

# MINUTES: Peel-Yalgorup System Ramsar Technical Advisory Group (TAG)



Annual Ramsar TAG Meeting (#17)  
9.30 am to 1.30 pm on Thursday 14 March 2019  
Held at PHCC Shed, 58 Sutton Street, Mandurah

## 1 Welcome

(Note: Prior to the meeting commencing attendees were invited to participate in a group photo to the rear of the Shed.)

Kim Wilson acknowledged we were meeting on Noongar lands and invited Mr Harry Nannup to Welcome the group to his country.

Elder Mr Harry Nannup welcomed the group to his country. He spoke about how special the wetlands and rivers are to him and his people. He was raised on the banks of the Serpentine River. He acknowledged the good work that is done for the wetlands by groups such as the Ramsar TAG.

The meeting then moved into the Shed.

Kim Wilson explained that Jan Star AM after 12 years leading the group had decided the time was right to step down from the position of Chair for the Ramsar TAG. Kim thanked Jan for her leadership and strategic guidance since the TAG's inception in 2007. Kim then introduced Amanda Willmott, PHCC Board Member – Community who PHCC has appointed as the new Ramsar TAG Chair. Kim noted that many members would be familiar with Amanda given her role in 2007 – 2010 as Wetlands and Waterways Officer, facilitating the development of the ECD and Management Plan. Along with her later work with PHCC and her consulting role in the development of the Wetlands and People CEPA Plan.

Kim asked Steve Fisher to introduce Rick James, PHCC's Wetlands & Science Co-ordinator. This is a new role under the NLP2 Ramsar – Wetlands and People Project. Part of Rick's role is to facilitate the effective operations of the Ramsar TAG.

Amanda commenced Chairing the meeting and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves. Amanda noted for the meeting there were 18 apologies.

## 2 Attendance Present:

Harry Nannup	Noongar Elder (Until 10.35)
Jan Star	Outgoing Chairman Ramsar TAG (Deputy Chair PHCC)
Amada Willmott	Incoming Chairman Ramsar TAG (PHCC Community Member)
Bob Pond	DWER, Waterways Health
Jenny Rose	Lake Clifton Herron Landcare Group
Kim Wilson	PHCC Program Manager
Peter Wilmot	Lake Mealup Preservation Society
Steve Fisher	PHCC Waterways & Science Program Manager
Bill Russell	Birdlife Australia WA branch
Sharon Meredith	PHCC (Wetlands & People Co-ordinator)
Bob Paterson	FOLM Representative
Mike Coote	DBCA
Mark Cugley	DBCA (Parks and Wildlife)
Jane O'Malley	PHCC CEO
Heidi Bucktin	DBCA
Natalie Lees	City of Mandurah
Zoe Morgan	MAPTO (Until 9.30 and 11.30 to end)

Karl Brennan	DBCA (Parks and Wildlife)
Alexis Davy	Alcoa of Australia
Frances D'Souza	DWER (Water)
Rick James	PHCC (Wetlands & Science Coordinator)
Griffiths Mike	PHCC
Peter Muirden	DBCA (Parks and Wildlife)
Susie Stockwell	Conservation Council (WA) (Representative)
Vicki Stokes	Birdlife WA
Bill Rutherford	Associate (OTS)/AWSG Conservation Officer

### 3 Apologies:

Brett Brenchley	City of Mandurah
Nic Dunlop	Conservation Council (WA)
Meegan Watts	Commercial Fishers
Scott Haine	DPLH (Planning)
Linda Reid	DoEE
Neil Riches	DoEE
Terry Ryan	Friends of Lake McLarty (FoLM)
Ian Curley	CEO Shire of Waroona
Sam Pickering	Shire of Harvey
Fiona Valesini	Murdoch
Andrew Ward	Peel Development Commission
Paddi Creevey	PHCC/PDC
Simon Hall	Shire of Harvey
Suellen Jerrard	Alcoa of Australia
Tom Lerner	Shire of Murray
Brett Flugge	Shire of Murray
Gemma Iseppi	Shire of Murray
Robert Wroth	Friends of Lake McLarty

### 4 Declarations of Interest

- 4.1 Bill Rutherford – OTS – is engaged at times by PHCC to undertake Shorebird Monitoring and Identification Training.
- 4.2 Amanda Willmott – explained she works part-time at the State NRM Office. However, she has no role there in decision-making with regard to grants.

### 5 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 16 March 2017

*Moved: Bob Pond                      Seconded: Peter Wilmot*

***That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.***

*CARRIED*

### 6 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

*Kim spoke briefly to the Table below and pointed out that the last item 3c had been addressed via a meeting between PHCC (Steve Fisher & Kim Wilson) and DBCA (Heidi Bucktin & Mike Coote) in November 2018 and a second meeting was scheduled after today's TAG meeting.*

Summary of actions from TAG #16 meeting of 8 March 2018:

Minutes Item No.	Meeting No. & Date	Item for Action	Stakeholder Responsible	Status & Actions since TAG#16 as at 13/03/2019	
Business Arising Tag #17	TAG #16 8/3/2018	TAG #15 Item 6 - TAG membership	PHCC	PHCC has established a membership list of stakeholders with a “Primary” contact and “secondary” contacts. This list was used to send meeting notices and invitations for TAG #17 March 2019. PHCC will review with stakeholders during upcoming review of the Ramsar Site Management Plan in 2019/20.	Progressed and ongoing
13	TAG #16 8/3/2018	Shorebird 2020 Count 10/11 February 2018	PHCC coordinates with Birdlife	Only preliminary 2018 count figures were available at the 2018 meeting. Final count was: Shorebirds counted across all sites: <b>37,043</b> <span style="color: green;">■</span> (LAC = 20,000) Hooded Plovers – 1% and breeding: <b>41</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span> (LAC = 60 3 out of 5 – <60 2014 & 2015; >60 2017) *check 2018 breeding records with Bill Russell Red-necked Stints – 1%: <b>4,460</b> <span style="color: green;">■</span> (LAC = 3,200) Sharp-tailed Sand Pipers - 1%: <b>1,183</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span> (LAC = 1,600 - <1600 since 2012 except 2014)	Completed with presentation of these final figures
14	TAG #16 8/3/2018	Proposed ECD and ME& Guide Review	PHCC	Action: PHCC to seek funding to review the ECD (2007) through an addendum to update the LACs which were data deficient in 2007 and in turn the M&E Guide (2008) and Ramsar Site Management Plan (2009).	Completed – funded within NLP2 Wetlands & People project.

				Successful – see Agenda item 9.1	
15	TAG #16 8/3/2018	<i>M&amp;E LAC Sub-committee meeting date (early May)</i>	PHCC	Steve Fisher obtained data from stakeholders through out-of-session interaction. It was decided a meeting was unnecessary. See Agenda item: 8.8	Completed
3c	TAG #12 23/5/2013	<p>Extension of PYS Ramsar – Discussion regarding the extension of the Ramsar site up the Serpentine river to Lake Amarillo.</p> <p>It was recognised that DEC currently manage a lot of the area.</p> <p>There has to be reasonable argument that the management of the site would not be too difficult. Questions to be answered include:</p> <p>Who will manage the site How will it be managed? What are the threats to the area proposed for extension?</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> <i>Craig to discuss proposed extension of PYS to include the Upper Serpentine with Jennifer and Mike</i></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> PHCC seek copy of flow chart of process of registering Ramsar extensions</p>		<p>KW Comment 13/03/2019 - Between 2012 and 2017 it was considered the SAPPR process would address the extensions. However, this has not proved to be the case. DBCA and PHCC had a telephone meeting in regard to progressing the extensions on 28 November 2018. They will meet again following the TAG meeting on 14/03/2019 to bed-down a way forward.</p> <p>Options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress all 2008 extensions</li> <li>• Progress DBCA managed land within 2008 extensions; and/or land that has come into DBCA management since 2008</li> <li>• Second phase to include all relevant government land of various tenures that has Ramsar values.</li> </ul>	Ongoing: Mike Coote, Heidi Bucktin, Steve Fisher and Kim Wilson meeting to discuss following this (14/3/2019) TAG meeting

## 7 Correspondence

Correspondence as listed was posted to the Ramsar TAG Members' page of the website prior to the meeting. The correspondence was tabled at the meeting. Kim spoke briefly against each of the items. There were no particular queries.

- 7.1 Ramsar Project Summary
- 7.2 Case Study: Learning from Experience
- 7.3 East Asian Australasian Flyway EAAF Strategic Directions
- 7.4 East Asian Australasian Flyway EAAF CEPA Plan
- 7.5 PYS Highlights in Australia's report to COP
- 7.6 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 Summary

***Correspondence was accepted.***

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## 8 Member Group Reports

*Review progress against strategies & actions – reports from Groups on activities undertaken in past 12 months. (Stakeholder presentations are available on the Ramsar TAG Member page of the PHCC website)*

- 8.1 DBCA – Mike Coote
- 8.2 Birdlife WA – Vicki Stokes
- 8.3 CCWA – Susie Stockwell
- 8.4 Lake Clifton Herron Landcare – Jenny Rose
- 8.5 Lake Mealup Preservation Society – Peter Wilmot
- 8.6 DBCA – Peter Muirden
- 8.7 DWER – Frances D’Souza
- 8.8 PHCC – Kim Wilson/Steve Fisher

## 9 New Funded Projects

*(A presentation regarding items 9.1 to 9.3 is available on the Ramsar TAG Member page of the PHCC website)*

- 9.1 Wetlands and People – A community restoring the ecological character of the Peel-Yalgorup Ramsar 482 Wetlands (National Landcare Program: November 2018 – June 2023)
- 9.2 Ongoing, Collaborative Management, Community Engagement, Lake Clifton Hydrological investigations
- 9.3 Saving Lake McLarty Phase 1 (State NRM Program: Three Years) - Addressing acidification, hydrology and habitats
- 9.4 Others - nil

## 10 Group Discussions

*Workshop notes are available as Appendix 1 to these Minutes*

- 10.1 Future activities and critical issues
- 10.2 Shared opportunities
- 10.3 Collaborative Management – What’s next?
- 10.4 How we measure the Group’s success

## 11 Other Business

- 11.1 Strategic Assessment of the Perth Peel Region (SAPPR) Update  
The SAPPR review has been extended 6 months.
- 11.2 Point Grey Time Extensions
  - On 21 September 2018 EPA issued a 5 year extension to the “time frame for substantial commencement” to 1 August 2022.
  - The developers have submitted a Development Application (DA) to the Shire of Murray: PO23/2019 – Proposed Stage One Earthworks – Point Grey Marina Lot 572 Carrabungup Road, Point Grey. The DA includes the clearing of 1 ha of vegetation plus excavation of six hectares of land to a depth of one metre AHD and stockpiling of excavated material.
  - The EPBC Act time frame for commencement is 28 June 2019.  
\* Please note that on 15 March 2019 the Australian Government issued a “Notification of Variation to Approval” extending the time for commencement to ten years from 15/3/2019.

11.3 Conservation Action Plan Workshop – March 19 & 20 (The Nature Conservancy)  
Steve advised the TNC would be holding their 2-Day CAP Workshop in Mandurah, focused on their “Revitalising the Peel-Harvey Estuary through Nature-based Solutions” Project which is part of the three projects funded by the Alcoa Foundation under the “Three Rivers, One Estuary Initiative”.

12 Next Meeting: Thursday, 12 March 2020

*The meeting closed at 1.00pm and members were invited to share a light lunch.*

Chairman: .....

Date: .....

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