

# Community Reference Group

## Meeting minutes

29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 5:30pm

TIMING	AGENDA ITEM	OWNER
5:30pm	Welcome	
5:35pm	General Business Update	Roger Gray
6:00pm	Infrastructure Update	Alistair Kirk
6:15pm	Environmental Update	Nigel Ironside
6:30pm	Any other business	Roger Gray
7pm	Close	Roger Gray

Name	Organisation
Roger Gray, CEO	Port of Auckland
Nigel Ironside, Head of Sustainability & Environment	Port of Auckland
Alistair Kirk, Head of Infrastructure	Port of Auckland
Chris Mills, Head of People, Culture & Communications	Port of Auckland
Julie Wagener, Head of Communications	Port of Auckland

Shelley Ashdown, Communications Specialist	Port of Auckland
Lyn Eden	Local resident
Terry Anderson	Local resident
Mike Blackburn	Parnell Community Org
Luke Niue	Parnell Community Org
Paul McLuckie	Local resident
Gayle Bennett	Local resident
Tim Coffey	Local resident

### **General Business Update: Roger Gray CEO**

Half year results [POAL financial year is 1 July-30 June].

- Half-year revenue was up \$3 million on the year before to \$162.5 million.
- Underlying Net Profit After Tax was up \$400,000 to \$21.2 million. Full-year budget is \$52 million. Continuing to reduce debt.
- Lost Time Injuries down 85% year on year.
- Laden imports and exports are both up 8% year on year. Taking market share off Port of Tauranga.

### **Public consultation**

- The Long-Term Plan (LTP) is now open [opened 28 February] and there are three issues the Auckland Council is asking the community about: 1) POAL is sell Captain Cook and Marsden Wharves to Auckland Council and open for public use; 2) return Bledisloe precinct to the Auckland Council within next 15 years; 3) sell off 35-year lease of POAL and put proceeds into a Future Fund along with proceeds from selling Auckland Airport shares.
- Consultation period closed 28 March.
- ACTION: Julie to circulate LTP links and port position to those at the meeting.  
COMPLETED

### **Other general business**

- Rob Mair has joined POAL as GM of Safety and Wellbeing.
- POAL won Deloitte 200 Most Improved Business Award recently.

- Conversion of automated straddles has started. First straddle should be in service in April and will progressively go into service over next 18 months.
- Virgin Cruises are not re-entering the Australian and New Zealand market next cruise season.

#### **Infrastructure Update: Alistair Kirk, Head of Infrastructure**

- Rebuilding of pavements used by the straddle carriers.
- Improvements to systems to future proof as POAL moves more to electrification.
- Working on design for new engineering workshop which will be orientated north-south to have minimal exposure to Quay Street elevation.
- Bledisloe Wharf consenting and consultation preparation process underway.
- Consent for new Lumo billboard granted; will be orientated to minimise distraction.

#### **Environment Update: Nigel Ironside, Head of Sustainability and Environment**

##### **Air quality investigation**

- A new study will form part of the ongoing programme from last five years into improving how port activity impacts air quality.
- This new study will investigate particulates [PM2.5]. Between 8 and 12 percent of particulates are a result of combustion sources (black carbon). All combustion sources generate 8-12% of contaminants in the air. Seeking to determine what component may have come from port activities and gain a better insight into impact of port activity.

##### **Any Other Business**

##### **Quay Street truck parking**

- More trucks have been observed over summer parking on Quay Street in a bus lane.
- Outside POAL jurisdiction; ACTION: Julie to ask POAL gate ops team to mention it to NRC.

##### **Noisy ships**

- Comment from meeting attendee asking about the orientation of a noisy ship and berthing them in a way to minimise noise pollution on people.
- Shipping lines have POAL monitoring data for their vessels and are aware of noise level standards. POAL will continue to monitor and work with shipping lines to mitigate noise pollution.

Meeting closed.

**ENDS**