

PEEL INLET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

18th meeting held on Wednesday, 18th April 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
Murray Love	Department of Environment and Conservation
Dorothy Lucks	Community
Cr Zita O'Reilly-Carter	Shire of Waroona
Bruce Tatham	Community
Kim Wilson	Community
Colleen Yates	Peel Development Commission

APOLOGIES:

Martin Baird	Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Maritime)
Tony Cappelluti	Department of Fisheries
Marilyn Gray	Community
James Holder	Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Maritime)
Cr Brian Joynes	City of Mandurah
Bob Pond	Coordinator, Peel Waterways Centre
Cr Christine Thompson	Shire of Murray

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT:

Leon Brouwer	A/Regional Manager, Kwinana Peel Region, Department of Water
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 12(f) – Fish Deaths

Mr Curran advised that he was referring to ammonium nitrate being the cause of fish deaths in Canada.

Resolved:

The minutes of the seventeenth meeting held on 21st February 2007 were received and adopted, subject to the amendment in item 12(f) referred to above.

Moved: ***Kim Wilson***

Seconded: ***Dorothy Lucks***

(b) Action List

1. Item 3(d) – Members’ Reappointments

The Briefing Note has been sent to the Minister for Water and letters to will be sent to members advising them of their reappointment.

2. Item 8 – Acid Sulfate Soils – Professor Leigh Sullivan’s Report

As the report was presented at a public seminar through the Peel Waterways Centre, it can be treated as a public document.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Marine Safety): Peel Boating Community Group – Minutes of meeting held on 7 February 2007

The minutes were noted. Sullage pumpout facilities have not been discussed at this meeting.

It was noted that the Shire of Murray had been unsuccessful in obtaining funding under the Community Water Grants to install a sullage pumpout facility on the Murray River. This should be a joint submission with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure as a public facility.

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

The Boating Facilities Study for the Peel Region is still on hold until the Perth study has been completed.

5. PEEL BOATING COMMUNITY GROUP – MINUTES

Mr Curran advised that the next meeting will be held on 16 May 2007. He will take any issues to the Group from the Council.

6. CURRENT DREDGING, DISPOSAL AND RETAINING WALL LICENCES

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

Reconstruction of the northern groyne has recommenced. The contractors will advise when the bund is due to be removed.

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

This has been put on hold due to the construction work for the new hotel.

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

The applicant has not yet provided appropriate design plans.

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

Mr Pszczola advised that Department of Water staff and Mr Pride from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure had provided comment on the draft Strategic Recreation Sites consultancy brief.

The brief should be advertised within the next couple of weeks. Copies of the brief will be forwarded to members. The outcome of the Study will be incorporated into the Peel Regional Park Plan. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 11 May 2007.

Action:

1. Provide a copy of the Strategic Recreation Sites consultancy brief to members.
(*John Pszczola*)

8. PEEL REGIONAL PARK – PROGRESS REPORT

Mr Bulstrode advised that Mr Pride had been appointed the project officer for the Peel Regional Park Plan. Mr Bulstrode then outlined the next steps in progressing the

preparation of the Plan. It is anticipated that a draft will be available by the end of the year.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) ***Item 1 - Harvester***

Mr Pszczola reported that 4 tenders had been received. All tenders received were inconsistent with an asset valuation completed by the Department and are therefore considered to be inconsistent with the State Government's 'value for money' objective. All tenders have been declined.

(b) ***Item 2 - Fish Deaths in Lake Clifton***

The deaths were caused by high salinity levels in the water. The dissolved oxygen levels were normal.

a. ***Item 7 - Lyngbya***

The study is nearing completion and will be presented to the Council at its next meeting.

(d) ***Item 15 - Fish Kill Refresher Course***

Fish deaths were noticed on the Murray River near Ravenswood. The water was turbid and a strong fermenting type odour was detected. This appears to be consistent with similar rainfall events in the hills. Fish and water quality samples were taken, and the sites will be monitored over the next couple of days.

(e) ***Item 17 - Audit/Survey of Vessel Moorings***

The survey was extremely successful.

(f) ***Request for information on operating a float plane in the area.***

Mr Pszczola reported on a request for information on approval requirements and any previous attempts to operate a float plane in the area by Driver Skills Australia. No formal application has been received at this time.

10. GOVERNANCE UPDATE

Mr Brouwer reported that a meeting will be held on 27 April 2007 between the A/ Director General, the Chairmen of the Western Australian Planning Commission and Environmental Protection Authority, and the Director of the Peel Development Commission to discuss and hopefully endorse the draft Water Quality Improvement Plan. Once endorsed a community document will be released for public comment for 6 months.

Once the Plan has been endorsed, cabinet submissions will be made to establish and fund the proposed governance model for the region.

Ms Yates reported that the strategic group for the Peel Waterways Institute has recently had its first meeting. Discussions are being held between Murdoch University and Alcoa on a water chair with the Universities.

Mr Curran advised that he recently attended a soil testing workshop in Waroona and thought it would be advantageous to conduct soil testing to ascertain ph levels in the Region.

Action:

2. Discuss the possibility of soil tests being carried out in the Region with the Peel Harvey Catchment Council. (*Phil Curran*)

11. STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING

Mr Parker provided members with an update on the following:

- (a) Southern Metro and Peel Region Planning Workshop
- (b) Urban Development Initiatives

He advised that he had provided advice to the Shire of Murray on the possible use of Boodalan Island as a dredge disposal site. Mr Love has not been contacted by either the Shire of Murray or their consultants regarding any possible use of this site. Mr Parker advised that he would reiterate his previous advice to the Shire of Murray.

Action:

3. Advise the Shire of Murray on the possible use of Boodalan Island as a dredge spoil disposal site. (*Adrian Parker*)

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

12. PREDICTED IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE PEEL HARVEY CATCHMENT

Mr Pszczola introduced Dr Peter Hicks and invited him to address the meeting.

The presentation was also provided at a public seminar in the Peel Waterways Centre on 22 March 2007 with 53 attendees.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Oil Spill

A suspect oil spill was reported this week on the western foreshore near the traffic bridge. It was a water based soluble paint, which will break down eventually.

(b) **Peel Region Fish Stocking Group**

The Group has available funds to install a fish ladder at the Pinjarra Weir.

(c) **Boundary Island**

Mr Love advised that he had received correspondence from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure Coastal Facilities Business Unit advising that they will remove the public jetty on Boundary Island unless an organisation takes ownership of the island/jetty.

The Island is currently unvested Crown land. The Island is being considered in the Strategic Recreation Sites consultancy brief and will also be reviewed as part of the Peel Regional Park Plan process. The jetty should remain in place until these processes have been completed as it is currently utilised regularly. Mr Bulstrode advised that Mr Pride will provide a response as the project officer for the Peel Regional Park Plan.

14. NEXT MEETING/CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11:20am.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 20 June 2007** in the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah.

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Chairman