

# CEO REPORT

General Meeting to be held on 17 October 2019

## Staff – Movements, Professional Development and more

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- **Leanne Greene** commenced on 7 October
- **Colleen Archibald** is now a casual employee of the PHCC (not Shire of Waroona)
- **Leave** - Jane will be away for 2 weeks (21 October and returning 3 November)

## Projects

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Please refer to the Program Manager reports that provide a summary of project status, highlights etc. Our thanks to the project team, but also the support team enabling the project delivery.

### 1. National Landcare Program – Core Services

- **Review of NRM Strategy** – We have had 28 responses to our open survey and will commence the review process early 2020.
- **Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator** – Refer Land Conservation Report
- **Communications** – We are meeting all obligations for communications
- **Noongar Participation – Thelma Crook** – PHCC is working with a number of organisations and agencies to identify opportunities and fulfil our obligations under the Service Agreement with the Australian Government for NLP2. These include:

#### ***Schedule 1. Clause 40.2 – Indigenous employment and subcontracting:***

We are working with the Department of finance, PDC, the local Noongar community, Indigenous Management Services and other agencies and organisations to assist in:

- Developing an **Aboriginal Business Register** – this is in draft and is added to when local Aboriginal businesses are identified and wish to go on the register.
- Provide **training for Noongar businesses**. An Aboriginal Business Training workshop was held by the Department of Finance in the PHCC Shed (20 September, 2019). One of the attendees was Indigenous Management Services, an Indigenous recruitment agency, who we are working with to provide employment opportunities for working on country. This closes one of the gaps identified through the REI project where the Noongar communities did not have the correct insurances to work on country. IMS will provide the insurances if we recruit through them.
- We are currently talking to the local Noongar communities and discussing opportunities for **employment and business development** through IMS.
- The **Rangers program** for Winjan was unsuccessful. Funding for this area went to SWLASC.
- We are working with Laurence Riley, DBCA, to provide workshops in the Bindjareb and Wiilman Boodja on opportunities for **Noongar employment and tourism and sharing cultural knowledge**.

#### ***Schedule 2. Overview of Services***

***(f) For the Agreement Period, the Service Provider must be available, & maintain capacity, to:***

- iii. Engage with the Community, including landcare, Indigenous communities, farmer groups and industry groups, and form strategic partnerships to deliver Projects;***
- v. Engage and work with Indigenous people to plan and delivery Projects with cultural competency;***
- We have engaged with the Bindjareb and Wiilman community to establish an MOU outlining how we will engage and work together to plan and deliver projects with cultural competency.
- We have then met with the Wiilman and Bindjareb Elders and asked them to review the MOU. Jock Abraham (Wiilman Elder) is happy with the MOU. Waiting on feedback from Bindjareb Elder and Representatives.

**Action: Seeking endorsement of the draft MOU template (attached) so that the Chairman can sign off on the MOU, once we have endorsement from the Binjareb Elder and Representatives (noting we have endorsement from the Wilman Elder Jock Abraham.**

- SHARE in the Shed – Noongar Participation (19 September) was a huge success (thank you Thelma) <https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/s-h-a-r-e-in-the-shed-5/>
- Feedback was excellent (from evaluation forms), showing that 100% indicated they have a greater awareness of Native Title Settlement, Aboriginal procurement and the employment and engagement opportunities for the local Noongar community. 95% indicated they are likely to make changes to projects they are delivering because of the information shared at SHARE.
- Media coverage was also very good – see <https://www.mandurahmail.com.au/story/6409871/peel-harvey-catchment-council-host-another-successful-share-in-the-shed-event-photos/#slide=2>

## **2. Regional Estuaries Initiative**

### **Peel Main Drain**

- We are advised that approval for the culverts is 'imminent'
- We had a facilitated meeting with W/Corp on 26 September to look at a way forward with respect to the weir. We are exploring 2 options – 1 for W/Corp to design and construct; and 2 for W/Corp to provide support in the process with PHCC contracting design and construction, with very explicit guidance and input from W/Corp.
- DWER is progressing the Site Management Plan in consultation with WAPC.

### **Mayfield**

- A first round of monitoring existing sites has been completed and results will be shared with the Steering Committee in due course.
- We are progressing for construction of 2 more structures and aim to have the existing 4 sites with stop boards and post construction modifications complete early 2020.

## **Strategic Issues (refer also to Chair's report)**

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### **1. State Election (March 2021)**

See Chairman's report.

### **2. SAPPR and PHEMC Update – Suspension of SAPPR:**

See Chairman's report.

### **3. Other highlights and project updates**

1. **Feral Cat Working Group and Research** Funding Submission – we have sought \$861,261 from Lotterywest and are hoping to meet with them in October to review against some queries.
2. The Mandurah **Water Towers** project is not progressing well and may not eventuate. This is very disappointing for all involved. The City of Mandurah and the Minister for Arts have expressed a desire for us to resolve issues with W/Corp and further discussions are required.
3. **NRM WA CEO's** meeting was hosted by the PHCC on 24 September – very collaborative.
4. We are progressing the **Scholarship in Honour of Mike Schultz** and will report back.

### **4. PHCC Events – not covered in Project Manager Reports (see events webpage)**

### **5. Operational Issues**

Occupational Health and Safety - There are no incidences to report

Please keep following our Facebook and Twitter accounts for project information, events and more. A huge thank you to the team who are doing a great job.

Jane O'Malley  
**Chief Executive Officer**