PEEL INLET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

11th meeting held on Wednesday, 8th March 2006
at the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah

The meeting commenced at 9.05am.

ATTENDANCE:
Bruce Tatham  Meeting Chairman
Cameron Bulstrede  Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Planning)
Phil Curren Community
Marilyn Gray Community
Murray Love  Department of Conservation and Land Management – from 9.20am
Dorothy Lucks Community
Cr Zita O’Reilly-Carter Shire of Waroona – from 10am
Cr Christine Thompson Shire of Murray
Kim Wilson Community
Colleen Yates Peel Development Commission
Bob Pond Coordinator, Peel Waterways Centre

APOLOGIES:
Martin Baird  Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Maritime)
Morris Bessant Community
Tony Cappelluti Department of Fisheries
John Hughes Chairman
Cr Brian Joynes City of Mandurah

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT:
Leon Brouwer  A/Manager, NRM & Waterways, Department of Environment
Debbie Colquhoun Minute Secretary, Department of Environment
Adrian Parker A/Program Manager, Catchment and Waterways Management
John Pszczola Executive Officer, Department of Environment

1. WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW

Mr Pond opened the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and the lack of a quorum. He announced the apologies.
Ms Yates joined the meeting and a quorum was reached.

Mr Tatham was elected Chairman for today’s meeting and he assumed the Chair.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:
That the minutes of the tenth meeting held on 21st December 2006 are confirmed as a true record of proceedings, subject to the following amendments:

(a) page 2, item 3, action item no. 7, 2nd line – replace the words “sent a letter with no” with the following words “advertised their decision to not assessed”;

(b) page 3, 1st sentence – to read as follows: “Mr Parker advised that in his discussion with the EPA Service Unit, the Assessment Officer advised that it was an issue that may be dealt with as a condition of the subdivision approval process”;

(c) page 3, 2nd sentence – include the words “adequacy of the” between the words “the” and “information”;

(d) page 4, item 7, 2nd paragraph – delete the “%” symbol after the word “95”;

(e) page 5, item 9 Peel Region Park Progress/Status Report – replace the first sentence with the following “Mr Bulstrode advised that the Western Australian Planning Commission had ceased the contract arrangements with the consultant and that Mr Pride would be undertaking the project”;

(f) page 5, item 9 Peel Region Park, 2nd paragraph – the date to be amended to “31st March 2006”;

(g) page 5 – amend to state that “Mr Murray Love left the meeting at 11.05am”.

Moved: K Wilson
Seconded: M Gray

(a) Action List

(i) Minute No. 11, 21 December 2005, Other Business
Mr Pond advised that the proposed Acid Sulfate Soil Workshop did not proceed in February 2006 but is still being explored.

Mr Love joined the meeting at 9.20am.

3. DRAFT MANDURAH FORESHORE FOCUS 2020 WORKING GROUP MEETING 15 FEBRUARY 2006

Mr Pond distributed copies of the proposed covering letter to the City of Mandurah. The itemised list of comments will be included with the letter.
It was agreed that the covering letter should include the concern at the extension of the ocean marina particularly at Doddi’s Beach, and to list the key issues in dot point form.

**Action:**

1. Amend the draft letter to the City of Mandurah to include concern at the extension of the ocean marina, particularly at Doddi’s Beach, and to list the key issues in dot point form.

 *(Mr Pond)*

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4. **REVIEW PEEL REGION BOATING FACILITIES STUDY 1996**

Mr Baird to provide any available written material for the next meeting, and advise whether there is a timeframe for finalising the review of the 1996 Study. Mr Baird had also indicated that he wanted to obtain up to date boating figures during the Christmas holiday period.

**Action:**

2. Provide any available written material for members’ consideration at the next meeting, and advise whether there is a timeframe for finalising the review of the 1996 Study.

 *(Mr Baird)*

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(a) **Executive Officer’s Report – Item no. 21**

Mr Pszczola reported that the Shire of Murray had submitted a jetty application for a public jetty at Strain Glen (Centenary Park). The Shire of Murray has received funding for the construction of a jetty at this location from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

The floating jetty will be used by the Island residents and passing boat traffic. There had been a jetty in this location in the past but it had burnt down.

(b) **Executive Officer’s Report – Item no. 24**

The proposal is for a public launching ramp on reserve 26526 at Ravenswood. Mr Pond confirmed that he will be attending the Launch Ramp Feasibility Study Community meeting on 14 March 2006. Mr Curren advised that he will also be attending on behalf of Friends of Rivers Peel. Mr Thatham advised that the boat wash in this area is immense.

Mr Pond advised that it is premature to consider a ramp in this area while the Strategic Recreation Sites is currently in progress and the Ravenswood area has been identified as a high priority. Mr Free to advise progress on this matter.
Action:
3. A report on the progress of the review of the strategic recreation sites to be obtained for the next meeting.

(Mr Pond)

5. STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING

Mr Parker reported on the following strategic land use planning proposals:
• Shire of Murray Local Planning Strategy and Town Planning Scheme No. 5 – providing comments
• Attended Workshop on strategic project for the Southern Metropolitan Corridor (next workshop in May 2006)
• Amarillo – inter-agency site inspection

6. PEEL REGIONAL PARK PLAN

Mr Bulstrode reported that the next meeting of the Community Consultative Committee will be held on 31 March 2006. Mr Pride is the project officer for the proposed Peel Regional Park Plan. A copy of the consultant’s report can be provided to interested members.

Progress to date includes categorising land uses, assigning text to the categories, physical characteristics of the land, mapping, discussions with a number of State Government Departments and major land owners. Meetings to be arranged with the local government authorities.

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

Mr Pond reported that a meeting is being arranged with Mr Templeman to discuss the chairmanship of the committee and future direction of the committee in view of Mr Templeman’s new ministerial duties.

(a) Aquatic Habitat Survey
Mr Pond reported that Murdoch University is undertaking a major study of aquatic habitat in the Estuary. 102 sites have been identified. It is being funded through the Fisheries Development Research Corporation.

(b) Strategic Recreation Sites
Refer to item 4(b).
(c) **Murray River Action Plan**
Mr Pond reported that Mrs Crook has resigned as Ribbons of Blue Coordinator with the Department and has taken a position with Greening Australia but is still based in the Department of Environment’s Mandurah office. The position is Coordinator River Recovery Peel and complements current work on the Murray River. The next stage will involve upstream of the Pinjarra Weir.

Mrs Thompson confirmed that the Shire of Murray has formed an Inland Waterways Advisory Committee reporting to the full Council. The Committee has met once and is currently establishing its terms of reference. Mr Parker advised that he and Mr Pszczola would like to attend their meetings.

(d) **Peel Waterways Institute**
Ms Yates reported on the 3 recommendations from the Plan which the Peel Development Commission are progressing:

(i) **Peel Waterways Institute**
The consultants are progressing well developing the business case, assessing sites for the proposed Institute and how the structure can move forward. It is anticipated that the draft plan will be available in April 2006 and the final by June 2006.

(ii) **Indigenous Tourism for Economic Development**
Commenced project “Restoring Connections” looking at heritage sites and cultural mapping on the eastern side of the Estuary. A management plan will be prepared.

(iii) **Identify Saleable Products from Weed Harvesting**
The focus of this project has been changed from macroalgae to microalgae as it is not feasible to develop saleable projects using macroalgae.

A project is being developed by the Peel Development Commission, Murdoch University and South Australian Research & Development Institute.

(e) **Eastern Estuary Environmental Assessment**
Mr Parker reported that URS is the consultant. The Western Australian Planning Commission has contributed $50,000 to this project. The consultant has just released a draft “Peel Harvey State of Play” which will be considered by the Committee in the next few weeks, with the intention of releasing the document for public comment in April 2006. It is hoped to have the document jointly released by Ministers McGowan and Templeman. Due to the increase in study area, the completion of the project will be extended to the next financial year.

The meeting adjourned at 10.20am and resumed at 10.35am.
8. PROPOSED LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 SOUTH YUNDERUP ROAD, SOUTH YUNDERUP – MURRAY LAKES DEVELOPMENT

The Chairman welcomed Ron Lyster from Satterley, Jane Pollard from Chappell & Lambert, Kathy Choo and David Simm from RPS Bowman Bishaw and Gorham and Phil Bayley. He invited them to address the meeting.

The proposal is titled “Austin Cove” and proposed to create approximately 2,500 lots over a staged development. The first stage borders South Yunderup Road to the south over which there is a current approved ODP. The second stage is proposed for the southern portion of the total parcel of land along the proposed Peel Deviation. A draft ODP over the second stage is currently being developed.

Further investigations will be undertaken on vegetation, fauna and habitat, and management plans prepared for wetlands, mosquitos, urban water, acid sulfate soil and dewatering.

Items raised include source and amount of fill, public access to the estuary (particularly through the Austin Bay nature reserve), access from the Peel Deviation, water for the proposed water feature.

The Chairman thanked them for their presentation and they left the meeting at 11.30am.

9. CURRENT DREDGING, DISPOSAL AND RETAINING WALL LICENCES

(a) Mariner’s Cove Stage 6CA – Disposal Licence
   Ongoing. Managed effectively.

(b) Southport Stage 5 – Disposal Licence
   Ongoing issues with turbidity from the operation. Part of the canal will need to be re-excavated, but this will involve minor dewatering. Regular inspections are carried out to monitor the turbidity.

   No leaching from the disused tip has occurred during the dewatering operations.

   The Eastport development has been assessed by the EPA as “not assessed public advice given”. The appeal period is now in place.

(c) The Palladio, Mandurah Ocean Marina – Disposal Licence
   Minor project.

(d) G Jenkins, Furnissdale – Retaining Wall Licence
   Small retaining wall around his jetty.
10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

The Executive Officer’s report was received.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) City of Mandurah - Port Mandurah Entrance Channel – Proposed Agitation Dredging
At a recent meeting of the Acid Sulfate Soil and Peel Harvey Estuary Long Term Dredging Working Group it was reported that more accretion of sediment is coming off the Fairbridge Bank and into the Port Mandurah Canal. The City of Mandurah has proposed an agitation trial. The Department of Environment is awaiting a revised management plan addressing noise, odour, turbidity, acid sulfate soil etc.

However, the revised plan may not be received in time for the trial to commence this season, and dredging may need to be undertaken during winter to take advantage of the dredging machine that will be in the area at this time.

(b) Shire of Murray – South Yunderup Channel – Proposed Dredging
The Shire of Murray has arranged for the dredging machine to operate this winter. The Shire needs to provide a long term management plan for dredging, spoil disposal options and remediation of Goongoolup Island. Cr Thompson also advised that the Shire is requesting the Department for Planning and Infrastructure to assume responsibility for dredging this Entrance Channel.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Recreational Net Fishing
Ms Yates highlighted the recent changes to the recreational net fishing rules. Some of the issues raised include changing from a Wednesday night to Friday and Saturday nights which will increase the volume of people net fishing, leaving the nets in the water overnight, other aquatic species that can be caught up in the nets, managing compliance with the rules etc. The Council to consider writing to the Water and Rivers Commission Board to raise their concerns.

(b) Peel Harvey Catchment Council – Annual Forum
The Peel Harvey Catchment Council will be holding their annual forum on 24 March 2006. Presentations will include updates on community projects.

13. NEXT MEETING/CLOSE

The meeting closed at 12 noon.
The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 19 April 2006** in the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah.

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Chairman