PEEL INLET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

15th meeting held on Wednesday, 16th October 2006
At the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah

The meeting commenced at 9am.

ATTENDANCE:
John Hughes  Chairman
Kim Wilson  Community
Marilyn Gray  Community
Phil Curran  Community
Dorothy Lucks  Community
Bob Pond  Peel Waterways Centre
Cameron Bulstrode  Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Planning)
James Holder  Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Maritime)
Murray Love  Department of Environment and Conservation
Cr Christine Thompson  Shire of Murray
Colleen Yates  Peel Development Commission
John Breeden  Department of Fisheries
Matt Turner  Shire of Waroona

APOLOGIES:
Cr Zita O’Reilly-Carter  Shire of Waroona
Bruce Tatham  Community
Tony Cappelluti  Department of Fisheries
Leon Brouwer  Manager, NRM & Waterways, Department of Water
Debbie Colquhoun  Minute Secretary, Department of Water
Adrian Parker  A/Program Manager, Catchment and Waterways Management, Department of Water

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT:
John Pszczola  Executive Officer, Department of Water
1. **WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW**

The Chairman opened the meeting and announced the apologies. He welcomed Mr John Breeden with the Department of Fisheries, Matt Turner from the Shire of Waroona.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

   **Resolved:**
   
The minutes of the fourteenth meeting held of 16th August 2006 are received and adopted, subject to the following amendments:
   
   (a) Page 2, Item 2(a), (1) 2nd paragraph – add to the first sentence with the words: As the spoil from this site “most likely would not” contain any acid sulphate and due to the fact that it may take some time to obtain permission from the Conservation Commission to use this dredge spoil on Boodalan Island, Mr Love agreed to commence the process now to be in a position to utilise this spoil when the dredging occurs.

   **Moved:** Christine Thompson
   **Seconded:** Cameron Bulstrode

   **Action List**

   (i) **Stakehill Road Bridge informal boat launching ramp**
   
   Mr Love advised that the site is partly road reserve and nature reserve.

   Discussion ensued on the future bridge location and road widening.

   (ii) **Water Resource Council**

   Memorandum Committees in Water Resource Management and transition of current Water and Rivers Commission committees noted.

   On Monday 16 October 2006 member Bruce Tatham formally requested reappointment from 1/1/07 to 31/12/07.

   **Resolved**

   Peel Inlet Management Council Community members resolved to request the Water and Rivers Commission Board reappoint members from 1/1/07 to 31/12/07.

   **Action:**

   1. Prepare Water and Rivers Commission Board Agenda Paper requesting the Board reappoint Peel Inlet Management Council community members from 1/1/07 to 31/12/07. (**John Pszczola**)
(iii) **Review of the 1996 Peel Region Boating Facilities Study – Moorings**
Correspondence was sent to the Department for Planning and Infrastructure Coordinator Navigational Safety on the 30 August 2006. Awaiting response.

(iv) **Murray Bend Public Boatramp Proposed Jetty Extension**
Mr Holder advised that the Department for Planning and Infrastructure is currently assessing a grant application from the Shire of Murray under the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme to extend the public jetty.

(v) **Peel Waterways Institute presentation**
Peel Development Commission officer Colleen Yates is to provide a presentation.

3. **REVIEW OF THE PEEL REGION BOATING FACILITIES STUDY 2003**

Mr Holder advised that the Study is currently in *draft* form. The Perth Study will be released prior to the completion of the Peel Study. He stated that the *draft* Study findings included optimising and improving existing facilities.

He stated that the Shire of Murray has successfully applied for a grant under the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme to establish a Murray River pumpout facility for disposal of the wastewater to sewer at the Pelican’s Deli.

Mr Pond, together with the University Recreation and Tourism, in investigating the establishment of a Research Workshop into recreation boating management. Peel Waterways Centre Funding is available and could also include boating demand and behaviour.

Mr Curran stated that a Queensland University study into 2 stroke outboard motors have indicated potential contamination water quality impacts.

4. **PEEL REGIONAL PARK – PROGRESS REPORT**

Mr Bulstrode stated that the WAPC has successfully obtained funding to appoint a temporary Peel Regional Park Plan Project Officer.

5. **DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE MARITIME – MARINE SAFETY BUSINESS UNIT**

DPI Manager Safety Education Officer Alison Coates provided members with a comprehensive outline on the role, objectives, issues, strategies and desired outcomes in establishing a Peel Region Boating Community Group.

Ms Coates presented the members with the Boating Community Group Terms of Reference.
Action: Members resolved to:
1. Write to the Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Maritime) acknowledging that greater cooperation between Marine Safety and the Peel Inlet Management Council is necessary.
2. Accept the DPI Boating Community Group Terms of Reference and consolidate the strategic alliance between agencies.
3. Nominate PIMC Community members Mr Curran as representative on the Group. *(Bob Pond)*

6. CURRENT DREDGING, DISPOSAL AND RETAINING WALL LICENCES

(a) Mariner’s Cove Stage 6CA Disposal
Mr Pszczola reported that the dredging and disposal licences have been extended to the 13 June 2007. A new settling pond and discharge point has been established. Construction of the second (downstream) groyne commenced on the 30 October 2006. The existing settling pond is to be remediated.

(b) Southport Stage 5 Disposal
Mr Pszczola reported ongoing problems with turbidity. Removal of the canal and Dawesville Channel separation bund commenced on the 25 September 2006 and was completed on the 30 September 2006.

(c) City of Mandurah Stingray Point Retaining Wall
No issues.

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

Mr Pond reported that the last meeting was cancelled:

(a) *Strategic Recreation Sites*
Mr Pond reported very little progress to date. Resources did not allow the City of Mandurah to carry out this task and funding will be withdrawn.

(b) *Peel Regional Park*
Mr Cameron stated that the appointed Project Officer task will be to integrate and link potential recreational and indigenous strategic sites into the Peel Regional Park Plan process.

The meeting adjourned at 10am and resumed at 10.20am.

8. EPA Amendment Act 2003 Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations Presentation
DEC Officer Mr Andrew Richardson provided members with a presentation on the current native vegetation clearing regulations since legislation became effective from the 8 July 2004.

Mr Hughes acknowledged and thanked Mr Richardson for his presentation.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

The Executive Officer’s report was received.

10. ACID SULFATE SOILS AND PEEL HARVEY ESTUARY LONG TERM DREDGING WORKING GROUP

The group has not met since their last meeting in March 2006. Mr Pond stated that he is awaiting the study report from Professor Leigh Sullivan into the Yunderup area which is expected in November 2006.

11. DEPARTMENT OF WATER/DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION UPDATE

Mr Pond gave an update on the current status of the formation of both Departments.

12. PEEL WATERWAYS INSTITUTE PRESENTATION

Ms Yates presented members with an outline of the Feasibility Study. The project scope, determination of the preferred site, main activities, draft concept plan, governance and management, business case, revenue sources, capital costs, conclusion and recommendation information was presented. Mr Hughes acknowledged and thanked Ms Yates for her presentation.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Mandurah Boat Show
Mr Love stated that there was an opportunity for PIMC to provide a display at the Mandurah Boat Show. Mr Pond stated that time constraints did not allow for the Peel Waterways Centre to provide an exhibit.

(b) PIMC 13 December 2006 Meeting
Cr Christine Thompson stated that the next PIMC meeting conflicts with the December Shire of Murray meeting and therefore will not be attending.

(c) South West Catchment Council
Ms Yates stated that two Marine and Facilitator Coordinators have been appointed. One coordinator is to be located in Mandurah.
(d) **Governance Update**
Ms Yates reported on the governance structure to deliver a water quality improvement plan. Director General briefing note’s, Terms of Reference and proposed membership lists are being prepared to establish a joint Planning Approval and Waterways Council.

(e) **Offshore Weed Harvesting**
An inspection of the South Yunderup Canal Entrance Channel, Murray and Serpentine River Navigational Channels will be undertaken on Thursday 19 October 2006. It is anticipated to commence harvesting the South Yunderup Channel on Tuesday 24 October 2006.

(f) **Waroona Shire Council Cr Zita O’Reilly-Carter**
Waroona Shire Council Officer Matt Turner advised that Cr O’Reilly-Carter is currently touring a Sydney subdivision located between the estuary and ocean

(g) **City of Mandurah - draft Mandurah Foreshore Focus 2020**
Discussion ensued on the current progress of the Study

(h) **Wilgie Creek**
Mr Pszczola advised members that the Fourth Pumping Trail commenced on the 9 October 2006. A Wilgie Creek Restoration Program 2006/7 & Pumping Trial Report will be presented to the next Shire of Murray Wilgie Creek Restoration Group meeting to be held on Monday 30 October 2006.

(i) **Peel Inlet Vessel Speed Limit**
Mr Breeden advised that the Department for Planning and Infrastructure Maritime are reviewing legislation that states ‘a powerboat may not be driven at over 8 knots in any water less than 3 metres deep’.

(j) **Mandurah Entrance Channel**
Mr Pszczola advised that on Friday 15 September 2006 the Department for Planning and Infrastructure Maritime, City of Mandurah and Port and Waterside Canal representatives inspected proposed navigational aids location on Fairbridge Bank and existing signage. An Action List was prepared.

14. **NEXT MEETING/CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 11:30am.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 13 December 2006** in the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah.

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Chairman