

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING



Held on Thursday 17 April 2014, commencing at 9.00am
at the Marine Operations Centre, 107 Breakwater Parade, Mandurah Ocean Marina

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9.00am

1. Attendance

<u>Present:</u>	Jan Star AM	Chairman
	Andy Gulliver	Deputy Chairman
	Marilyn Gray	Treasurer
	Dr Peter Hick	Member
	Cr Caroline Knight	Local Govt Member (Coastal) [until 10.25am]
	Cr Keith Ellis	Proxy Local Govt Member (Coastal)
	Cr Richard Smith	Member
	Maxine Whitely	Member
	Dave Arkwright	PDC
	Scott Haine	Department of Planning (Peel) - Observer
	Chris Malley	DERR

<u>In Attendance:</u>	Jane O'Malley	Executive Officer
	Kim Wilson	Program Manager
	Thelma Crook	R2R Project Manager [from 9.35am]
	Jo Garvey	R2R Officer [from 9.30am]
	Patricia Sutton	Office Manager

<u>Guests:</u>	Andrew DelMarco	Ironbark Environmental [from 9.35am]
	Brenda Beacham	Observer

<u>Apologies:</u>	Bob Pond	Executive Committee [DoW]
	Cr John Allert	Local Govt Member (Inland)
	Don Glenister	Member
	Shane Kelliher	Member
	Denyse Needham, OAM	Member
	Nuray Veryeri	Member
	Craig Olejnik	DPaW
	Rob Summers	DAFWA

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 20 February 2014

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Moved: Maxine Whitely Seconded: Caroline Knight

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

4. Business arising from previous Minutes

Summary of actions from previous meetings:

No.	Details	Resp.	Complete
1.	<p>Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting [Item 4.2, 17 Oct 2013]</p> <p>Write to Richard Bush thanking him for his presentation at the last meeting and ask if there were any interim results.</p> <p>Correspondence Listing [Item 6.1, 17 Oct 2013]</p> <p>Jane to add the ‘Toxic Mess’ newspaper article to the letter to Richard Bush.</p> <p><i>Response sent 14/4/14. Refer Correspondence Out Item 2.13</i></p>	Jane O’Malley	Complete
2.	<p>Correspondence Listing [Item 6.1, 17 Oct 2013]</p> <p>Jane to check the Organisation Policy in relation to media comment, to determine that it is clear and relevant, and to send to all members.</p> <p><i>A copy of the draft media policy and media and media release procedure is provided with the agenda. Endorsement of the Media Policy will be sought at the meeting.</i></p>	Jane O’Malley	Complete

4.1 Endorsement of Organisation Policy in relation to media comment

A draft Media Policy and Media Release procedure were circulated with the agenda. Jane advised that the Executive Group have considered both prior to them being circulated to the Board. The internal procedure was provided to provide context to the Media Policy.

The purpose of the Media policy is to ensure that all employees, volunteers and board members understand their obligations to advocate for the Peel-Harvey Catchment re various media sources, and that all contact with the media must come via approval of the Chair.

Moved: Peter Hick Seconded: Marilyn Gray

That the draft Media Policy [4.1], as presented be endorsed.

CARRIED

5. Correspondence

5.1 Correspondence List for February 2014 – April 2014

Correspondence was scanned and provided to Members with the Agenda.

Item 1.14 : Jan drew attention to the letter from Peel Development Commission which was calling for nominations for PDC Board membership.

Jane tabled a late item – the Draft Management Plan for the Swan Coastal Plain. Comments are invited.

Jane explained that emailing scanned correspondence was an interim measure until a Members' page was being established on the website. This was expected to be finalised before the next meeting.

Jan said that public submissions on the Draft Biodiversity Conservation Plans from the Commonwealth should be put to the Peel Regional Leaders Forum. Due 9 July.

Moved: Keith Ellis Seconded: Peter Hick

That Correspondence In and Correspondence Out be accepted.

CARRIED

6. Monthly Meeting Inventory

Members noted the Monthly Meeting Inventory for February 2014 – April 2014.

7. Chairman's Report

Jan Star presented her report:

The Peel Community Development Group is to be commended for a good conference back in February. While there were interesting comments on building communities and groups (with many comments on the government's "tragic", "disastrous" amalgamation push) it was George Walley's comment that "the drainage system has no cultural story" that caught my attention. He had previously been speaking about the power of naming places in creating a sense of place - so perhaps we need to place a high priority on naming any wetland we create through drain modification. Incidentally the Peel area is called Binjarup in Nyungar.

The Strategic Assessment of Perth and Peel Region (SAPPR) discussed the issue of offsets, problems for WA are permanency, ie statutory protection (not Ministerial approval), and subsequent management. The possibility of extending the MRIT was also discussed. For further information see <http://www.dpc.wa.gov.au/pages/search.aspx?k=SAPPR>

There was an election commitment by Kim Hames to establish a coordinating group for the Peel-Harvey estuary; PHEMC has happened. It has been added onto the State Steering Committee of Director Generals which deals with SAPPR. Apparently there is a feeling of satisfaction among them in actually working together. They are interested in drainage modification proposals - both large scale feasibility studies and many small scale ones and apparently Water Corporation are now accepting drainage as core business. They also want to know our priorities for policies for the

PRPC- and any immediate issues. We meet three monthly and they accepted that PHEMC has a life beyond SAPPR.

A recent field day at Jenkins was extremely interesting and will inform no doubt our submission to PHEMC. In due course a presentation by UWA would be useful.

Jane has been dealing with the formation of our NRM Region but I did get involved in one meeting with the Australian Government people - they are obviously trying to wiggle out of any new money, using SWCC as a sole funder which is to be strenuously resisted. We did meet with our Federal member soon after. A ridiculous situation is also arising where the State Government is saying they no longer recognise Regions as any different to other NGO groups but the Commonwealth want a letter from them confirming our boundaries as a Region. The State NRM Ministerial Council does exist though and may have been re-vitalised!

The peak body for Regions, the NRMRLG had a Strategic Planning session – report is tabled. Unfortunately they will lose their very good p/t Exec officer, sue Middleton who has been appointed to the Regional Development Trust.

One operational issue – could be ‘light relief’ if it wasn’t so serious. The Fisheries Department has contacted us about their fear the feral pearl cyclids which have expanded dramatically in the Swan system in the last 4-5 years, could possibly spread to the Peel rivers via a connecting drain on the Wungong – we are awaiting more details.

Cr Ellis provided some information about the water flow from the Wungong and he agreed to investigate the matter further in respect to the practicality of a minor modification to the Wungong drainage that could remove the ability for the feral fish to migrate into the Peel rivers.

ACTION: Cr Ellis to liaise with Jan to discuss proposed water flow modifications from the Wungong with an aim to stop the migration of feral pearl cyclids to the Peel rivers from the Wungong.

Moved: Dave Arkwright

Seconded: Keith Ellis

That the Chairman’s Report be accepted.

CARRIED

[Jo Garvey, Thelma Crook and Andrew DelMarco arrived during the Chairman’s report]

8. Executive Officer’s Report

8.1 Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer presented her report:

Australian Government and State NRM Office

We have achieved and received payment for milestones 1 & 2 and are progressing rapidly in line with the project plan through to June 30.

The uncertainty of funding means we can’t progress with a budget or staff structures at this stage. The Commonwealth Budget will be announced 13 May and this may provide more certainty. There was consistent message from Australian Government that there is likely to be funding cuts across the board and, as sent to members there was a request to contact members to encourage Canberra to

maintain the NRM budget. This was also the case re State NRM funding when this was considered in cabinet. There has been an announcement that DoE (Canberra) will reduce staff numbers by 25% - this won't help.

We have received \$150,000 from the State NRM office for foundational funding (NRM Strategy, Capacity and Governance), which was committed 'on-signing' of the Grant Agreement with them.

New National Landcare Program (replacing Caring for Our Country)

New National Landcare Program still in design phase. The 'Simple – Local – Long Term', program includes 'Green Army' and '20 Million Trees' and Grants a) <\$50,000; b) \$50-200,000 and c)>\$200,000. The details of each of these programs are yet to be finalised and WA have provided a submission for consideration.

Boundary

We have the support of Cities of Rockingham, Kwinana and Cockburn to include the Peel-Harvey WQIP area within the Peel-Harvey Region. We are hoping that this will be the boundary recognised by the State and Commonwealth but both are non-committal at this time. Perth NRM are in agreement if they receive certainty that this won't impact on their regional budget.

Governance - reviews have commenced, including;

- a HR Review is ongoing;
- OH&S – has commenced. This includes linking to online OH&S system – thank you to Kim;
- Financial systems review is underway and modifications to the PHCC financial will be in place by 1 July;
- A Governance Review required by the Australian Government against their Regional Delivery Guidelines has commenced. Members may be called on to discuss some of our processes (May 21 & 22).

Capacity

- We have modified our I.T. contract to respond to our needs better and have purchased additional computing equipment – much to the relief of the staff.

National Knowledge Conference (17-19 March) and Chair's/CEO's Forum (20 & 21 March)

Andy and Jane attended. Conference papers are available, including a paper on localism. There were some inspiring speakers on opportunities through ecotourism and voluntourism and Dan Gregory, Behavioural Researcher and Strategist from the Impossible Institute (and Gruen Transfer) re 7 point plan to engage with our community. Networking opportunities were very good and were taken advantage of. We also attended an afternoon on "Adapt NRM National Planners Workshop – in respect to responding to climate change".

Interim NRM Strategy

The draft framework will be presented later in the meeting. Thank you to staff for efforts during this time.

Peel Harvey Estuary Management Committee – Senior Officers Group

Working closely here with the relevant state agencies. This provides some potential opportunities to support good outcomes for the Peel-Harvey.

Senior Scientist funding

The Grant Agreement has been finalised, signed and sealed by the PHCC and we are waiting for it to be returned signed by Department of Regional Development. When this is received we will commence the recruitment process and invoice the City of Mandurah for their first year's contribution.

Update of the PHCC Strategic Directions

This has not been completed and will be presented to the June meeting seeking final endorsement.

Projects/Programs

Some very good things happening with project delivery, including the FNSII final outcomes which will be reported to next meeting. Members can follow on Facebook to see the scope of exciting things happening and being delivered by PHCC.

8.2 12th National Chairs' Forum – Andy Gulliver

Andy Gulliver reported on the 12th National Chairs Forum which he attended in Tasmania in March

1. Pre-meeting –Meeting of six WA NRM Regions plus PHCC
 - Significant cuts to Federal NRM budget
 - Currently \$700m nationally, expect >25% cuts
 - Australian Government funding only committed to 30/6/14 in WA
 - Need to engage our networks to call politicians and ask for support for NRM in WA
 - Must be telephone calls – these will be logged and numbers passed on to politicians.
2. Observation re Naming of Group
 - Mackay Whitsunday Natural Resource Management Group
 - The name was too much of a mouthful and perceived as a government department
 - Re-named “Reef Catchments”
 - Other groups with appropriate name – eg “Dry Tropics”, “Wet Tropics”
 - Much easier for community to relate to and helps with marketing of messages
 - What about PHCC? Maybe “Peel Catchments”, “Peel Coast Catchments”, etc
3. Forum Program and Papers submitted to PHCC office with more detailed handwritten notes included by Andy Gulliver.
4. Evolution of regional bodies – see notes in papers
 - >>diversity between States
 - Some States – quasi government departments
 - Other States – no State funding at all
5. Landcare – see papers on “Working with Landcare” and “Localism”
 - Great emphasis on working with Landcare
 - Potential synergies and conflicts with NLN
 - Great opportunity for PHCC to connect with community
6. Regional Environmental Account
 - See also “Accounting for Nature – Quick Guide” (see handout) from Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
 - Piloted with NACC in WA

7. Working Group Reports
 - Regional NRM Planning (see handout)
 - Sustainable Agriculture
 - Indigenous Land Management
 - Terrestrial Carbon Working Group
8. PHCC welcomed and well-received by other NRM Groups.

8.3 Peel Regional Strategic Priorities Plan

Jane tabled the Peel Regional Strategic Priorities Plan 2012-2017, explaining that the Priorities had been raised at previous meetings and that she was seeking re-endorsement of the priorities relevant to PHCC. A lot of work had been put into the document and Jane provided a presentation to clarify the environmentally related projects relevant to PHCC.

Moved: Richard Smith

Seconded: Marilyn Gray

That the Peel Regional Strategic Priorities Plan 2012 – 2017, as relevant to the PHCC [ie environmental priorities only] be endorsed as presented, and the CEO and Chair to speak to these priorities in future Peel Regional Leaders Forum meetings.

CARRIED

Moved: Marilyn Gray Seconded: Maxine Whitely

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

9. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented her report:

The past two months have been an extremely busy time and it is only going to get crazier as we get ready for July 1st.

NRM Region Funding

We have received the full \$150,000 of State NRM Foundation Funding and \$130,000 of Australian Government Foundation funding with a balance of \$20,000 to come on completion of next Milestone. Payment for Q3 funding from City of Mandurah has been paid with a further Q4 payment to come in June. Jane and Karen will manage these funds very closely to make sure we meet our commitments in becoming a new Region come July 1st.

Annual Audit/Project Audits & Acquittals

The F&A Committee has accepted the quote of \$4200 + GST from AMD Chartered Accountants to carry out the 2014 Organisation Audit and this will be done 'on-site' on September 24th, 2014 with appropriate staff made available on the day to answer any questions. The Financial Statements will be ready for AGM in October.

Project acquittals and annual audits will be completed in July/August to meet project guidelines.

Project Funding

Project funds have been received for:

- Rivers to Ramsar;
- Lake Clifton Restoration project;
- Lotterywest Accommodation Grant; and
- City of Mandurah Samuel Renfrey project.

We are waiting on progress payments for:

- Rivers to Ramsar;
- Local Government Stormwater Strategy; and
- Ramsar 482.

Many of these projects will need to be expended by 30th June as per budgets, so it is going to be very busy time had by all.

Commercial Credit Card

With extra travel commitments which mostly require online flight and accommodation bookings, staff being 'out-of-pocket' for cash purchases made for project catering and office expenses, and a general increase in online purchases having to be made, it has become time to review the Organisation's Credit Card.

Following the last F&A meeting (draft minutes circulated) detailed discussions were had with CEO, Finance Manager and officers concerned, with the following recommendations to be put to this meeting for ratification. (Currently, our credit card limit is \$5,000 with two card holders.):

“Recommendation:

It is intended to:

1. *increase the card limit to \$10,000,*
2. *increase the CEO's card limit,*
3. *add an additional 3 card holders*
4. *allow online access to Finance Manager and cardholders to view balances*
5. *Add the Treasurer as signatory to the Commercial Credit Card.*

Summary of cardholders:

<i>Executive Officer (Jane O'Malley):</i>	<i>(existing cardholder)</i>	<i>\$10,000 limit (+\$4,000)</i>
<i>Program Manager (Kim Wilson):</i>	<i>(existing cardholder)</i>	<i>\$5,000 limit (current)</i>
<i>Office Manager (Pat Sutton):</i>	<i>(new cardholder)</i>	<i>\$2,000 limit</i>
<i>Project Manager (Thelma Crook):</i>	<i>(new cardholder)</i>	<i>\$1,000 limit</i>
<i>R2R Project Officer (Jo Garvey):</i>	<i>(new cardholder)</i>	<i>\$1,000 limit</i>

Additional supporting actions:

- *Add the Treasurer as "Authority to Proceed" - signatory to account. (Chairman is the only current signatory to the account.)*
- *Add Jane, Karen and Kim as "Authority to Enquire" – to view account online*
- *Refresh Jane and Kim's passwords for online access.”*

Moved: Dave Arkwright

Seconded: Caroline Knight

That the following changes to the PHCC credit card be endorsed:

- 1. Increase the card limit to \$10,000***
- 2. Increase the CEO's card limit***
- 3. Add an additional three card holders:***
 - 3.1 Office Manager (Pat Sutton) \$2,000 limit***
 - 3.2 Project Manager (Thelma Crook) \$1,000 limit***
 - 3.3 R2R Project Officer (Jo Garvey) \$1,000 limit***

CARRIED

ACTIONS:

Finance Manager to:

- 1. Allow online access to Finance Manager and cardholders to view balances**
- 2. Add the Treasurer as signatory to the Commercial Credit Card.**
- 3. Add the Treasurer as "Authority to Proceed" - signatory to account. (Chairman is the only current signatory to the account.)**
- 4. Add Jane, Karen and Kim as "Authority to Enquire" – to view account online**
- 5. Refresh Jane and Kim's passwords for online access.**

Finance Manager – change from hourly contract to salaried position

Karen Henderson, our contract Bookkeeper for nearly 12 years, officially became an employee on 26th March as our Finance Manager and will be working for the PHCC for three days per week. With this change, PHCC will be purchasing their own MYOB software licence [we use Karen's at present] and will be setting up the new MYOB file to meet the financial/budget requirements as we move forwards. Damien at SWCC has opened the door to allow Karen to have a couple of training sessions with their finance team to set up the new Chart of Accounts and management structures.

Increase to online Daily Transaction Limit

The online daily limit has been increased temporarily to \$150,000 in anticipation of some large transactions. It will be reduced back to \$100,000 when large transactions are not scheduled.

Financial Position

The Balance Sheet shows that the PHCC Equity at 31/03/2014 being \$778,508.30. This total is showing the organisation as being healthy, however, over the next three months as we meet our NRM commitments this will reduce.

Moved: Peter Hick

Seconded: Andy Gulliver

That the March 2014 Financial reports be ratified.

CARRIED

The meeting broke for morning tea at 10.25am and resumed at 10.50am

- 10. Guest Speaker – Interim NRM Strategy** - Andrew DelMarco and Jane O'Malley presented an update on the Interim NRM Region Strategy, including consultation responses and draft investment plan.

10.1 Framework and Goals

Members acknowledged and endorsed progress of the Strategy in line with the proposed Interim Strategy Framework, as presented, including goals and draft prioritisation criteria.

Draft goals and targets aim to:

- Protect natural resources that are valued;
- Repair the degradation caused by past land practices; and
- Ensure new development protects and repairs natural resources.

They are aimed at addressing:

- People/production/natural resource management
- Land use planning and development
- Soils/Production and biosecurity
- Water/wetlands/watercourses
- Biodiversity conservation

There was a general acceptance that the draft goals as presented were reasonably on the mark and covered key areas. Some modifications were suggested and comments included:

- Need to be clear that the Strategy is for the catchment, not just the Australian Government;
- Make sure that we include soil borne diseases, feral bees, water resource allocation;
- Suggested remove 'productivity' from the soil goal as healthy soils will be productive;
- Salinization in catchment or nutrients missing/leaching on coastal plain – multiple functions of soils are important;
- Be wary of our areas of responsibility vs influence – e.g. with land use planning;
- Noted the need for simple/clear goals while ensuring that we understand the complexity behind them (e.g. cause v symptom) so that we can address appropriately;
- Noted can't 'improve biodiversity' – can only conserve it and help it continue evolving;
- We need to prepare the Strategy to a) satisfy government needs; b) ensure we have clear direction for the future. We need the Strategy to be embraced and owned by the community if we are to succeed in meeting our vision;
- People want to connect with nature. We need to market with new vigour, be of relevance to people and what they want to do.

10.2 Prioritisation Criteria

The draft prioritisation criteria were presented. These are yet to be refined but there was a general acceptance of the draft criteria as presented.

10.3 Consultation – Stage 1

An overview of the current and proposed consultation process/methods were presented. In summary, over 300 flyers were sent to our networks advising of the process and opportunity to be involved. An information booklet was distributed to targeted groups/agencies etc. 1 targeted community workshop has been held and other 6-8 are scheduled. Local Government community

plans have been summarised and Jane has commenced ringing CEO's to make sure they are aware of the approach and asking if they would like any more involvement. Andrew has been ringing Grower Groups. Opportunistic meetings have been 'hijacked' – with the NRM strategy being added to agendas when/where appropriate. A 2 day road trip to the Hotham Williams is planned for 7-8 April to meet with land managers, local community, farmers and local governments.

Once the Draft Strategy has been prepared we will release this for a further consultation period. This is expected to include the draft printed strategy being made available in hard copy and on-line for a 6-8 week consultation period.

10.4 Project Team & Nominations for Working Group

The project team is made up of Jane O'Malley, Andrew DelMarco, Kim Wilson, Julie MacMile and Bob Pond. Thelma Crook will also be asked for input on occasion when specific advice required.

The following representatives nominated and were accepted onto the Working Group, to meet on a weekly basis for the next 5 weeks to help guide and inform the progress of the Strategy:

- Jan Star
- Dr Peter Hick
- Cr. Caroline Knight

Specialist input will be sought in the process of preparation of the report, as required.

Members were encouraged to provide any additional thoughts to goals and framework by Wednesday 23rd April.

11. **Officer Presentations on PHCC Ramsar Projects**

11.1 Rivers to Ramsar (Australian Govt.) Jo Garvey, Rivers to Ramsar Project Officer

Delivery Partners

- Birdlife WA
- DPAW
- Serpentine Jarrahdale Landcare Centre
- Harvey River Restoration Taskforce
- City of Mandurah
- Shire of Murray

Stakeholders

- Noongar community's
- Broader Community groups and individuals
- LGA's

Protecting and enhancing native vegetation and biodiversity

Improve 'long term' ecological function and ecosystem services across the Peel-Harvey Catchment by:

- Improving the connectivity and health of priority riparian corridors and bushland patches across ~11,900km² catchment
- Increase the local Noongar community's capacity for and engagement in NRM actions
- Inform the wider community of Noongar traditional ecological knowledge and culture
- Identify opportunities for future training and employment for the Noongar community.

Community engagement

Increase the community's based skills, knowledge and awareness:

- And their connection to the environment
- Of the importance of landscape scale connectivity to create wildlife corridors and habitat for iconic species such as the EPBC listed Carnaby's Cockatoo.

Cockatoo Workshops 2014 - Presented by Birdlife WA

1. Upper-Mid Serpentine
2. Lower Murray
3. Lower Harvey
4. Lower Serpentine (May 14)
5. Upper Murray (June 13)

Our aim: To get the community involved and aware of how important landscape scale connectivity of wildlife corridors and habitat is for iconic species such as our Carnaby's Cockatoo.

11.2 Ramsar 482 – Thelma Crook

Thelma summarised the progress of the Ramsar 482 project.

- Lecture Series
 - Ramsar 482
 - Citizen Science
 - David Rennie night
 - Australian Story
- Shorebird 2020 Count
- Developing CEPA Plan
- Draft Information Cards
- T-Shirts
- KTK conference
- Helping to coordinate KTK International conference 2014
- 2nd Milestone Report

11.3 Lake Clifton – Kim Wilson

Kim provided a review of the following projects:

A. Pakistani Irrigators – (UWA) – Tour of the Peel-Harvey

As part of an Australia Awards project 24 students doing Courses in Irrigation & Water Resource Management through UWA undertook a 2 day field trip of the Peel-Harvey. Mark Rivers from UWA arranged the visit. The Lake Mealup Recovery Project, and Peter Wilmot's role/perspective was used as a case study (presented by Kim). Dr. Syed Mahtab Ali – Course Designer and Translator said, **“After 18 years work as a hydrologist across WA's wheatbelt, this is the most significant achievement I have seen in wetland restoration”**.

B. Mayfield Healthy Waterways project – Field day

- *Slowing the Flow* Field Day conducted at Mike and Melva Jenkins' Property organised by Colleen Archibald. This showcased one of the FNS projects that built on Jesse Steele's Drainage research and Jane Townsend's HRRT wet pastures work that led to UWA and partners' "P movement" research. Installing a weir in Mayfield drain to hold back the water and fencing and protecting the upstream wetland.
- Mike and Melva's property is part of the Storey Rd Landcare Group (Coolup LCDC).

C. Lake Clifton (OC12-00462) Retained Funds project outcomes

1. Independent Project Evaluation Report was prepared to determine the most successful community engagement methods, to guide future investment. The report identified:

- The different sources of project awareness as cited by landholders
- While we didn't consciously use the following concepts, the evaluation identified that we hit the nail on the head:
 - *The seven touches principle of marketing*
 - *Seven doors of social marketing*

Project evaluation's main findings:

- 1) Landholder awareness of thrombolites has been raised in approximately 70% of participating landholders, largely due to regular and direct contact
- 2) The Project has contributed to landholder's increased enthusiasm for revegetation and continued involvement in land management workshops and on-ground activities.
- 3) The number, regularity and variety of contacts was a key to successful engagement of landholders
- 4) The Project was innovative in the way it combined, packaged and presented engagement materials and activities, including art-based events and artistic materials. This led to successful engagement of landholders.
- 5) The use of art and artistic events greatly assisted promotion of the Project, maintained enthusiasm of partners and is likely to have raised the profile of the thrombolites across the wider community.

- 6) The use of art-based events was not identified as a key driver of changed landholder behaviour.
- 7) All the art-based products of the Project left a legacy far more valuable than any Final Report or acquittal. The products are valuable for future promotion of Lake Clifton and the thrombolites to the local, regional and international community.

Note: We have secured \$15,000 from the City of Mandurah to undertake further community engagement projects to June 2014. This project builds on findings of the Evaluation.

The remainder of the funds were spent on:

- i) Yalgorup National Park Monitoring – with volunteers
- ii) Banner – Lake Clifton catchment aerial photo.
- iii) Coffee table book – using Lake Clifton Facebook photograph competition entries.

D. Lake Clifton Ramsar Restoration project

- SWCC funded to June 2014; with extension to plant in July
- Jamie Wright is project officer, 2 days per week
- Focusing on 6 onground sites in the eastern buffer (northern end)
- Field day – participants from 2013 Property Planning workshops visited two of the participants' properties – April 12th.

12. Agency Reports (followed Item 10 on the agenda)

12.1 Dave Arkwright – PDC

- Have received funding for Ocean Road recycled water project. The City of Mandurah will implement. It will supply recycled water to two primary schools and a new active open space in that area.
- Regional recycled water scheme is still alive and there is a lot of strong interest from the private sector to get involved. Some of the regions key industry is seeking water supply.
- Re Andy's comment NRM regions Australia wide. Did a calculation of the Peel regions values of ecosystems. Was utilising values generated nationally eg in Holland. Using those figures came up with a value between \$6 billion and \$9 billion per annum. More or less the same value of Gross Regional Product. We are not accounting for the natural assets.
- Agriculture – Two of WA's largest vegetable producers are actively looking at getting involved in the Peel. Working closely with the Shire of Murray and DoW. PDC recommends a pilot and would involve PHCC as part of that process. Have spoken to Murdoch and CSIRO to ensure that they do not embark on something which is not sustainable.

12.2 Scott Haine – Department of Planning Peel

- Gail McGowan has been appointed to the Director General position at the Department of Planning.
- Proposed Local Planning Strategies for Boddington and Mandurah are currently being examined by DoP and are intended to be presented to WAPC for consent to advertise later this year.
- The Nambelup Industrial Area District Structure Plan project is on the backburner pending broader strategic planning work being undertaken for Perth and Peel.

Agenda Item 11 followed Item 12

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 19 June 2014.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm

Chairman

Date

Summary of actions from meeting of 17 April 2014:

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1	Item 7 [17 April 2014] Chairman's Report Cr Ellis to liaise with Jan to discuss proposed water flow modifications from the Wungong with an aim to stop the migration of feral pearl cyclids to the Peel rivers from the Wungong.	Cr Ellis	
2	Item 9 [17 April 2014] Treasurer's Report Modify access arrangements, delegations and credit card arrangements in line with the endorsement of the PHCC meeting of 17 April, 2014.	Karen Henderson	