

Port Tarakohe Advisory Group

Tasman District Council

Date and Time: 5 July 2023 @ 10.30 pm

Venue: Takaka Service Centre

Present: Cr. C Butler (Chair)
Daniel Hames (Port Tarakohe Services), Allen Reid (Talleys), Shane Bray (Sanford), Mike Holland (Clearwater Mussel Ltd), Roger Taylor (Enterprise Committee Representative), Merv Solly (Sollys), Martin Potter (Recreational Representative)

Present by Zoom: Ned Wells (MFA), Cr Henry Dixon (Golden Bay Community Board Representative), Hemi D Toia (Ngati Kōata) and Tom Lakes (Commodore Pohara Boat Club).

In attendance: Nick Chin (Enterprise and Property Manager), Steve Tennant (Port Manager), Stephen Batt (Snr Enterprise Portfolio Officer), and Christina Ewing (Enterprise Portfolio Officer).

Meeting opened at 10.30 pm

1. **Welcome and Opening Karakia**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and Mr Nick Chin opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies for lateness Cr Chris Hill

Apologies for Merv Solly, Bob Butts (Port Tarakohe Limited) and Barney Thomas(MKM)

That apologies be received.

Moved: Cr Celia Butler

Seconded: Allan Reid

Carried

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

That minutes from the 7 March 2023 be received as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Mike Holland

Seconded: Martin Potter

Carried

4. Action Items

The Chair went through the action items which were updated.

5. Port Tarakohe Managers' Report and Financials

Mr Chin took his report as read and welcomed Dianna Henshaw to the group.

Mr Chin outlined that Health & Safety has been a focus for Port Tarakohe. Council commissioned a consultant to do an independent gap analysis of the Port, which pointed out some areas that needed attention.

Some key requirements are:

- Appropriate PPE
- Traffic Management Plan
- Restricted access to the operational area
- Access only if inducted
- No Smoking
- Machinery certified. (Vehicles within the operational area must be legal).

Temporary ablution facilities are in progress for the berths, liveboards and commercial users. Delivery expected by end of December. The public are still to use the public toilets at the boat club and the portaloos. An application for funding for a permanent facility is in progress with Kanoa. Then the temporary ablution facility can be moved to the western side of the Port. This will be the third attempt for funding. Much of the infrastructure installed

(wastewater system) for the temporary facility, can be used if funding comes through for the permanent facility. Costing is underway for a permanent wastewater tank to be installed.

Water Supply

The Port Manager is working on the connections to the water pump, for the non-potable water. This will be for the wharf and boat wash. The Resource Consent should be in place by Summer. The portable water supply to the wharf is restricted to 40m³ per day.

Current Works

The wave protection, concrete spalling repairs, large berths and fendering works were discussed. Expected completion should be February 2024.

Other items discussed were:

- Independent H&S review
- The repair to road to clubrooms once trenching is completed.
- Improved bandwidth for the Port
- The Port Manager has moved the existing fence back from the road, to improve visibility and safety.
- NPD contract has been signed. The diesel bowser will be relocated by the end of September to the end of the floating pontoon.
- Penguin fence - foundations has been prepared, we are waiting for the fencing contractor.
- New entry signage will be going up.
- New weighbridge software is in the testing stage, once Council is happy that it is accurate, it will be rolled out.
- Weighbridge process – Lines verse Weighbridge charges study, this has almost been completed and will be considered by Staff.

Key Financials

Mr Nick Chin showed a slide with the Port's key financials. He explained that even though the port is showing a positive EBIDTA, because of the existing debt it's essentially showing -3% EBIDTA.

The forecasts are showing that currently berths are contributing the most income to the port, however, if we look at 5-to-10-year projections, mussels will be the highest revenue income for the port. The port needs to be fit for purpose for commercial use.

A discussion occurred regarding commercial verse recreational contributions. Mr Potter expressed concern that recreational user's fees have gone up in some cases 18%, yet no facility improvements had been done. Mr Chin responded that the general operating costs of the port have gone up, and as mentioned earlier, a temporary ablution block will be installed by Christmas and that a reliable water supply has also been sourced, this was one of the greater risks to the port.

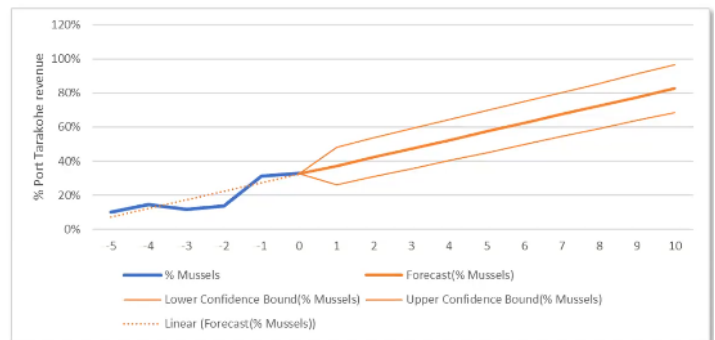
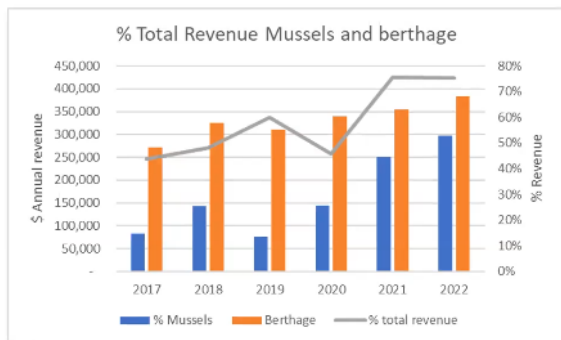
A discussion occurred around if the funding was secured, where the investment in the port would be. Mr Chin outlined that following the 2019 Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) case

study a sheet pile wharf and permanent ablation block would be the next projects. Mr Hames questioned if investing the money into the recreational area in the form of extra berths may be the better investment, as it seemed that the rock and mussel industry are working well together as is.

The floating dock proposal that was presented to the group, was not going to go ahead, as it was too costly. The port manager suggested it would be better to expand the current pontoon. Mr Potter agreed that the space did need to be expanded.

Key financials

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2021-22	2022-23	YTD May 2023-24
EBIDTA	-\$ 234,873	-\$ 205,046	\$ 53,729	-\$ 346,718	-\$ 192,069	-\$ 202,187
Interest and depreciation	\$ 330,006	\$ 338,082	\$ 389,128	\$ 387,710	\$ 399,213	\$ 415,472
NET	\$ 95,133	\$ 133,036	\$ 442,857	\$ 40,992	\$ 207,144	\$ 213,285
ROI (\$6.9M)	-1%	-2%	-6%	-1%	-3%	-3%



It was asked once the Heron works are completed would the parking become available again. The Port Manager replied that the parking will be made available again.

6. Port Taranaki Operations and Health and Safety Report

Mr Tennant tabled a report and gave a verbal update. He continued to outline the Operations and Health & Safety items for the Port which included.

Health and Safety

1. Water supply issues;
2. Private vehicles on the main wharf, this has improved with the new traffic flow system in place;
3. Port Induction, this has progressed and is in the final stages, everyone will need to be inducted to enter the operational area of the port;
4. Oil Spill kit, trailer purchased awaiting oil response gear from Maritime NZ;
5. New Integrity security system in place, Back gate being automated and Sifer cards will be issued with each induction completed;

6. Vehicles stopping at gate entrance creating bottle neck, this is a continued problem;
7. Speed limits past the port, staff are looking to see if speed reduction or measures can be put in place.

7. Port Operations Update

1. Still strong forward permanent bookings. Berths at capacity
2. Rock contract for Wellington Walkway is underway and working well with temporary ramp.
3. Weighbridge usage started to increase after a quiet couple of months. The forecast are encouraging.
4. Too much product is being left on the port for extended periods. This has improved.
5. New weighbridge software - this is at the stage of testing it will be implemented once Council are happy the weights are accurate.
6. Drivers need more explicit/accurate information when inputting information into the weighbridge– this is an ongoing problem. Penalties will be implemented from the 1st of July 2023. Including a \$700 penalty for trucks purposely not passing over the weighbridge.
7. Spalling repairs were completed with no problems.
8. The Heron Construction contract is underway and sensitive rocks removed with no issues. The main wharf will have a third closed off at time whilst fendering repairs are being done.
9. Some vessels are struggling to get insurance because of age and materials.
10. Western breakwater road will be reinstated when all pipework and drainage are completed.
11. Too much water in waste oil containers, this is costing Council thousands to extract.
12. Cruise Ship booking for late January 2026 – It was suggested that when the date is confirmed Mr Tennant would let Golden Bay Promotions know, so they could at a minimum let the retailers know.

8. General Business

There was no further general business.

The meeting closed at 2.03 pm.

Next meeting: – 8 November 2023

Closing Karakia by Mr Nick Chin.

9. Action Log July 2023

Action	Status	Assigned to:
Write a paper to the Enterprise Committee on Weighbridge vs Line charges.	Ongoing	Nick Chin

Confirmed