PEEL INLET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

20th meeting held on Wednesday, 15th August 2007
at the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah

The meeting commenced at 9.05am.

ATTENDANCE:

Phil Curran          Community
Dorothy Lucks       Community
Bob Pond            Coordinator, Peel Waterways Centre
Allan Shields       Department of Fisheries
Bruce Tatham        Community
Colleen Yates       Peel Development Commission

APOLOGIES:

Martin Baird        Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Maritime)
Leon Brouwer        A/Regional Manager, Kwinana Peel Region, Department of Water
Cameron Bulstrode   Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Planning)
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
Cr Zita O’Reilly-Carter Shire of Waroona
Adrian Parker       A/Program Manager, Catchment and Waterways Management, Department of Water
John Pszczola       Executive Officer, Department of Water
Cr Christine Thompson Shire of Murray
Kim Wilson          Community

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT:

Debbie Colquhoun    Minute Secretary, Department of Water
1. **WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW**

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr Pond chaired the meeting.

The meeting was held in Committee due to the lack of a quorum.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Discussion ensued on the declaration of interest and confidentiality issue.

Members expressed concern that they needed to wait until the next meeting and the minutes are ratified before they can discuss issues from the Council meetings within their community as the meetings are only held every 2 months. It was agreed that members exercise their own judgement in passing on matters discussed at the Council meeting to the community. It was confirmed that any matters to be released to the press will only be made through the Chairman.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

This record of meeting to be adopted at the next meeting of the Council on 17 October 2007.

(a) **Action List**

1. **Item 2(b) – Soil Tests**

   Mr Curran reported on discussions with Mark Brown, Regional Landcare Coordinator, South West Catchments Council, and Rob Summers from the Department of Agriculture and Food.

   While the concept for carrying out soil tests in the Peel Harvey Catchment was supported in principle, the support from the Peel Inlet Management Council or landcare group is required to reallocate funding to carry out the tests.

   **Action:**
   1. The Department of Water write to the Department of Agriculture and Food at an officer level to seek further details on the soil testing and advising of the Peel Inlet Management Council’s interest in the project. *(Bob Pond)*

2. **Item 5 – 6 Point Action Plan**

   To be confirmed at the next meeting whether the survey results of the 6 Point Action Plan have been provided to the Department for Planning and Infrastructure.
Action:
2. Provide the 6 Point Action Plan survey results to the Department for Planning and Infrastructure. (Adrian Parker)

3. **Item 7 - Strategic Recreation Sites Consultancy Brief**
   Mr Pond circulated a copy of the proposed consultancy brief for the Strategic Recreation Sites project. The brief should be advertised for tender in the next couple of weeks.

   Mr Tatham suggested that an inspection of Boundary Island needed to be carried out in the meantime to ascertain what exotic plant species were currently growing on the island and to remove them.

4. **Item 14(a) - Fertilizer Action Plan**
   Mr Pond reported on the recent consultation forum. The Plan received general support. It is being progressed, however, it has not yet been financed.

4. **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.

5. **DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE - PEEL BOATING COMMUNITY GROUP**
   The next meeting is on 7 November 2007.

6. **CURRENT DREDGING, DISPOSAL AND RETAINING WALL LICENCES**
   (a) **Mariner’s Cove Stage 6CA Disposal**
       The term of the licence has been extended as the contractor is behind in completing the work.

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

   (c) **Lot 189 Pinjarra Road, North Yunderup Retaining Wall**
       No further progress.

   (d) **Port Mandurah Channel**
       The licence has been issued. However, the City of Mandurah will not be able to dredge this season but will conduct an agitation exercise as there are no contractors available to undertake any dredging at this time.
(e) **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.

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

Mr Pond reported that the last meeting had been cancelled and that the next meeting will be held on Friday, 17 August 2007.

The Committee will be assessing which strategies can be commenced. However, a majority of the strategies are dependent on the Peel Regional Park Plan, which has not progressed.

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.

No further progress has been made on the Peel Waterways Institute.

The Peel Development Commission will be presenting a proposal for a bio-industrial park to Minister Logan this week.

The Eastern Estuary Environmental Assessment report and summary document will be released for public comment in September 2007.

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

Mr Pond reported that some progress is being made on the development of a Peel Regional Park Plan.

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<td>3. The Chairman to request a meeting be called of the Community Consultative Committee to receive an update on the progress of the Peel Regional Park Plan.</td>
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9. **GOVERNANCE UPDATE**

Ms Yates circulated a copy of the presentation made to the relevant Ministers on the proposed Governance model on 29 June 2007. The model has received endorsement from the Director Generals of the relevant agencies. Each of the Ministers endorsed the
Governance model but the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure requested further information on how the model will work.

A list of recommendations is currently being prepared to address the Minister’s concerns and will be finalised by the end of August 2007. The Department of Treasury and Finance is also being kept informed on the proposed funding required.

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

The Executive Officer’s report was received.

11. DRAFT FLOATPLANE POSITION STATEMENT

The environmental impact and amenity issues of a floatplane operation needs to be included in the position statement, along with other members’ comments already provided to the Department of Water.

| Action: |
| 4. Update the position statement to include members’ comments. (John Pszczola) |

12. NEXT MEETING/CLOSE

The meeting closed at 10.35am.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 17 October 2007** in the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah.

Chairman