1. **PRESENT:** John Saunders (Chair), Brian Price (Deputy Chair), Rob Liley (A/COO PoB), David Lantry (Port Superintendent), Duncan Gordon (HSE Manager), Tony Jones, Nicolas Pozniakov, Tim Lee Steere, John Higgins, Raymond Jordan, Brian McLoughlin, Derek Lee, Michael Ansell, Matt Granger, Neema Premji (Deputy Chair, SPA) Geraldine Darnborough, Michaela Hough (PoB), (Minute Secretary)

**APOLOGIES:** Gary Wood (Director, SPA), Clive Pearson, Neville McNeill

2. **PRESENTATION BY QUBE PORTS AND BULK – OPERATION MANAGER – GLENN GIBSON**

The Committee was given a presentation by Glenn Gibson from Qube Ports and Bulk on Qube’s operations at the Port. Investments have allowed Qube to improve operations environmentally as well as increase productivity and safety within the 2 chosen cargoes – iron concentrate and heavy mineral sands.

Investments include:

- 2 x Liebherr MHC
- 2 x EnviroHoppers
- 2 x dust collectors
- 2 x mobile weighbridge
- 2 x Rotabox and containers
- Machinery for discharge and logs
- 2 x diesel grab and upgrades

Iluka – Iron Concentrate

Previous tried and failed attempts to export from the PoB of the Iron Concentrate have been:

1) Berth 1 conveyor
2) Scrap skip bins
3) Bulka bins
The Rotabox was introduced in 2011 and after many years now have a smooth operation with the capabilities of 300,000 tonnes per annum, average 24,523. Local engineering is now being used.

A photo of June 2004 Berth 1 operations was shown as well as a photo of December 2014. This picture showed the Fast Frame operation, Reach Stacker and Mobile Harbour loading with the Rotabox.

Productivity and environmental improvements include:

- Rotabox MK1 which arrived in Bunbury May 2011. GLR 104 tph – 5 days loading using ships cranes – 10,036 t.
- 2 x MK2 Rotabox arrived January 2012 which had a faster and improved lid lifter. GLR 116 tph – 11,301 t.
- 2012 a milestone of 230,275 tonnes was reached with an average of GLR156.67 tph.
- 2013 IC season some vessels loaded 27,000 t parcels but taking 7 days to complete. 238,746 ton loaded at an average of GLR169.11 tph.
- 2014 MHC arrived along with improvements on the mine site & trucking lead to a season best of 329,875 t at an average of 213.50 tph on to vessel shipments of average 24,523 ton. It is taking an average of 3.9 days to load.

A graph of the Iron Concentrate Iluka Vessels was shown. This showed a steady increase.

A short movie about the Rotabox / Fast Frame was shown.

Glenn talked about Qubes biggest investments to date.

02/08/2013 the first Liebherr 280 MHC arrived via the RO-RO vessel and then the second Liebherr 280 MHC arrived on the 02/10/2014

B Price enquired as to what happens to any spillage on the Port. G Gibson advised that all spills get swept up twice a day and all spillages are completely removed from the Port.

CRISTAL MINING – HMS (Heavy Mineral Sand) was formally Bemax and has been at the Port for over 10 years.

Discharging originally took place directly onto the berth and was then loaded into trucks using Front End Loaders. This was very effective with several thousand ton at a time being loaded onto the berth awaiting transport.

Loading rates were acceptable for many years but at a price.

A photo of direct loading onto the berth at the inner harbor was shown.

2 x Page McRae Enviro Hoppers arrived on 27.07.12

2012 July – Qube Hoppers and Grabs were purchased. The Grabs are capable of lifting large amounts of cargo.

2013 August – New HMC arrives and Page McRae was engaged to upgrade the grabs.

2014 November 2 cranes operated at berth 5 with ultimate discharge rates.

A photo from 03.12.2013 of the First vessel operation with Liebherr crane was shown.
A photo of the 2 x Liebherr cranes on 11.2014 was shown.

A Graph of Cristal Non-MAGS Discharge April 13 – Dec 14 showed a steady increase.

- Iluka vessels have been improved by 3 less days of operation required to load
- 12 vessels x 3 days = 36 extra days of berth vacancy per year
- Cristal Vessels have been improved by approx 2 days of operation to unload
- 12 vessels x 2 days = 24 extra days of berth vacancy per year

Qube has been involved with many community events including the Truck pull on November 15 which had 12 teams participating in the pull and several thousand people in attendance to watch.

Qube also have an active role in supporting the Clontarf Foundation.

T Jones questioned if there is room for improvement. G Gibson said that there is still room for improvement and all parties will need to be involved to achieve this.

M Granger asked about the path of the trucks coming from the Inner Harbour to Koombana Drive. G Gibson said that there is an agreement between Wapres and Qube to cut through on the inner road if there is no crane but if there is a vessel in Port they cannot do this.

D Gordon praised Qube for the improvements made.

D Lee asked about the noise levels from the mobile crane. G Gibson said that the noise is very minimal and is a lot quieter than expected.

B Price enquired if the down time is minimal. G Gibson said very much so.

5.40 pm Guests left meeting

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 December 2014 were agreed as being a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: John Higgins Seconded: Michael Ansell

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. PORT TRADE AND PROJECT UPDATES (R LILEY)

R Liley advised that the dredger has not arrived yet and will be at the Port of Bunbury by March. An extension for Perdaman has been granted to the middle of the year and Lanco are still in discussions. The month of December recorded a 1.6 million tonne record with 90 ship movements. The 6 month trade average is up by 5.6%, was 7.6 million tonne now at
8.1 million tonne. A record year is expected. Qube has been very efficient. Grain is very successful, but with some ongoing issues to work through.

R Liley discussed the amalgamation and mentioned that the Bunbury team is doing very well with the transition. All legal items in regards to the amalgamation have now been completed.

Signage is one issue that needs to be addressed, B Price mentioned the bus and that the signage needs to be changed on it. R Liley said that it will be done.

The dredging team is currently still in Port Hedland and are due at the Port of Bunbury 4th March for 2 - 3 weeks. This will not be during school holidays which will be a good thing. There is no license for dredging of the Inner Harbour.

The 4th Pilot has been recruited and will arrive in Bunbury on the 19th February 2015 and will commence as a licensed Pilot on the 23rd February 2015. Having a licensed Pilot has made the process much quicker. The Pilot is coming from Gove.

T Jones questioned why the Cruise ships are not coming to the Port of Bunbury. R Liley advised they want to be closer to the Busselton - Margaret River area. The next cruise ship is booked at the Port of Bunbury for 2018. The South West region is still benefiting even though the cruise ships are not coming to the Port.

An independent study is being done out at the beach on Berth 1, a barge will be used to remove excess sand from the beach. T Jones asked if a pump could be used and R Liley said that there would be an issue of where the excess sand would be dumped. Discussions are taking place in regards to a new groin being developed.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT (D GORDON)

Duncan Gordon’s Environment Report Presentation.

Recent Activities;
A survey on the Biennial Introduced Invasive Species has been completed - awaiting the report.
Sediment, water quality and Biota sampling of the Outer & Inner Harbour has been completed - awaiting the report.
ISO14001 surveillance audit is complete no Non-conformances identified.
A Compliance Audit done by DoT in regards to the conditions of Sea dumping permit has been completed and there were no non-compliances identified.

SPER Update;
All technical studied now completed.
A draft SPER document is being written
Draft will be sent to the OEPA in April.
A meeting with the EPA chairman will be organised.
A photo of the Delta was shown to the Committee.

A graph on the Smoke impacts on Air Quality was shown to the committee. A very large impact has been seen in the days between 02/02/2015 – 08/02/2015

A graph of the daily wind roses was shown for the dates 02/02/2015 – 08/02/2015

A graph of the DER air quality for Wednesday 4th February 2015 was shown. The impact on the air quality is quite poor for Bunbury, Busselton and Collie due to the very heavy smoke.

There will be a meeting with the new CEO – Mr Nicolas Fertin next Thursday the 19th February 2015.

There has been 1 noise complaint since the last meeting, it was mentioned that this could have been whilst the crane was being packed away. The harbour crane is very quiet and the wind conditions would have to be going the right way for it to be heard. T Jones asked if Lights could be used instead of warning beeps. D Lantry said that the lights are not efficient enough.

N Pozniakov asked how often geographical surveys are conducted in the channel. R Liley said that surveys are done before the dredging commences and that a survey team will be coming with the dredging team. There will be constant surveying done during the dredge. R Liley meets with the dredging company every day during the dredging process.

N Pozniakov asked if the Port of Bunbury conducts surveys. R Liley advised that the above mentioned survey team is engaged by the PoB and paid for by the PoB. A survey was done in October and one will be done in February. N Pozniakov asked what the level was. R Liley said it was 60cm. A 12.2 channel is requested. 10cm = 10,000 tons per day is removed. 218 Tons of weed was removed last year.

Matt Granger left meeting at 6:20pm.

7. Community Questions/Issues (PCLC Members)

Neema Premji, Deputy Chair SPA addressed the Committee.

N Premji advised PCLC meetings will occur 1 week before monthly SPA Board meetings. This will enable either Neema Premji or Gary Wood to be present at the PCLC meetings. A SPA update will be presented at all future meetings and included in the Agenda moving forward. The Port of Albany is going to base their PCLC on the Port of Bunbury’s but will combine with the Port Users group as they only have a small group of Port users. Bruce Manning is the Chair of the Albany Committee.
N Premji wants one director to be at all PCLC meetings so to ensure that Committee members are being heard by the Board.

The new SPA CEO Nicolas Fertin has been appointed and will commence on 25 February 2015. The new CEO will commence the same day that Kevin Schellack leaves. The new CEO will be visiting the Port on 19 and 20 February 2015. Nicolas comes from a Port background

The CFO and 3 General Managers will be discussed at the next board meeting with the new CEO and then they will be appointed. A few months later GM Engineering will be appointed.

A presentation has been done at Esperance and Bunbury Ports on the Vision, Mission Values and Corporate objectives of the Southern Port Authority, with Albany still to come.

T Jones asked if the Staff levels were the same in the other Ports. N Premji advised that Albany have 17 Staff with all stevedoring outsourced. Esperance Port has over 200 staff as they do their own stevedoring. Bunbury and Albany are very similar and if Esperance didn’t do the stevedoring then their numbers would be similar.

Neema Premji left the meeting at 6:35pm

8. Other Business

David Lantry gave an Estuary Drive update. Talks are still being conducted with the Council and Main Roads. Remodelling is currently taking place to take into account Western Power, Gas & Water. 85% of the design work is due by April.

An increase in trade at berth 5 & 7 will push the Estuary Drive movement. Berth 7, 9, 14a & b are still available for expansion.

Fremantle Port is getting more hectic and this will have an impact on the PoB. Iron Ore & Car Carriers have been discussed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 8 April 2015
MEETING CLOSED: 6.45 pm

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Bunbury Port Community Liaison Committee