

MINUTES

1.	<p>ATTENDEES: Wayne Diffey – Apollo Bay Recreational Boating and Fishers, John Marriner – Apollo Bay Community Representative, Peter Biddle – Apollo Bay Ocean Rescue, Markus Nolle/Nick Polgeest – Apollo Bay Fishermen’s Coop, John Marriner, Apollo Bay Community Representative, Jesse Morrow – Apollo Bay Sailing Club, Frank Castles - Colac Otways Shire, Marcus Pola - Colac Otway Shire, Fiona Waddington – Colac Otway Shire, Cr Chris Potter – Councillor Colac Otway Shire, Cr Graham Costin – Colac Otway Shire. MINUTES – Cathy Donovan, Colac Otway Shire</p>	
2.	<p>APOLOGIES. Anthony Alfirenko – Otway Coast Committee, Bill Gross – Apollo Bay Community Representative, Russell Frost – Community (Commercial Fishers)</p>	
	<p>Meeting opened with an acknowledgement of Country</p>	<p>ACTIONS</p>
3.	<p>MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Accepted</p>	
4.	<p>STAFF MOVEMENT AT POAB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Healey has left, having taken up a new position at Apollo Bay P-12. • Cathy Donovan is the new Administrative Officer (part-time) commencing today. 	
5.	<p>TRANSITION OF PORT FROM COS TO GORCAPA The transition of the Harbour redevelopment and port operations is part of the broader transfer of land parcels that is being undertaken by GORCAPA with stakeholders that include COS and DEECA. The exact date of the transfer of the Port and Harbour operations from COS to GORCAPA is yet to be finalised but priority is for continuity and support of operations. This was affirmed by Cath Olive, GORCAPA, and she also said that the aim is for no disruption to port users, continuity, an orderly transfer of land and a date to be set by the end of 2023.</p>	
6.	<p>REVIEW OF HARBOR REDEVELOPMENT The review of the Harbour Redevelopment Plan by Shelley Fanning is close to being finalised. Feedback and comments from DEECA is expected by the end of today. Once received the draft review will be finalised and shared with key stakeholders including with COS and the Apollo Bay Fisherman’s Cooperative. Outcome and recommendations from the Review report will be made after the report is finalised. It was noted by NP that the delay in commencing the redevelopment is having a negative budgetary impact on the Fisherman’s Cooperative. He also asked that GORCAPA consider expanding the lease beyond 5 years to enable the</p>	<p>Cathy Olive offered to meet with NP/the Cooperative after the meeting to discuss their concerns.</p>

	<p>Cooperative to borrow more funds.</p> <p>Cr GC asked for clarification about any future consultations and delays that might occur as a result of the Review Report. CO assured the meeting that GORCAPA wants to avoid any further consultations and that she is aware of the budget constraints.</p>	
7.	<p>DOGS, DOG DROPPINGS ON WHARVES AND MARINAS</p> <p>Dogs off leashes and dog droppings that are not picked up is a continuing problem. FW advised that the COS Local Laws team is now involved, and that additional CCTV has been installed. The Port team is asking that regular user groups let members know that a fine could ensue if anyone is recorded on CCTV not picking up after their dog. Any help will be welcomed including a note and record of any occurrence that regular users witness and can pass on.</p>	
8.	<p>UPDATE ON PORT CONDITION AND CURRENT PROJECTS AT THE PORT</p> <p>High standards of port operations are being maintained by MP, FW and their team. The general condition of the Harbour is good. Positive comments have been received about the new boat ramp pontoons.</p> <p>Remediation of Structure A – the contract has been signed and the schedule for delivery is not yet set. CO asked what the nature of the works on Structure A. FW clarified that it is essentially grout injection and repointing and repositioning of some fallen rocks.</p> <p>Sheet Pile Wall (Structure D) remediation contract has been executed. Mobilisation is expected to commence in late January, with no major work to start until after the Seafood Festival in February 2024.</p> <p>The above projects have been informed and prioritised by the Break wall detailed design project which was completed between 2019 – 2022. It has provided a prioritised eight year plan for all Break Wall infrastructure and plans for staged funding for DTP.</p> <p>A budget bid may be put forward to include some of these issues by DTP in consultation with GORCAPA and COS.</p> <p>The VFA funded project funds are still paused pending the Harbour Redevelopment Plan.</p>	
9.	<p>SAFETY – RISKS, ISSUES AND INCIDENTS</p> <p>A number of issues and incidents were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM raised the danger a golf ball could have posed to members of the public as he witnessed a golf ball hitting a car. • FW raised the navigation issue as a result of fog, as navigation lights are not triggered in the dark when there is thick fog. NP suggested FW explore manual switch options. • The Seal has not been a problem recently and this was thought to be because of the increased bin capacity. A key factor is thought to be education of fishermen and community so that they do not feed the seal. • PB said that in the recent rescue mission, the light at the end of the pier affected night vision as it was so bright. 	<p>MP will review the necessity for the light at the end of the pier and advise on any decision to remove the light.</p> <p>FW to check on manual switching of navigation lights in fog conditions</p>

<p>10.</p>	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p> <p>The boat ramp bins and skips – the skip has been put back on the wharf as the tuna season has finished.</p> <p>Tambo Bay – NP asked if it could be located closer to town due to problems such as with tying it up and zinc blocks disappearing.</p> <p>Fishing Gantry Induction. Andrew Orchard is no longer available and more inductions are needed. Matt and Fiona will be inducted and WD will check other options. The names on the sign will then need updating.</p> <p>J Marriner asked if anyone had knowledge of outdated legislation concerning ‘Fishermen’s Reserve’ and rights to land.</p> <p>Proposed Freight Service application to COS for a permit to transport freight in Apollo Bay including cattle, mining equipment and people. Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COS are awaiting the outcomes of legal advice on the application. • There could be additional revenue attached to the freight use if this is successful. • The operational aspects of the freight use, including parking of trucks and loading bays, movement of cattle, and whether there is need of a planning approval by COS for a permit (based on the application by Bass Strait Freight Services) is still under consideration by COS. • A truck curfew might need consideration. <p>CO requested a briefing on the Freight Service application and its implications.</p> <p>Lisa Mills is the new Director of Environment and Coastal Operations in GORCAPA and has experience of ports, having recently worked for Geelong Ports. Lisa will be a key contact for Apollo Bay in GORCAPA.</p>	<p>NP will meet with MP about the location of the Tambo Bay.</p> <p>MP to replace the contact sign for the Fishing Gantry.</p> <p>FC to request a briefing for GORCAPA by COS on the Freight Service application and its implications.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>MEETING CLOSED AT 1.45pm.</p> <p>NEXT MEETING Tuesday 6 February 2024 12.30 pm</p>	

