



SOUTHERN PORTS - ALBANY
PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 27th August, 2025 5:00pm

Southern Ports - Albany, Board Room
85 Brunswick Road, ALBANY

PRESENT

Chair

Ian Moss

Committee Members

Angela Ritchie

Edwin McLean

Rod Symes

Tina Queale

Geraldine Ennis

Tony Harrison

Michael Hunter

Southern Ports (SPA)

Regional Manager

Paul McSweeney

Environment Manager

Paul Mackey

**Community Relations & Partnership
Manager**

Shannan Beal

City of Albany Representative

Andrew Sharpe

Presenter:

Southern Ports Albany Harbour Master

Jean Naude

APOLOGIES

Community Members

Dawn Atkin

Simone Klose

Board Representative

Wiebke Ebeling

ITEM 1 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 5:00pm and welcomed the committee.

1.1 Records of attendance / apologies

Apologies were noted.

1.2 Declaration of Interest from Committee Members

Nil conflicts of interest were noted.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous PCCC meeting held 28 May 2025 were agreed as being a true and correct record on the 27 August 2025.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

ITEM 4 PORT UPDATE

Paul McSweeney, Regional Manager

- As of June 30, SPA had 4.68 million Tonnes of trade
- The last three years of trade have been the best, 3rd best and last year was the 5th best
- It is estimated there is around 1.5 million tonnes of grain to clear from last year's harvest
- A good harvest is predicted this year, rainfall is 400mm more than this time last year
- SPA have had a record fertiliser import of 280,000 tonne for the 24/25 year
- SPA have a preferred location for the new General Purpose Berth at Berth 4. Berth 1&2 are 70 years old, SPA hopes to keep them in good repair long enough for the new berth to be constructed
- In the 2024/25-year SPA have had one LTI which was a strained ankle, across all of SPA's operations. Safety is always our priority
- Pilot Station project is in its Design Development stage and is on budget
- The entry statement landscaping should be completed in the coming months
- Traffic Management Plans for in and around the port are being independently assessed.
- The surf reef is complete; City of Albany will restore Port assets used to assist in the project to the standard before they were used.
- The M4 wave energy converter will be displayed adjacent to Gate 1 at the Port.
- We have a Port Users Group meeting taking place on the 28th of August

ITEM 5 PRESENTATION

Jean Naude, Harbour Master

- The Port of Albany was established in 1826, and Captain Jean Naude is the 18th Harbour Master in the 199 years of the port's history.
- The role of the Harbour Master is ensuring the safety of navigation, efficient operation of its facilities and ship planning.
- Our role as a port is to facilitate trade, contribute to local and national economy, contribute to local tourism and act as an ADF and National Security access point.
- As a trading port we need the following: navigable water, berth/wharf infrastructure, access by rail and road, shore assets such as cranes, loaders, forklifts etc. We also need tugs, pilot boats and line boats.
- Future plans include - General Purpose Cargo Berth, 5 plans currently being developed
- 2025 - \$11 million by WA Government for business case development and concept development.

ITEM 6 ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

Paul Mackey, Environment Manager

- In reference to the previous PCCC meeting regarding Pampas Grass control. Paul has spoken to the City of Albany. They have a working group and a Weed Management Plan to tackle the weed problem in Albany including Pampas Grass.
- We will continue to engage with Impact Services and implement our Weed Management Plan to supplement the City's.

ITEM 7 CORPORATE AFFAIRS REPORT

Shannan Beal, Community Relationships and Partnerships Manager

The communications highlights since the previous PCCC meeting include:

- The Steve Lewis Scholarship was awarded to Thomas Hage, this will give him \$112,000 over his university education and work placement across our three ports.
- SPA held Day of the Seafarer celebration on 25th June. Southern Ports hosted a BBQ for seafarers, port users and Southern Ports staff attended. All seafarers received a care package either on the day or those that visited the port during the week.
- The Maritime festival was very popular this year. Our admin office was one of the stops on the Maritime Festival Trail for the kids. We had lots of families visit and ask questions about the port's operations.
- SPA employees took part in Cultural walks with Larry Blythe, as part of our reconciliation journey and cultural awareness training.
- Foodbank volunteering happened recently. Dylan O'Neill SPA's Operations Superintendent helped the organisation to do some maintenance work at their Albany site.
- Community Investment Program – Southern Ports has invested in 39 groups last financial year, reaching 50,000 people and investing \$86,799.
- Cruise Season will begin on 15 October, currently we have 13 ships booked in.
- Community Boat Tours have been rescheduled for the 10th and 11th of October.

ITEM 9 ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

Planning and Development Manager (Iain Robinson) to present on the proposed General Purpose Berth

ITEM 10 PCCC COMMITTEE MEMBER RESIGNATION

Dawn Atkin has advised of her resignation from the PCCC.

2025 meeting dates

26 November 2025