

3rd Annual Peel-Harvey Coastal Stakeholder Forum

Friday 9th December 2016

10.00am - 1.15pm

Peel Harvey Catchment Council 'The Shed',

58 Sutton Street, Mandurah.



Forum Minutes

Attendee's

Joanne Ludbrook – Forum Facilitator

Craig Perry – Peron Naturaliste Partnership

David Charles – DPAW

Eryn Jackson – City of Mandurah

Sarah Parks – Shire of Waroona

Peter Eastlake – Preston Beach and Coast SWaP (Treasurer)

Apologies

Samantha Pickering (Shire of Harvey)

Neil Carroll (City of Mandurah)

Katy Montgomery (City of Mandurah)

Ron Wartley (City of Mandurah Councillor and North Comet Coastcare)

Steve Fisher (PHCC)

Caroline Knight (City of Mandurah Councillor and MEAG representative)

Maree Reid (Shire President of Murray)

Noel Dews (Shire President of Waroona and Preston Beach)

Forum Objectives

- Provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to share up to date information on issues, priorities and actions within the coastal zone from Madora Bay to Preston Beach.
- Identify potential planning and management solutions for future coastal rehabilitation and protection.

Forum Agenda

Time	Item	Input
10am-10.15	Welcome and introduction, agenda	Jo Ludbrook - CoastSWaP Project Officers
10.15-11.45am	Stakeholder Updates and Q&A (approx. 15 mins each roundtable)	Invited Stakeholders presentations / updates - Stakeholder perspectives, priorities, issues and actions related to coastal management and planning.

	discussion, presentations welcome and encouraged)	
11.45 – 12.45pm	Lunch	
12.15– 1pm	CoastSWaP Future – Stakeholder feedback on effectiveness of forums and potential future actions Summary, confirm actions and close	

Items discussed from 2016 Peel Harvey Forum Meeting Minutes:

- Tree Guards and fencing for revegetation
- 4wd management and beach safety

Comments on Actions from Previous Peel Harvey Coastal Forum-

CoMandurah Comments:

- Plastic tree guards no longer used on coastal revegetation sites
- recent works to reduce impacts from Motorbikes and 4wds at Melros and Tims Thicket / White Hills area

DPAW Comments :

- Using rabbit / roo proof fencing more and more for reveg sites. Cheap and effective.
- 200000 visits to Tims Thicket / White Hills annually in 2015/2016

Department of Parks and Wildlife Update (David Charles)

- DPAW has acquired Sarich Property (adjacent to the coast) with ambition for linking Yalgorup NP, old illegal beach access issues on what was private property is now a DPAW issue.
- Beach access at high tide (mainly during winter) causes vehicles to travel over dunes inland to get around certain sections
- The acquisition of the Sarich property opens DPAW land in the area to be opened up for more recreational uses triggering a recreation plan to be drafted, likely to be including day use areas and over/night camping facilities (DPAW is hoping this will help with reducing the number of people camping in blowouts)
- Talking to Mandurah there has been a load of work on CoMandurah coastal reserve to brush dunes and close unofficial tracks. 4wd and motor bikers have removed brushing and heavy logs to push through informal/ closed tracks and planting sites.
- There is no Yalgorup specific plan but the broader DPAW Swan Coastal Plain over arching strategy applies.
- There are 40000 vehicle visits to Martins Well Camp site near Preston Beach each year and 200000 vehicle visits to Tims Thicket and White Hills areas
- There is evidence that formal camp grounds encourages people not to camp illegally and makes it easier to penalise

Action

- Joint patrols, camera traps, signage, volunteer community group presence, education and engagement of 4wd user groups through social media.

- Toilet block at Tims Thicket (on CoMandurah reserve), DPAw and City of Mandurah agree that the toilet needs to be upgraded
- Yalgorup Recreation Plan

Coast SWaP Update (Peter Eastlake)

- This is the 3rd Peel Harvey Coastal Forum since 2014 and the 5th and final Coast SWaP Subregional Forum for 2016.
- Coast SWaP has had a full committee of 5 since 2014
- Currently looking at future of coast SWAP and developing Strategic Plan
- Currently developing 10 Coastal Case Studies for Landcare Australia
- 2016 AGM occurred and a new committee has been welcomed
- Coast SWaP ran a workshop post AGM to develop strategic plan
- Added a section to the Sub-regional Forum to provide the opportunity for members and stakeholders to provide feedback and suggestions for Coast SWaP future priorities.

Action – Strategic Plan to be finalised late December 2016.

Preston Beach Residents Association / Volunteer Rangers (Preston Beach)

- Tractor tyres on Preston Beach have been replaced for the Summer season (to reduce vehicles on Swimming Beach at Preston Beach Car Park. Alternatives have been /will be looked at by Shire Waroona – to follow up.
- RV's and Caravans are pulling up o/n at Preston Beach Car Park. Generally no issues with these types of stays but closely monitoring
- Camping o/n on the beach but tolerated for one night only and closely monitored by the rangers.
- CCTV on road to Preston Beach and there will be another camera for causeway. This will be funded by Preston Beach Community Progress Association and government grants, and owned by Shire of Waroona.

Peron Naturaliste Partnership Update (Craig Perry)

- Shire of Harvey CHRMAP has gone to council and been endorsed and is being finalised and will be out for final public comment for 4 weeks.
- Regional Coastal Monitoring Program scope has been finalised and University of WA has been awarded the contract to deliver Phase 1 and 2 of Year 1 of the project Implementation.
- Shire of Harvey will be undertaking geotechnical assessment to find out where the rock is to better assess coastal erosion risks
- Pete made a comment that geotechnical investigation was done in recent years at Preston Beach as part of the proposal for a residential subdivision development. He also said that he installed a reticulation bore and hit limestone at about 30metres from an RL of 12. ie. about 18m below sea level
- PNP will be undertaking its 5th Helicopter flight to take aerial obliques of the coast, photos can be made available as required.

- PNP Website is being finalised and newsletter about to be sent out

Action: send Coast SWaP Members new website link with all project reports to be available via the website.

Shire of Waroona Update (Sarah Park)

- John Watson from Preston Beach Progress Ass. Has undertaken annual revegetation program with Mandurah secondary school
- Site allocated for community to store native brushing is no longer available in summer for fire risk reasons, the site will be used as an emergency evacuation area during this time.
- Friends of Hamel Reserve have started volunteering and taking ownership of Waroona Eco Park Nursery (not coastal but good example of community ownership and effort)
- The next step for Waroona is to do a climate change assessment of risks to community assets

City of Mandurah Update (Eryn Jackson)

- Mandurah Coastcare Advisory Group (MCCAG) had a joint end of year celebration with Mandurah Environment Advisory Group (MEAG), it was a success
- Fairy Terns nesting at Mandurah Marine on a vacant development lot, signage, press release, education and management being undertaken.
- CoMandurah has a partnership with CoStirling for Mandurah to provide seedbank / cuttings from Mandurah to Stirling in a spinifex trial.
- Mandurah put in a submission to support Coastal Banksia Woodland to be TEC listed.
- Soon the Tuart Woodland review for inclusion as a Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC), will open in July 2017.
- There is federal funding available for TEC listed ecological communities.

Action – include Spinifex Trial in the Coast SWaP case Study on Coastal Reveg / Erosion.

ACS Update (Jo Ludbrook)

- The WA Chapter of the Australian Coastal Society (ACS) has written to WAPC in regard to gaining a state government update on and support to a 2017 WA State Coastal Conference, update on WA Coastal Planning and Coordination Council.
- ACS has developed an action plan including; WA Press Release, Letters to Ministers and is currently reviewing its National Strategy and has developed a WA Policy position for advocacy purposes.

Future of Coast SWaP Session (After Lunch)

- Update stakeholder lists
- Better outreach to coastal users (through social media it has been noted that Mandurah 4wd Facebook site has 1300 members)
- Continue regional forums and sub-forums for cross pollination and partnership
- Coast SWaP could benefit from some level of Communication Planning
- Stronger community engagement and education should be a focus

- Coast SWaP could champion projects that have regional implications. E.g. 4wd management (Far SW Coastal Management Group Example), brochures, signage, track care, volunteer rangers, reveg and brushing.