

# Committee to form bridge with KPA

■ Glenn Cordingley

Eight lay people will be nominated to act as a link between the community and vital operations and development at the Port of Broome.

The Kimberley Ports Authority has invited representatives with interests in commerce, tourism, local environment and heritage and local government to apply.

The purpose would be to promote and facilitate two-way communication, information sharing and consultation between the KPA and members of the public affected by port operations. The inaugural



**The Port of Broome.**  
Picture: Toll Mermaid

Community Consultation Committee would provide advice on effective mechanisms for communication and consultation with

groups interested in port activities including, business, government, local residents and special interest groups.

Other tasks would be to liaise on the development of port management plans and identify their potential positive and negative social, economic and environmental impacts.

Even though the committee would have no statutory powers and would be an advisory group only, it would provide regular feedback to the KPA and make recommendations on appropriate monitoring, mitigation and manage-

ment strategies. The committee will have a maximum of seven members and an independent chairman.

The community representatives will consist of one person from the Shire of Broome, four from community organisations, two members of the public and the independent chairman.

None of them will be paid.

While the committee is touted as community-driven, members of the public will not be invited to attend its meetings every four months unless they are invited and a ban on speaking or making state-

ments to the media will be in place unless approval is given.

Candidates have been asked to submit their resumes along with a 250-word submission setting out how they would contribute to the success of the committee.

KPA interim chief executive Charles Kleiman said it was necessary to establish the committee under State legislation.

"This will provide an opportunity for the community to be involved or to have input into port planning and also to be involved in what the port is planning to do in the future," he said.

## Business aims to aid reconciliation

■ Nicola Kalmar

Engineering consultancy Pritchard Francis cemented its commitment to strengthening ties with the indigenous community by launching its Reconciliation Action Plan at a breakfast function in Broome last week.

Staff from the Broome and Perth offices were joined by Nyamba Buru Yawuru representatives and local business and community members at the Mangrove Hotel to unveil the RAP, which aims to bridge the gap, remove barriers and build on relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The plan sets out practical actions the company will take to contribute towards reconcilia-



**Nyamba Buru Yawuru community programs general manager Tony Lee, Pritchard Francis managing director Arthur Psaltis, artist Maxine Charlie and Pritchard Francis regional manager Gareth Jenkins.**

Picture: Nicola Kalmar

event for our firm and one that we will recognise and reflect on proudly in the future," he said.

"As a firm and throughout our RAP we plan to commit to play-

berley-based projects. During the launch, Ms Charlie showcased her artwork, titled Reconciliation, and explained the symbolism in her painting translated

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