PEEL INLET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

21st meeting held on Wednesday, 17th October 2007
at the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah

The meeting commenced at 9.05am.

ATTENDANCE:

Phil Curran Community
Dorothy Lucks Community
Kim Wilson Community
Bruce Tatham Community
Bob Pond Coordinator, Peel Waterways Centre
John Breedon Department of Fisheries
Colleen Yates Peel Development Commission (from 10.05am)
Zita O’Reily Carter Shire of Waroona
Cameron Bulstrode Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Planning)
Alan Wright Department of Environment and Conservation

APOLOGIES:

Martin Baird Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Maritime)
Leon Brouwer Regional Manager, Kwinana Peel Region, Department of Water
Marilyn Gray Community
James Holder Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Maritime)
John Hughes Chairman
Cr Brian Joynes City of Mandurah
Murray Love Department of Environment and Conservation (on 12 secondment)
Cr Christine Thompson Shire of Murray
Debbie Colquhoun Minute Secretary, Department of Water

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT:

John Pszczola Executive Officer, Department of Water
Adrian Parker Program Manager, Catchment and Waterways Management, Department of Water
1. **WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW**

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr Pond advised that Chairman John Hughes had tendered his resignation. He advised that apparent delays in passing the new legislation that affects WRC committees may not be completed until June 2008. The Department therefore requests the continued support of the waterways management councils. Mr Pond requested nominations for an Interim Chairman from Council community members.

Kim Wilson  Nominated Bruce Tatham  Seconded Dorothy Lucks
Nomination withdrawn by Kim Wilson.

Bruce Tatham Nominated Phil Curran  Seconded Kim Wilson

Nomination was accepted by Phil Curran. Members resolved to accept Phil Curran as Interim Chairman from 17 October 2007 to 31 June 2008.

**Action:**
That the Council seeks the endorsement of the WRC Board to the:

1. appointment of Mr Phil Curran as Interim Chair of the joint Peel Inlet Management Council from 17 October 2007 to 30 June 2008.
2. extension of appointment of Ms Marilyn Gray, Ms Kim Wilson, Ms Dorothy Lucks, and Mr Bruce Tatham as Community Members of the Peel Inlet Management Council for a term expiring on 30 June 2008.
3. requested extension of community appointments (once approved by the WRC Board), being progressed with the Minister for Water Resources.

*(John Pszczola)*

Interim Chairman Phil Curran opened the meeting and announced the apologies.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Members noted the declaration of private interest and issues at the commencement of the meeting.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved:**
That the minutes of the 19th meeting held on 20 June 2007 and 20th meeting held on 15 August 2007 were received and adopted.

**Moved: Bruce Tatham**
**Seconded: Dorothy Lucks**
(a) Action List

1. Item 3(a) – Soil Tests
   Mr Pond stated that the Department of Agriculture and Food officer, Rob Summers, advised that the project is externally funded. Initially the project did not proceed but is listed for future consideration within the project cycle.

2. Item 5 – 6 Point Action Plan
   Mr Parker stated that the 6 Point Action Plan had been provided to the Department for Planning and Infrastructure Maritime Division. Mr Parker advised that vessel sullage survey results will support future project funding for a sullage pumpout facility to be located on the Murray River.

3. Item 8 - Peel Regional Park
   Item deferred by Mr Cameron to Agenda Item No 6.

4. Item 11 - Draft Floatplane Position Statement
   Item deferred by Mr Pszczola to Agenda Item No 13.

4. DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE – ‘PEEL HARVEY & RIVERS VESSEL MOORING PRELIMINARY AUDIT 2007’.

DPI (Maritime) Officers Susan Shave and Maggie Brennan stated that the Audit is confidential at this stage. They provided Council members with a presentation of the current status of the Audit. Approximately 320 moorings were identified.

Members resolved that Mr Pond convene a Working Group to provide the Department with feedback on the Peel Region Mooring Project Discussion Paper 12 December 2007.

The members of the Working Group are Bob Pond, John Pride, Kim Wilson, Adrian Parker, Bruce Tatham and Phil Curran.

Action:
1. A response be provided to the Department for Planning and Infrastructure on the Peel Region Mooring Project Discussion Paper feedback by 12 December 2007. (Bob Pond)

Mr Curran thanked Ms Susan Shave and Ms Maggie Brennan for their presentation and they left the meeting.

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

Mr Martin advised the Department for Planning and Infrastructure intends to recommence the Study Review in early 2008.
6. DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE - PEEL BOATING COMMUNITY GROUP

The next meeting is to be held on 7 November 2007.

7. PEEL REGIONAL PARK – PROGRESS REPORT

Mr Bulstrode reported that some progress is being made on the development of a Peel Regional Park Plan. He stated that head office staff are providing assistance and a Community Consultative Committee meeting is proposed to be convened early in November 2007.

8. ‘TACKLING ACID SULFATE SOILS AND ACIDIC DRAINAGE IN THE SOUTH WEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA’.

Department of Water officer, Dr Helen Astill, briefed Council members on the current status of the project ‘Investigating acid drainage in the South West of WA’ extending from Perth to Albany.

Mr Curran thanked Dr Astill for her presentation and she left the meeting.

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

Mr Pond reported that the Friday, 17 August 2007 meeting had been cancelled.

Pending discussions with land owners, Bob Pond stated that the Strategic Recreational Sites Terms of Reference should be completed next week and then available to be advertised.

Ms Yates reported that the indigenous cultural heritage project and cultural mapping has been completed and is currently awaiting approval by the Bilya Noongar Organisation Inc leaders.

Ms Yates stated that an announcement is imminent on progressing the Peel Waterways Institute.

Mr John Hughes entered the meeting at 11.00am. He expressed his appreciation to Council members, local and state government agency representatives for their assistance during his term of appointment as Chairman.

Mr Hughes left the meeting at 11.05am.
10. **STRATEGIC LANDUSE PLANNING**

Mr Parker provided members with an update on the following:

- The Eastern Estuary Environmental Assessment report and summary document will be released for public comment shortly. A Steering Group meeting is to be convened on Friday 26 October 2007.

- Southern Metro and Peel Region Planning Framework. Areas identified for protection include palusplain areas from urban development.

- On Tuesday 9 October 2007 the Department of Water convened a Drainage Summit at the Perth Convention Centre.

11. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

The Executive Officer’s report was received.

12. **GOVERNANCE UPDATE**

Mr Pond stated that the Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) has been released by the EPA for public comment and is available to members. The Department of Water are to submit a response. Council members are invited to submit comments to Mr Pond.

Ms Yates provided members with an update on the following:

- A cabinet budget submission has been submitted.
- As part of the process, Government agencies are progressing the proposed Peel Region Park and Catchment Management Plan.

13. **CURRENT DREDGING, DISPOSAL AND RETAINING WALL LICENCES**

Mr Parker provided members with an update on the following:

(a) **Mariner’s Cove Stage 6CA Disposal**
- Project completed.

(b) **City of Mandurah Stingray Point Retaining Wall**
- The licence has been issued.

(c) **Port Mandurah Channel**
- The licence has been issued. Port Mandurah Canal’s northern entrance trial agitation dredging commenced on the 30 September 2007 and ceased on 3 October 2007. Continuous monitoring was undertaken and no trigger values were exceeded during the trial.
(d) **Yunderup Entrance Channel**
A licence has not yet been issued. The Shire of Murray has indicated that the dredging will not be able to be carried out this year as they too are not able to employ a contractor to carry out the work. Agency consultation is progressing.

Mr Parker stated that the ‘Snipe’ conveyor harvester will be placed into operation on 31 October 2007.

14. **DRAFT FLOATPLANE POSITION STATEMENT**

The Council’s comments have been included into the draft. Additional comment will be added and the final draft position statement will be provided at the December Council meeting.

**Action:** Update the draft Floatplane Position Statement to include members’ comments. *(John Pszczola)*

15. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

(a) **Documentation**
Mr Phil Curran requested that members be provided with a copy of the following:
- a copy of the current Swan River Trust legislation; and
- a copy of the Draft WQIP

**Action:**
Provide members with a copy of the current Swan River Trust legislation and a copy of the draft WQIP. *(John Pszczola)*

(b) **Peel Yalgorup Ecological Plan**
Members to provide comment on the Peel Yalgorup Ecological Plan to the Department or provide an individual response.

(c) **Fish Ladder**
Murdoch University has commenced stage 3 of the Pinjarra Weir Fish Ladder project.

(d) **Ban on Catching Crabs**
Ms Wilson confirmed that the ban on taking crabs from the estuary extends to 1 November 2007. Fisheries research is ongoing.

16. **NEXT MEETING/CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 11.50am.
The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 12 December 2007** in the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah.

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Interim Chairman