PEEL INLET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

16th meeting held on Wednesday, 13th December 2006
At the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah

The meeting commenced at 9.10am.

ATTENDANCE:
Bob Pond A/Chairman Peel Waterways Centre
Marilyn Gray Community (from 10am)
Phil Curran Community
Bruce Tatham Community
Cameron Bulstrode Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Planning)
Murray Love Department of Environment and Conservation
Colleen Yates Peel Development Commission
Tony Cappelluti Department of Fisheries
Bryan Joynes City of Mandurah

APOLOGIES:
Kim Wilson Community
Dorothy Lucks Community
John Hughes Chairman
Cr Zita O’Reilly-Carter Shire of Waroona
Cr Christine Thompson Shire of Murray
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 A/Chairman Mr Pond opened the meeting and announced the apologies.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved:
The minutes of the fifteenth meeting held of 16th October 2006 are received and adopted, subject to the following amendments:
Page 3, Item 4. Mr Bulstrode stated that the DPI had successfully received ‘funding from the WAPC’ to appoint a temporary Peel Regional Park Plan Project Officer.

Mr Bulstrode stated that staff appointments should commence duty late January 2007 and the appointee’s first task will be to prepare a Jetty Policy.

Moved: Murray Love
Seconded: Colleen Yates

(a) Action List

(i) PIMC member reappointments from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007.

Mr Pond advised that the Water and Rivers Commission Board requested further information and that Council member reappointments will be resolved by the Board on Friday 15 December 2006.

(ii) DPI Marine Safety

Mr Pond said that correspondence dated 31 October 2006 was received from the DPI Manager Safety Education Alison Coates with a proposed Partnership Agreement: Peel Inlet Management Council and Peel Boating Community Group.

Mr Curran stated that the inaugural meeting of the Peel Boating Community Group was convened on Monday 4 December 2006. The next meeting is to be held on the 7 February 2007. He said that boating safety issues, speeding vessels, policing waterways, environment concerns etc were raised at the meeting.

Action: Members resolved to:
1: Adopt the Partnership Agreement: Peel Inlet Management Council and Peel Boating Community Group.
2: Obtain a copy of the Peel Boating Community Group inaugural meeting minutes held on the 4 December 2006 for the next PIMC meeting

Moved: Bruce Tatham Seconded: Phil Curran (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. PIMC is waiting for a response.

Mr Bullstrode stated that he would contact DPI. He was concerned that public waterways private jetties and moorings community demand is increasing as a result of larger size vessels in public and artificial waterways.

Mr Cappelluti stated that commercial vessel operation mooring demand along the west coast has increased significantly.

Mr Pond stated that the Waterways Conservation Act 1976 requires state and local government agencies to refer public waterways structure developments to the Department of Water for comment and recommendations.

General discussion ensued.

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(b) Correspondence

(i) Main Roads WA
New Perth Bunbury Highway Dialogue with the Community Workshop.

Workshop dates – Noted

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

4. CURRENT DREDGING, DISPOSAL AND RETAINING WALL LICENCES

(a) Mariner’s Cove Stage 6CA Disposal
Mr Pszczola reported that the DPI Maritime had concerns with the design plans of the northern groyne and the construction of the groyne had been therefore delayed by three weeks.

Mr Pond stated that the removal of the bunding may result in turbidity in the Mandurah Entrance Channel during January 2007 holiday period.
(b) City of Mandurah Stingray Point Retaining Wall
No issues.

Mr Joynes stated that the rock revetment wall was constructed in 1871, had been renovated several times during the years and had historical importance.

(c) Port Mandurah Canal Entrance Channel
Mr Pszczola stated that an application to dredge the channel had been received and is currently being assessed.

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

Mr Pond reported that the last two meeting were cancelled:

(a) Strategic Recreation Sites
Mr Pond reported that resources did not allow the City of Mandurah to carry out this task and funding will be withdrawn. This project will now be managed internally.

(b) Eastern Estuary Environmental Assessment
Mr Pond reported that stakeholder comment had been received and the document required significant amendments. The final document is to be released in February 2007.

(c) Peel Waterways Centre
Ms Yates stated that the Peel Development Commission is progressing support and funding options for the project.

(d) Reef Ball Project
Mr Pond stated that the Peel Harvey Catchment Council had their project application refused. Artificial waterways public support is being sought prior to resubmitting further applications.

(e) Peel Waterways Cultural Mapping
Ms Yates stated that Peel-Harvey Waterways identification of indigenous sites phase 1 and 2 had been completed and several sites are to be registered.

The meeting adjourned at 10.05am and resumed at 10.20am. Mr Bulstrode left the meeting.

6. City of Mandurah Foreshore Focus 2020 Study Presentation
City of Mandurah Officer Tony Free provided members with a presentation on the current status of the draft Study since public consultation commenced in May 2005. Mr Free tabled an Extract from draft Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 11 December 2006. He stated that the combined Department of Environment/PIMC submission was taken into account in the preparation of the Officer’s report to Council.
A final plan has not been completed. The final report has been deferred and a workshop is to be held in February 2007 prior to presentation to full Council in March 2007.

Mr Joynes stated that the basic vision has support of elected Council members.

Mr Pond acknowledged and thanked Mr Free for his presentation.

7. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

The Executive Officer’s report was received.

Mr Pszczola stated that 196 cubic metres of rope weed was harvested from the Murray Serpentine River Navigational Entrance Channel from the 28 November to 7 December 2007.

Item No 9: He advised that extensive support had been provided to City of Mandurah Ocean Marina staff in educating and advising vessel owners on waterways pollution.

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

Mr Pond stated that the study report from Professor Leigh Sullivan into the Peel Waterways has been received and is being reviewed. Allocated sites will be sampled on Thursday 14 December 2006 to confirm the presence/absence of selenium in sediment and pore water samples. It is anticipated that Professor Sullivan will be providing a report briefing in January 2007.

9. **DEPARTMENT OF WATER/DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION UPDATE**

Mr Pond gave an update on the current status of the formation of both Departments. He stated that the Peel Waterways Centre may be incorporated into the DEC.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

(a) **Serpentine River Lyngbya**

Mr Pond stated that the potentially toxic *Lyngbya* extends along approx. 5 kilometre reach of the Serpentine River including Geogrup and Cogrup Lake. Public health press release warnings have been issued. In October 2000 *Lyngbya* was previously identified in Robert Bay Peel Inlet. It has also been identified in southern estuaries of Hardy and Toby Inlets.

(b) **Peel Harvey Catchment Council**

Mr Curran outlined the phosphate and nitrogen catchment loadings concern. Mr Pond advised members of current surface measurement sampling sites and stated that the Water Quality Improvement Plan for the Peel Region Waterways is to be released in April 2007.
(c) **Peel Inlet and Harvey Estuary**
Mr Tatham stated that the southern Harvey Estuary, Peel Inlet areas including Austin, Coodanup and Cox Bay algal biomass was extensive.

(d) **Governance Update**
Ms Yates reported on the governance structure to deliver a water quality improvement plan prepared by the Senior Officers Group. Outputs and resource issues were considered.

(e) **Local Sewerage Infill Program**
Mr Curran queried the extent of connections; enforcement and remove old septic tank leach drain systems in residential areas abutting public waterways. Mr Pond stated that connections to infill sewer were higher in the Peel Region than metro area. Pending health issue, local government may enforce connections.

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dated (John Pszczola)

(f) **Ferry Terns**
Mr Love stated that ferry terns were currently nesting on the government office site located in the Mandurah Ocean Marina.

(g) **Point Grey**
Absent members Ms Lucks requested that her concerns are minuted about the proposed development of Point Grey and that PIMC progress the Peel Regional Park around Point Grey as a priority before development is approved.

11. **NEXT MEETING/CLOSE**

There being no further business the A/Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11:35am.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 21 February 2007** in the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah.

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Chairman