



Flowpath

Assisting local government, with their community, in managing the Peel-Harvey rivers and estuary

Welcome

Hi. I most likely met you in the past nine months as I drove around the countryside talking to local governments in the huge catchment area we call the Peel-Harvey system. A system which extends north up to the southern boundaries of the Cities of Cockburn and Armadale, south past the Harvey town site and east to the Shire of Wikepin's western boundary. It is also home for the inaugural first newsletter for the project, Flowpath.

Local Government Stormwater Strategy

My work involves the development of Local Government Stormwater Strategies (LGSS). The project managed by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC), funded by the City of Mandurah, is developing a Local Government Stormwater Strategy designed to improve water quality within the Peel-Harvey estuary and rivers. This partnership recognises the value of a regional approach to addressing environmental matters on a wider scale sharing limited resources. The first year of the project has been centred on four local government authorities, the Shires of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Murray, Waroona and Harvey.

Progress

A gap analysis report has been completed for the Shires of Serpentine-Jarrahdale and Murray, and the Waroona and Harvey gap analysis report nearing completion.

A draft Local Government Stormwater Strategy for the shires of Murray, and Serpentine-Jarrahdale will be completed at the end of February 2013, with the Local Government Stormwater Strategy for the shires of Waroona and Harvey to be completed soon after.

Project Stakeholder Group (PSG)

The PSG will be meeting in late February/early March 2013 to discuss the outcomes of the draft LGSS for Shires of Murray and Serpentine-Jarrahdale, and the progress with the LGSS for the Shires of Waroona and Harvey.

The group will also welcome Terry Blanchard from the City of Mandurah to PSG.

Information and education

A site with WA related WSUD information is the New WATER Ways (www.newwaterways.org.au). This website supported by a partnership consisting of: Department of Planning, Department of Water, Western Australian Local Government Association, Water Corporation, Urban Development Institute of Australia (WA) and Swan River Trust. The site provides a range of information on stormwater management and WSUD, as well as listing free seminars that are intended to educate and inform people on a range of topics. Upcoming seminars including, "Better Urban Water Management" and "Introduction to stormwater management practices". Check the New WATER Ways site for more details or get in touch with Shelley Shepard, details below:

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News and other bits

What is the local government's role?
Below is a link to a Department of Water document that outlines local government's responsibility, with regard to water management plans <http://www.water.wa.gov.au/PublicationStore/first/104374.pdf>

What you may not know about the PHCC?
Now you can not only check out the activities of the Peel Harvey Catchment Council on the web (<http://www.peel-harvey.org.au/>), you can actually have a chat on Facebook. That's right we are on Facebook. Feel free to join us and see what is happening in the Peel Region.

Newsletter

Why the newsletter? I hope the newsletter can serve a number of functions, including providing opportunities to share information on matters related to stormwater management, allow the dissemination of information across the catchment, and provide a support network across the Peel-Harvey catchment.

A bit about me (the author)

My name is Paddy Strano, Stormwater Strategy Officer, for the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council working on the Local Government Stormwater Strategy project. Find out more about the project on the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council website: www.peel-harvey.org.au/?page_id=65#1
If you have any questions or remarks feel free to contact me on the details below.

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