

CHAIRMAN REPORT

General Meeting to be held on DD MONTH YYYY

PHCC Chair's Report – October 2019

Welcome to Kambarang or wildflower season. Kangaroo Paws and Orchids are in flower and it won't be long before the Mooja or Australian Christmas Tree begins to flower signalling that the heat is on its way.

Meetings and Events

The Point Grey issue has dominated again this past two months. I'm sure you have all seen the huge media coverage that it's generating from talk back radio, TV segments and online petitions. Special thank you to Jane who has demonstrated outstanding professionalism representing PHCC in the media.

The community is becoming more aware, and more vocal providing some political pressure which in turn is increasing engagement in this space.

The State Administrative tribunal sat for three days last week, which included a site visit. A big thank you to Steve Fisher, who, at the Shire of Murray's request, was a witness at the SAT, a huge effort. The determination is set to be delivered in the next 4 weeks.

On the 4th of September Jan Star, Paddi Creevey, Jane O'Malley and myself met with Darren Cooper and fellow board members from the Strategic Assessment for Perth and Peel Regions review panel. The panel generously shared their time talking through what are considered to be gateway issues and the process that the review outcome will follow. We will continue to advocate for the reinstatement of the SAPPR process across Perth and Peel.

On the 13th of September the PRLF endorsed the Governance Structure and Terms of Reference for the proposed Peel Trails Committee.

The 2020 State Funding Request Document was endorsed for publication and distribution. PHCC's requests include:

- Peel Waterways Institute Stage 1 \$1.85m
- Water Quality Infrastructure \$3.4m
- Lake Clifton/Yalgorup Masterplan and rescuing of the Lake Clifton Thrombolites \$4m
- Noongar Ranger Program \$4.6m
- State NRM Grants \$23.4m
- On-Ground Works Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions \$24m

And we are working on articulating our ask for greater protection of the Northern Jarrah Forest.

Our latest S.H.A.R.E in the Shed- Noongar Participation, on the 19th was a great success with a fantastic range of speakers. There is so much happening in relationship to the South West Native Title Settlement (SWNTS), Aboriginal Heritage and the SWNTS, the Governments Aboriginal Procurement Policy, Cooperative and Joint Management under the SWNTS, plus the importance of opportunities and support for local Aboriginal engagement, businesses and enterprises so this was a really informative night.

On the 27th of September Jane O'Malley and I met with David Templeman and Robyn Clarke. Items that were discussed were:

- Pt Grey
- State Funding requests

- PHCC's involvement with the upcoming Regional Cabinet meeting (December)

Our inaugural Wetlands Weekender is being held 11-13 October and I look forward to telling you all about this at the meeting.

News

Welcome to our newest staff member Leanne Greene who has joined the office management team.

Congratulations to our Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator Paula Pownall who has been awarded a prestigious Nuffield Scholarship for 2020 to research the viability of commercial high protein insect production within Australia!

Many of you may not be aware that today is Jan's last meeting but we will touch on that a little later.

Warm regards

Caroline Knight

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We acknowledge the Noongar people as Traditional Custodians of this land and pay our respects to all Elders past and present