one both in May and June. Notifications will go out.</p> <p>One complaint was received from a shift worker regarding piling noise in the park during daytime construction hours.</p> <p>Several issues around the boatramp have either been resolved or ongoing solutions being considered. These issues were around lighting, the beach pull up area and siltation around the ramp. A new channel has been put in to resolve the siltation issue. Ongoing monitoring is taking place.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
5.2	<p>NH asked whether the information from the project, including minutes goes into local libraries, as not everyone has access to the website. She noted that material particularly the initial material on the Penrhyn Estuary should be in libraries. She asked where the minutes are distributed.</p> <p>LA responded to her knowledge the newsletters go to the libraries as bulk numbers are sent to Botany and Randwick Councils.</p> <p>RR reported that as well as being placed on the website minutes go to the Department of Planning.</p> <p>BE noted that information is with customer services at Council.</p> <p>LA reported that environmental information and information regarding the Penryhn Estuary will soon be placed at the information board at the boat ramp. A new sign is also currently being designed for the existing lookout in the park.</p>	<p>Council to respond to the question of placing information from the project in local libraries.</p>	<p>Randwick and Botany Councils</p>	
5.3	<p>PP asked what issues were raised regarding pedestrian/cyclists.</p> <p>LA replied that there had been a request for an artist's impression of the pedestrian bridge to be made available to the public and a person from out of the area had been checking on pedestrian access to the beach.</p>			
5.4	<p>NH asked whether community groups could go on inspection tours of the</p>			

	<p>works.</p> <p>VN responded that at present there was too much going on for this to be a safe option.</p> <p>PP noted that a lot of the works were visible from the lookout.</p> <p>LA suggested that if community groups were interested, there was an opportunity for BH-JDN representatives to meet them at the lookout. Currently a static sign in front of the display with a “you are here” arrow was in progress.</p> <p>School groups have visited the lookout and boatramp which are public areas.</p>			
6	Modification to the Planning Approval			
6.1	<p><u>Presentation by SPC (MC)</u></p> <p>MC reported that on March 20 the Minister for Planning approved operational rail sidings along the Inter-terminal Access Road Corridor. The Conditions of Approval were provided to CCC members.</p> <p>Proposals for modifications for additional dredging in the ship turning area are in progress. The extra dredging in the swing basin will only remove sand and will involve changes in depth of between 1m and 2.5 m.</p> <p>Proposed modifications are progressing to seek a widening by 20 metres of the high spot, in the area west of the Molineux Point navigation channel.</p> <p>These modifications will be provided to the CCC when available.</p> <p>All dredged sand will be utilized in the reclamation. The total volume of dredged material will remain the same, but some dredging will be pulled back from potentially sensitive areas.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
6.2	<p>JB asked whether new studies regarding wave action had been undertaken as part of the proposed modifications.</p> <p>MC replied they had been undertaken by the same company and the results would be available when finalized.</p>			
7	Other Matters/next meeting			

	BE reported that a diving group, Botany Bay Watch, would be undertaking dives in the bay and would be holding a Clean up the Bay Day on June 13. They would be pulling rubbish from the bay and distribute information.	BE providing contact details for the Botany Bay Watch to LA.	Randwick Council	
	JB sought information as to who may be responsible for a water monitoring device off Yarra Bay near the old Yarra Bay Boys Home.	BE to check council records to try and determine responsibility for the water monitoring device at Yarra Bay.	Randwick Council	
	Next meeting – Tuesday 16th June, 3.30pm PP submitted his apology for this meeting.			

These minutes have been endorsed by the Chair, Roberta Ryan.

