

**South West and Peel Coastal Management Group (CoastSWaP)**  
**Leschenault Coastal Stakeholder Forum, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**  
**Minutes**



**Attendees**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>
1.	Peter Eastlake	South West and Peel Coastal Management Group (CoastSWaP)	Treasurer
2.	Blair Darvill	CoastSWaP	Project Officer
3.	Ben Deely	City of Bunbury	Team Leader Sustainability & Environmental Planning
4.	Jen Mitchell	South West Catchments Council (SWCC)	Coastal Facilitator
5.	Samantha Pickering	Shire of Harvey	Environment Officer
6.	Mark Fraser	Lechenault Catchments Council (LCC)	Executive Officer
7.	Sharon Upston	LCC	Communications Officer
8.	Jo Ludbrook	Peron Naturaliste Partnership Australian Coastal Society	Coordinator West Australian Chairperson

<b>Stakeholder presentation and discussion</b>	<b>Action/ followup required from discussion</b>
<p><b>Ben Deeley- Team Leader Sustainability &amp; Environmental Planning, City of Bunbury</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing Participation with Peron Naturaliste Partnership coastal management and adaptation projects, including Coastal Values Study, Monitoring Project and Case Study on Pelican Point</li> <li>• Draft Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme 8 out for comment  <a href="http://www.bunbury.wa.gov.au/Pages/Local-Planning-Scheme-8.aspx">http://www.bunbury.wa.gov.au/Pages/Local-Planning-Scheme-8.aspx</a> , includes introduction of conservation initiatives such as a new Conservation Reserve and the Bushland Areas Special Control Area, which promotes the achievement of biodiversity targets in the city. Flora and Fauna Surveys to be conducted as part of this. Also includes objective for development of Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Coastal Hazard and Risk Management Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP).</li> <li>• Supporting stakeholders with Preston River to Ocean Regional Park Project through City funding, the park is 915ha (twice the size of Kings Park in Perth), stretches in a continuous 7km corridor from the Preston River to the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source and share PNP case studies</li> <li>• Share Coastal Condition Assessment form with Leschenault Stakeholders</li> <li>• Share Habitat Bunbury program as part of SW childrens education projects info.</li> </ul>

Indian Ocean, and takes in 4 of the 5 major landform and vegetation complexes characteristic of the Swan Coastal Plain. <http://swccnrm.org.au/work/biodiversity/preston-river-to-ocean-proposed-regional-park/>

- Koombana Drive Upgrade Project including projects to protect and improve estuary through erosion and stormwater control such as development of Water Retention Basins. Will also include new Dual Use Path.
- Ongoing funding of \$30 000 per year for schools environmental projects through City's Habitat Bunbury program <http://www.bunbury.wa.gov.au/Pages/Habitat-Bunbury.aspx>, recent project includes Newton Moore Senior High School - Breeding, Releasing and Monitoring of Native Fauna in Bunbury City Waterways and Wetlands: This project involved breeding and releasing the native western minnow and western pigmy perch into wetlands around Bunbury, removing exotic gambusia fish and monitoring frog populations in the Hay Park wetlands.

### **Samantha Pickering- Environment Officer, Shire of Harvey**

- Issues with off road vehicles gaining access to coast through private land, 'hoons' using and impacting on these areas eg 'Pt Duro' private land holder. Council considering blocking access to Lake Clifton Reserve. Some residents fences burnt in 2015 fires, allowing for further informal access.
- Supporting Beach Cleanups in Leschenault Estuary and Leschenault Peninsula Conservation Park with DPaW, Tangaroa Blue and Iluka Volunteers. Data shows similar amounts being collected from previous years, mostly marine debris. Entire Peninsula covered this year approx. 15km's.
- New Dual Use Path proposed along Old Coast Road alongside Leschenault Estuary. Very narrow strip at risk of future erosion and flooding. No residents support this, one resident has title to water and council considering building raised walkway around title and out over estuary.
- Supported Binningup planting day with SWCC
- Carried out weed and vegetation management actions in Myalup
- Has been explosion of weeds in fire impacted areas, main weeds on coast include Cape tulip and thistles
- The '100 Acre Wood' is a freehold remnant vegetation block owned by the Shire of Harvey, Myalup Bird Observatory Group assisting with on ground actions.
- Would consider option to include Conservation Reserve Strategy in local planning scheme. Also environmental levy that Augusta Margaret River Shire introduced would be useful as limited funds available.
- Sam gave presentation on successful revegetation using Spinifex. This information has been included in a CoastSWaP case study.
- Shire of Harvey has completed a CHRMAP in conjunction with PNP.

- Investigate laws that restrict landholders allowing public access through private land to coastal reserves.
- Add DPaW contact Leon ? to network database
- Discuss with LCC, SWCC and SoH that Binningup be included in LCC 'friends of' groups project.
- Share Conservation Reserve and Environmental levy information with Shire of Harvey
- Share CoastSWaP Revegetation Case Study with stakeholders and network.
- Source Shire of Harvey CHRMAP for SW adaptation case study.

### **Mark Fraser- Executive Officer, Leschenault Catchments Council**

- Supported Eastern Leschenault Foreshore cleanup, large amount of rubbish collected and removed, figures recorded (more than a ton). Will be an annual event
- Developing Friends of Groups project with funds secured from State NRM, will try to secure more through Lotterywest. 8 groups identified, will include 1 foreshore group. Capes Catchment Groups Coastal Condition Assessment Form may assist groups with projects. Wanting to strengthen and maintain longevity of groups, prevent burnout. Looking to partner with local businesses.
- Considering 2 -3 coastal/ estuarine projects in conjunction with Friends of Groups. One may include Sea Grass harvesting.
- Funding secured as part of Regional Estuaries Initiative <http://www.water.wa.gov.au/regionalestuaries> a four-year, \$20 million Royalties for Regions funded program to improve the health of six Western Australian estuaries, including Leschenault.
- Developed a 'Catchment Model' (photos presented) for education and interpretation activities, very successful and interactive tool (adapted from Brunswick River Action Group model). Has been displayed at community events and schools. \$15-20k funding secured through Royalties for Regions and Green Teach.

- Share Coastal Condition Assessment Form with LCC. Completed.
- Include Catchment trailer in sw education activities info share. Include links to MESA <http://www.mesa.edu.au/>, Ribbons of Blue resources and Victorian Coastcare Education.

### **Jen Mitchell- Coastal Facilitator, SWCC**

- Supporting land managers and community groups with coastcare projects. Map shown with summary of areas and actions.
- Supported Binningup Planting Day with Shire of Harvey and Binningup Coastcare. Numbers and capacity low for group, working with stakeholders to recruit new members. Julian Oliver identified as potential recruit. No planting day planned next year at this stage. Considering community events such as 'weed and walk'
- Education and on ground actions with parkfield Primary 'Dune Dudes'
- Supported DPaW with repairing and reforming 50 berms on Leschenault Peninsula and mulching to stabilise.
- Other actions and groups supported include Belvedere Christian College, South West Regional Tafe, Marlsden Coastcare, Newton Moore High School
- Green Army scheduled to do fencing in 2017 (location?)
- Volunteer OHS – SWCC holding CVA In Safe Hands workshops in February 2017. Good standardised process can assist with volunteer liability and insurance policy/ requirements. All stakeholders had different process of volunteer risk management and OHS.

- Share map of SWCC Coastal facilitator actions with stakeholders and network.
- Share on facebook page callout for Binningup volunteers.
- Seek more information on DPaW berm reformation. Share info.

## **Joanne Ludbrook- Coordinator, Peron Naturaliste Partnership**

- Assisted Shire of Harvey develop CHRMAP, released for public comment. Many lessons learnt as this is still new and developing process, developing information on what has and hasn't worked. Community engagement and consultation with this process needs further improvement. Limited numbers and representatives meant some social 'assets' undervalued ie cultural heritage sites. Therefore PNP implementing specific coastal values study. Executive summary worth reading and notes key components of plan. Shire of Harvey has since successfully applied for funding for Geotechnical Survey as part of plan.
- Coastal Monitoring Program being implemented to assist local governments compile and use accurate information and data of changing coastline and processes. The project includes the following three key outputs:
  - Collecting aerial oblique photography and consolidating existing datasets into a new database for use by the member councils.
  - A Standardised Regional Coastal Monitoring Manual for best practice standards and guidelines to assist the member local governments to adopt and implement the monitoring action plan.
  - A 10 year coastal monitoring action plan was also developed to increase the capacity for all member councils to make better use of their resources and to manage coasts more effectively.
- Coast Adapt <https://coastadapt.com.au/> new online coastal adaptation planning tool developed by National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF). PNP assisted with it's development. Huge amount of information on website and very informative and laid out. However, still just a repository of information and needs people to implement planning and actions.
- Lots of work needs to be done to better plan for adaptation, including;
  - consideration of current and ongoing on ground conservation actions
  - prioritise environmental assets and give dollar values eg 'green bonds'
  - prioritise soft engineering (no hard structures) when planning for coastal access.

## **Australian Coastal Society**

Sent letter to Dept of Planning asking if State Coastal Conference to proceed and what is the situation with no current Coastal Management Council members.

Currently WA has no independent advisory group, state coastal strategy or coastal specific management legislation.

- Source and share Harvey CHRMAP, suggest/ source summary document for community knowledge and understanding.
- Share CoastAdapt website

**Peter Eastlake – Treasurer, CoastSWaP**

<p>Preston Beach has stockpile of brushing for spreading on dunes, this was set alight recently now Shire is considering banning stockpile.</p>	
<p><b>CoastSWaP Feedback</b></p> <p>Attendees were asked if the CoastSWaP forums were seen as effective and would they like them to continue. Very positive feedback and benefits identified included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Brings broader network together and improves capacity across tenures</li><li>Important and useful opportunity otherwise can feel 'silo'd'</li><li>Can help develop partnerships and strengthen relationships</li><li>Needs to stay formalized with independent facilitator (as opposed to stakeholder coordination)</li><li>CoastSWaP in best position to disseminate info cross regionally</li></ul>	