

ARCSOPT Committee & Membership Meeting Minutes

17 April 2024



ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE COMPANIES, SHIP OPERATORS, PORTS & TERMINALS	
PO BOX 350, Adamstown NSW 2289	
Committee & Membership Meeting Minutes	
Date:	17 April 2024
Location:	MS Teams
Record of attendance and apologies	
John Finch (Chairperson)	Port Authority New South Wales
Megan Suurenbroek (Secretary)	MER Solutions
Port Authorities Sub-group	
Savio Fernandes (Deputy Chair Port Authorities)	Fremantle Port Authority
Carl Kavina (Committee Member)	Flinders Ports South Australia
Myron Fernandes (Committee Member)	Port Authority New South Wales
Rohan Wadhwa	Kimberley Ports Authority
Heathcliff Pimento	Mid-West Ports Authority
Warwick Laing	Ports Victoria
Lee Smith	Southern Ports
Mick Wall	TasPorts
Terminals Sub-group	
Mark Beale (Deputy Chair Terminals)	Port Kembla Coal Terminal
Craig Longmuir (Committee Member)	Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal
Sarah Mitchell	Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group
Deane Alty	North Queensland Bulk Ports
Jonathan Lafforgue	NSW Ports
Sean Boyle	Port Warathan Coal Services
Resource Companies Sub-group	
George Mathews (Deputy Chair Resource Companies)	South 32
Phillipa Keats	BHP
Gregory Braithwaite	RIO TINTO

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Dave Abeling	RIO TINTO
Ship Operators Sub-group	
Swapnodeep Mondal (Deputy Chair Ship Operators)	Anglo Eastern Ship Management
Vivek Venugopal (Committee Member)	NYK Line
George Laou (Committee Member)	TMS
George Evdaimon (Committee Member)	TMS
Shivram Voley (Committee Member)	Synergy Group
Gautam Kar (Committee Member)	Synergy Group
Constantinos Doucas	Alassia
Mehedi Hasan	Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement
Harsh Makkar	Berge Bulk
Jacques Riviere	CMA CGM Asia Shipping Ptd Ltd
Mukul Bhushan	Columbia Shipmanagement
Dimitrijs Adamecs	Columbia Shipmanagement
Gerard D'Souza	Eastern Pacific
George Vinod	Golden Ocean
Benny Low	Golden Ocean
George Gabriel	Golden Union
Antonis Nikoloutsopoulos	Golden Union
Lefteris Risvas	Golden Union
Sunny Sharma	Laurel Ship Management
Ghanekar Pranshu	Laurel Ship Management
Nikos Karvounopoulos	Laskaridis Shipping
Athanassiou Thanassis	Laskaridis Shipping
Jayant Das	Maersk
Devesh Lokre	Meiji Shipping (MMS)
Siddhartha Sharma	Meiji Shipping (MMS)

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Kenneth Santos	Misuga Kaiun Co., Ltd (Tokyo)
Singh Mukesh	Mitsui O.S.K Lines
Anthony L. Osorio	MMS Bulkship Management (Philippines)
Roger Brian L. Paiso	MMS Bulkship Management (Philippines)
Josefino E. Galvez	MMS Bulkship Management (Philippines)
Robin Gilchrist	MSC
Sunit Sikand	OSM Thome
Philip Tate	OSM Thome
M. A Sayeed Chowdhury	Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd
Song Zhang	Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd
Nirmal Fernando	Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd
Ahammed Sahabaj	Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd
Peng ChuXing	Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd
Alexandros Danousis	Seanergy Maritime Holdings
Biju Narayanan	Wah Kwong Shipping Agency
Gurpreet Singh	Wah Kwong Shipping Agency
Hare Ram Sah	Wah Kwong Shipping Agency
Manoj Paradkar	Zeaborn Ship Management
Associates	
Kotaro Norimasa	Class NK
Tateo Yamamoto	Class NK
Paul Markides	Intercargo
Steve Ainscough	MER Solutions
Hayden Latchford	Rightship
Yucel Yildiz	Rightship
Carolina Lestari	Rightship
Beant Singh	The Republic of the Marshall Islands

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Alex Schultz-Altman	The Republic of the Marshall Islands
Veronika Aspelund	Wilhelmsen Ships Service
Gamaliel Wee	Wilhelmsen Ships Service
Vineet Batura	Wilhelmsen Ships Service
Apologies	
Corey Carless (Committee Member)	BMA
David Kelly (Committee Member)	Roy Hill
Nicole Del Borrello (Committee Member)	Roy Hill
Jonathon Willis (Committee Member)	Synergy Group
Lindsay Copeman (Committee Member)	Pilbara Ports Authority
Item 1	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
1.1	<p>Minutes of the Last Committee Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 15 February were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Prospective members to ARCSOPT were welcomed and introduced including representation from the Flag State of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, MSC, Pacific International Limited. Also welcoming back Maersk (International) and Rio Tinto (Australia). Thankyou for taking the time to join.</p>
Item 2	Outstanding Action Items
2.1	<p>Formalising ARCSOPT as an industry body and Funding Model update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought guidance and advice from other similar associations / organisations such as AMPI, Ports Australia, CSSF and Nautical Institute) • Action ongoing: ABN application completed, submission pending. • Register with Australian Charities and Non-for-profits commissions as a not-for-profit organisation. • Open Bank Account for invoicing. • Funding Model was endorsed at the 2023 In-Person Meeting, the wider membership will be charged a membership fee to fund the In-Person Meeting, Administration and Legal costs. <p style="text-align: right;">Ongoing</p>

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2.2	<p>Terminal & Resource Company Sub-Group Members update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BHP have advised BMA will represent BHP has a whole entity. • At the last committee meeting it was endorsed to move BMA from Terminal Subgroup to Resource Companies Subgroup. • Action ongoing: Continuing to engage with potential Terminal and Resource Companies to fill these committee positions. 	Ongoing
2.3	<p>Mooring Safety Video viewing from Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Longmuir advised the Australian Coal Terminal Operators and AMC have developed a safety video around ship mooring line safety. • Action item closed. A video viewing will be provided in the Safety Share. 	Closed
Item 3	Technical Proposals & Guidelines - https://arcsopt.org/publications/	
3.1	<p>Technical Guideline 03/2023 – Marine Pilot Transfer Arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback for the revision of the ARCSOPT guidelines for Marine Pilot Transfers has been received and we are compiling the same for circulation to the group. • Ports Australia has endorsed the ARCSOPT guidelines for acceptance across Australian Ports. • MSQ is the only jurisdiction yet to implement. However, some Harbour Masters are in the process of asking the Pilot service providers to implement the ARCSOPT guidelines. • AMPI approach to ARCSOPT. • Ship Operator and Port Authority Working Group to ensure best possible guidance. • NZ Ports have issued a new directive with requirements similar to the ARCSOPT guidelines especially the man-ropes requirement of 12 months from date of manufacture. • Refer to presentation for a summary of pilot boarding arrangements related events reported at Fremantle Ports. 	
3.2	<p>Technical Guideline 04/2023: Mooring Guidance Document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mooring Guidance Document was endorsed by Committee on 01 November 2023. • The purpose of this technical guideline is to provide bulk carrier and container ship operators and industry participants with relevant guidance on matters relating to mooring lines, mooring winches, and deck mooring fittings. • To date there has been no feedback received. Encourage all to review and provide feedback. 	

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3.3	<p>Technical Proposal 05/2023: Pre-Arrival Questionnaire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal to minimise and provide a consistency of data entry for Ship Owners by harmonising the data required to be entered into the individual Terminal Vetting Systems. • Different Terminals and Ports have differing requirements due to risk profiles – one set of requirements is may not be practical – however 80% of the requirements are likely the same. • Modern vetting processes require terminals to have comprehensive information to assess vessels suitability to call at that Port/Terminal. • Vessel/Vessel Owner could maintain one comprehensive data set with some information that is static – does not change – some periodic – seldom changes and some dynamic – frequently changes. • Gather agreement across various Terminals that this is the method to progress. • Engage with Department of Infrastructure on progressing the MSW Concept and make IMO Expert Group on Data Harmonization (EGDH) aware of the activity and alignment. • Potential Delivery Solutions - 3rd Party Hosted Service and Maritime Single Window. <p>Ship Operators sub-group provided the follow feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very impressed and appreciate the efforts completed so far. • Main issue for the ship operators is that when a vessel is nominated, there are questionnaire requests from Terminals, Shippers and Charters. It would be ideal to have a uniform questionnaire for all parties (not just terminals). • Supportive of a single questionnaire for all. • Another issue was raised around the vetting and pre-arrival stages. The suitability of the vessel is decided during the nomination / vetting stage. The pre-arrival questionnaire is then completed a few days before vessel arrives at Port. Ship operators explained most of the information has already been made available to whoever has nominated the vessel. <p>In Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this point in time, it's about providing an acceptable solution. Kicking off the Pre-Arrival project with Terminals (for example Coal Terminals on East Coast) to agree and adopt the solution. Moving forward to then streamline further and be adopted wider. • Further decision on how this questionnaire will be hosted electronically and by what platform needs to be further assessed. • ACTION: Share and review Terminal Harmonisation Question Set across the ARCSOPT subgroups. All to review and provided feedback on the question set.
Item 4	Sub-Group Chair Updates
4.1	<p>Port Authorities</p> <p>Commence review on next topic that might allow on various working groups to work together to achieve a common acceptable outcome.</p>

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4.2	<p>Terminals Continuing to seek nominations for the new Terminal sub-group members to ensure the high level of expertise is maintained and the momentum of work is continued.</p>
4.3	<p>Resource Company Nil to update.</p>
4.4	<p>Ship Operators Swapan Mondal noted the high interest in the Pre-Arrival Questionnaire proposal – appreciate Ship Operators engagement and feedback. Also looking forward to the revised and updated version of the Marine Pilot Transfer Arrangements guideline.</p>
Item 5	Safety Share
5.1	<p>Mooring Safety Video viewing from Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal A viewing was provided of the 'Mooring Safety Video' that Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal and AMC developed around ship mooring line safety. This video is used at the port to show / visualise the risks and dangers associated when working around berths.</p>
5.2	<p>Portainer struck by container ship in Turkey Container ship arriving at the container port in Kocaeli, Turkey was unable to stop while maneuvering and knocked over the large container cranes. Incident does not appear to be a mechanical failure but manoeuvring and approach speed.</p> <p>Ships striking shore infrastructure remains a likely scenario that needs management from all parties including Ship Operators, Port Authorities and Terminals. Some data research from insurance claims during period 2010-2020 indicated over 300 instances of infrastructure damage.</p>
Item 6	Safety Management Systems for Bridge Infrastructure in Australian Ports

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Update from Harbours Masters on Safety Management Systems for Bridge Infrastructure in Australian Ports.

Myron Fernandes, Harbour Master Sydney - New South Wales Port Authority - Sydney Harbour Bridge

- Vessel passing under the Sydney Harbour Bridge are managed using the OMC DUKC system by assessing the pre-declared highest point of a ship to the lowest point on the bridge. A safety margin of minimum 2m clearance for all transits is maintained.
- Vessel air drafts are inputted as static data based on ships declaration. In some instances, the vessels air drafts surveys are carried out by the Port Authority survey team to verify the declaration by the vessel.
- Port Authority survey team has developed a survey standard that can be used by classification Societies for the issuance of an air-draft certificate.
- Other factors like tides, vessel squat etc are inputted as Dynamic data.

Mick Wall, Harbour Master – TasPorts - Tasman Bridge

- Bridge safety came back into focus last year when an ice breaker was rejected to transit / passing under the Tasman bridge to refuel. The vessel was then required to undertake a 'Non-Standard Vessel Assessment' including several simulation exercises of the vessel transiting under the bridge. As a result of the outcomes from the simulations the maneuver was not approved.
- Vessels that are permitted to transit the bridge have a LOA requirement, wind and current limits. Vehicle traffic across the bridge is stopped. There are strict regimes around Escort Towing and legislation around the pilot licenses used for vessels transiting under the bridge.
- Tas Ports are currently undertaking a full review of procedures in place for vessels transiting under the bridge. Potentially looking at using towage centre lead forward at the same time with centre lead aft.

Warrick Laing, Harbour Master – Ports Victoria - West Gate Bridge


- The main risks include the upright piers and air draft of vessel passing under the West Gate Bridge.
- Risk mitigations include a large protective bund around the piers of the bridge to provide an element of physical protection. As well as mandated additional towage requirements for all vessels transiting under the bridge.
- Recently completed a round of validation trials using LIDAR cameras to conduct real time air draft measurements through to the VTS team. This allows enough time to abort a vessel's entry into the river if the air draft requirement is exceeded. So far have seen positive results, will go live in 2 weeks and can provide an update at the next meeting.

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Item 7 Other business & closing	
7.1	<p>2024 ARCSOPT In Person Meeting</p> <p>PPA have released dates for the 2024 Pilbara Ports Authority Forum for the 21 & 22 October in Perth. Traditionally the ARCSOPT In Person Meeting has been scheduled around the PPA Forum to accommodate the international travellers.</p> <p>A short survey has been created to vote on the timing preference for the 2024 ARCSOPT In Person Meeting.</p>
7.2	<p>Next Meeting & Closing</p> <p>Next committee (only) meeting will be scheduled for early June, following that will be the next wider membership meeting in mid-July.</p>

John Finch - Chairperson	Megan Suurenbroek - Secretary
	<i>M. Suurenbroek</i>