

# OFFICER'S REPORT

General Meeting to be held in April 2020



**Subject:** Outcomes from the “So What” Session held at Strategic Meeting  
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## Summary

At the “So What” session held as part of the PHCC Strategic Meeting on 20 February 2020, a number of opportunities and outcomes were identified.

## Background

At the Executive Committee meeting held on 12 March 2020, it was recognised that the Strategic Meeting had been a very good day, coming together well across the broad, strategic matters. It was noted that it was a shame that a broader audience was not able to share in this information sharing (noting that very few of the extended invitees attended).

At this meeting, the Executive Committee resolved as follows:

1. *CEO to circulate Alex’s information of Environmental Water Provisions (received after the Strategic Day) (refer attachment).*
2. *CEO to note the outcomes of the Strategic Day for the review of the NRM Strategy and the 2021 PHCC 2 year planned Achievements.*
3. *CEO to put the outcomes of the Strategic Day into an action table for the next Board meeting, showing actions against each item (Strategic Directions Review; NRM Strategy Review; Immediate Action/Comment).*
4. *Keep on record a proposal to host a Water Symposium, when capacity allows.*
5. *CEO to suggest that Alex Gardner seek advocacy support from CCWA for his papers on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and LNG*

## Strategic Implications

**Goal 2 Securing our Future**

KA2 Advocate for an institutional funding framework for Catchment Management

**Goal 3 Influencing Key Decision-Makers for better Catchment governance**

KA1 Maintain representation and influence strategic planning processes to embed a collaborative governance structure for effective catchment management, including drainage reform

**Goal 5 Delivering Quality Environmental Outcomes**

KA1 Identify, establish and promote projects to protect and manage priority environmental assets/systems

KA2 Review effectiveness of past practices to inform future investment and share knowledge

KA3 Support partners and land managers in the delivery of projects, with an increased focus and presence in the upper catchment

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- KA4 Deliver current contract obligations to a high quality, including adaptive management and evaluation of outcomes
- KA5 Support and collaborate on projects that lead to an improvement in water quality and biodiversity through improved drainage management.
- Goal 6 Engaging and enabling individuals and communities
- KA1 Support and strengthen communities knowledge and attitudes to protect our natural assets

### **Recommendation**

#### **That the Board:**

- 1. Acknowledge the Strategic Planning Day outcomes; and**
- 2. Note that the CEO will work through the notes from the “So-What” session of the Strategic Day (refer attachment below) so that they are can be considered for future actions/recommendations against the PHCC’s Strategic Directions Review; NRM Strategy Review and for any Immediate Action/comment).**

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## Summary of the 'So What' Session with Board (and Guests)

PHCC Strategic Meeting 20 February 2020

Forest and Fire Presentations		
	Identified Outcome	Action
1	Read the <a href="#">Leeuwin Group Review</a> . What are we going to do with the Review information?	
2	Do we go to industry (ie Alcoa) regarding alternative fire management?	
3	What is science telling us (eg planting species)?	
4	Request Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) Fire Ecologist to present to the Board as soon as possible to inform decision-making. Determine our position to take to government.	
5	Connect with / join Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network (TERN) – Technology for monitoring – what partners?	
6	Fire / education: Education built into the new Bushfire Centre for Excellence which is to be constructed in the Shire of Murray.	
7	Look at the water in our landscape (upper slope/lower) in discussions re fire management (impacts of fire on upper vs lower slopes)	
Water Availability Presentations		
	Identified Outcome	Action
1	Advocate – Environmental Water Provisions (EWPs) (ecosystem services and restoration) to be recognised for our waterways, estuary and rivers.	

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2	Take message to a wider audience – consider holding a “Water Symposium”.	
3	Peel Integrated Water Initiative (PIWI) – Advocate for Stage 2 to assist with greater knowledge re water in this area.	
4	Advocate for better water storage and re-use / reduce usage	
Water Quality Presentations		
	<b>Identified Outcome</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	Birriga Drain – who owns it / manages it – look at opportunities for Water Quality projects here (Rupert).	
2	Advocate for Estuary Protection Plan (approval and implementation dollars, with responsibilities and timeframes defined)	
3	Invite Department of Environment, Water and Regulation (DWER) to present to the PHCC and discuss actions so we can design and plan landscape scale actions (urgent priority).	
4	Advocate for Regional Estuaries Initiative Stage II (REI) (seven estuaries).	
5	Design and implement a ‘Communication Strategy’ – Peel-Harvey Catchment Council and ARC Linkage (link to Point Gray communications channel).	

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