

PEEL INLET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

19th meeting held on Wednesday, 20th June 2007
at the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah

The meeting commenced at 9am.

ATTENDANCE:

John Hughes	Chairman
Cameron Bulstrode	Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Planning)
Phil Curran	Community
Dorothy Lucks	Community
Cr Zita O'Reilly-Carter	Shire of Waroona
Bob Pond	Coordinator, Peel Waterways Centre
Cr Christine Thompson	Shire of Murray
Bruce Tatham	Community
Kim Wilson	Community

APOLOGIES:

Martin Baird	Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Maritime)
Leon Brouwer	A/Regional Manager, Kwinana Peel Region, Department of Water
Tony Cappelluti	Department of Fisheries
Marilyn Gray	Community
James Holder	Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Maritime)
Cr Brian Joynes	City of Mandurah
Murray Love	Department of Environment and Conservation
Alan Wright	Department of Environment and Conservation
Colleen Yates	Peel Development Commission

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT:

Debbie Colquhoun	Minute Secretary, Department of Water
Adrian Parker	A/Program Manager, Catchment and Waterways Management, Department of Water
John Pszczola	Executive Officer, Department of Water

1. WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW

The Chairman opened the meeting and announced the apologies.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(a) Item 13(b) – Peel Region Fish Stocking Group

Mr Curran advised that the Group has funds available to research and investigate the feasibility of installing a fish ladder at the Pinjarra Weir.

Resolved:

The minutes of the eighteenth meeting held on 18th April 2007 were received and adopted, subject to the amendment in item 13(b) referred to above.

Moved: *Kim Wilson*

Seconded: *Bruce Tatham*

(b) Action List

1. Item 7 – Strategic Recreation Sites Consultancy Brief

The draft consultancy brief was circulated to members, and the final brief will be distributed shortly.

2. Item 10 – Governance Update (Soil Tests)

Mr Curran reported that Mr Mark Brown, Regional Landcare Coordinator, South West Catchments Council, responsible for coordinating sustainable agriculture investment, has funding available which can be used to undertake similar soil testing in the Peel Harvey to that carried out in the Avon Catchment. Mr Curran to follow up with Mr Pond and Ms Wilson.

Action:

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| 1. Discuss carrying out soil testing in the Peel Harvey Region. (<i>Phil Curran, Bob Pond, Kim Wilson</i>) |
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3. Strategic Land use Planning

Mr Parker advised that the Shire of Murray has recently submitted an application for dredging the Yunderup Channel, which is currently being assessed. The Shire has not sought to dispose of the dredge spoil on Boodalan Island, but a combination of the existing site at Warma Way and side-casting.

4. Confidentiality

The Chairman reminded members of the Code of Conduct for Boards and Committees agreement which they had signed. Public statements can only be

issued by the Chairman until the minutes have been ratified at the following meeting, at which time they become public information.

(c) Annual Report

The content for the annual report was noted.

3. REVIEW PEEL REGION BOATING FACILITIES STUDY 1996 – PROGRESS REPORT

Deferred to the next meeting as there was no representation from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

It was noted that the Perth study has been released.

4. DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE - PEEL BOATING COMMUNITY GROUP

Mr Curran reported on the last meeting of the Group. Some of the items discussed included:

- (a) Mandurah Boating Guide update – comments due 30 June 2007
- (b) Use of Boundary Island as a recreation site
- (c) Sullage management – DPI investigating sullage management in the estuary and rivers

He advised that he will be unable to attend the next meeting which will be held on 7 November 2007. Any member wishing to attend this meeting on his behalf to contact Mr Curran.

5. MANDURAH BOATING GUIDE - UPDATE

The Department for Planning and Infrastructure is seeking comments by 30 June 2007 on the 2006 guide. The following amendments or additions were proposed:

- (a) Include advice that no sullage to be disposed of in inland waterways
- (b) Show and mention the location of pumpout facilities
- (c) Include advice that no moorings are permitted
- (d) Include advice that non-powered craft only are permitted upstream of the Riverside Gardens boat ramp
- (e) Remove the entry for the Pinjarra Hospital
- (f) Change Water and Rivers to the Department of Water
- (g) Include entry for the Seabird Rescue – 0418 952 683

Action:

1. Provide DPI written comment as detailed above on the 2006 Mandurah Boating Guide.
(John Pszczola)

Mr Pszczola reported that the Department for Planning and Infrastructure Maritime will be presenting their preliminary survey and map of the moorings in the area to the October meeting, and in the interim they will be presenting it to the Peel Regional Park Plan Community Consultative Committee.

Mr Parker advised that the survey results from the 6 Point Action Plan should be disseminated to the Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

Action:

1. Provide 6 Point Action Plan survey results to DPI. (*Adrian Parker*)

6. CURRENT DREDGING, DISPOSAL AND RETAINING WALL LICENCES

(a) **Mariner's Cove Stage 6CA Disposal**

The bund is currently being removed around the northern groyne. The licence will need to be extended as the current licence expires on 13 June 2007.

(b) **City of Mandurah Stingray Point Retaining Wall**

The licence will be amended to change the construction for a small section to include limestone block around the existing heritage retaining wall. If the wall needs to be constructed during the wet, then a disposal licence will also be required.

(c) **Lot 189 Pinjarra Road, North Yunderup Retaining Wall**

The applicant has not yet provided appropriate design plans.

(d) **Port Mandurah Channel**

The City of Mandurah has lodged a dredging application which is currently being assessed.

7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PEEL WATERWAYS PROGRESS REPORT

Mr Pond reported on the last meeting of the Implementation Committee held on 11 May 2007 and highlighted the following:

- (a) No further progress on the Peel Waterways Institute
- (b) Work continuing on the indigenous cultural heritage project
- (c) Strategic recreation sites consultancy brief will be advertised in a couple of weeks

Mr Curran advised that a number of riverfront residents are unaware of the proposal for recreation nodes. The Plan needs to be distributed to interested residents, local authorities and developers.

Action:

1. Distribute *Strategic Recreation Sites Consultancy Brief* copy to members when available. (*Bob Pond*)

The City of Mandurah has released its tourism strategy.

8. PEEL REGIONAL PARK – PROGRESS REPORT

Mr Bulstrode advised that despite numerous attempts to employ a dedicated officer, this has proven difficult with the other volume of work in the Mandurah office and the general lack of planners. Therefore work is currently not progressing on the Peel Regional Park Plan. The Department is investigating employing a consultant to prepare the Plan.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) *Item 4 – Soldiers Cove Reserve and Wilgie Creek*

The trees on Soldiers Cove Reserve were poisoned to provide residents with an uninterrupted view of the Estuary. The cement sand dumped at Wilgie Creek was used for the construction of a swimming pool and was removed by a nearby residence.

(b) *Item 5 - Harvester*

The harvester is undergoing routine repairs and maintenance and will be in dry dock for 3 months.

(d) *Item 10 – Rodoreda Crescent*

Correspondence has been drafted and is currently with the State Solicitor's Office.

10. GOVERNANCE UPDATE

Mr Parker advised that a briefing note has been sent to the relevant Ministers, who will be meeting on 26 June 2006 to discuss this matter.

If the Ministers approve the Governance model, a cabinet submission will be submitted for funding, hopefully in early July 2007.

11. STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING

Mr Parker provided members with an update on the following:

- (a) Southern Metro and Peel Region Planning Workshop
- (b) Amarillo

The meeting adjourned at 10.05am and resumed at 10.20am. The Chairman left the meeting during the adjournment. Mr Pond assumed the Chair.

12. PEEL HARVEY EASTERN ESTUARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Mr Parker gave an update on the progress of the Assessment.

The Assessment will be open for community consultation in July 2007.

13. PHYTOPLANKTON ECOLOGY UNIT – SERPENTINE RIVER *LYNGBYA* REPORT

The Chairman introduced Mr Wasele Hosja and Dr Petra Ringeltaube from the Phytoplankton Ecology Unit.

They both explained what *lyngbya* is, why it is of concern, the recent survey in Goegrup Lake, and possible short term management options.

A more intensive survey needs to be undertaken during the lifecycle of the *lyngbya*.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hosja and Dr Ringeltaube for their presentation and they left the meeting.

Ms Gray and Ms Lucks left the meeting at 11.45am.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Fertilizer Action Plan

Mr Pond will be attending the meeting on 3 July 2007. He will provide feedback to the Council.

(b) Resource Sharing Initiative

Mr Tatham reported that he is working with Ms Yates and the Western Australian Fishing Industry Council over the next few months to prepare a plan on how to manage and regulate the resource in the future.

(c) Indigenous Representation

The South West Land and Sea Council are currently reviewing the custodianship for indigenous affairs in the Peel Region.

14. NEXT MEETING/CLOSE

The meeting closed at 12:10pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 15 August 2007** in the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah.

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Chairman