

# CHAIRMAN REPORT

General Meeting to be held on 10 December 2020

*Welcome to Birak, the season of the young. A time of fledglings and reptiles shedding their skin. A season represented by the colour red, symbolic of heat, sun and fire. A time traditionally used to burn country in mosaic patterns.*

## Meetings and Events

It's been a reasonably quiet couple of months, the regular meeting with David Templeman and Robin Clarke was cancelled.

Jane met with Andrew Hastie (I was an apology) to talk budget and request that Andrew advocate strongly for funding for PHCC beyond 2023.

On the 26 November, Fiona Valesini and Matt Hipsey presented the ACR Linkage results to the Peel Alliance. The Alliance demonstrated a real interest in the presentation with many questions from members. Overwhelmingly the response from the group was one of shock as the dire state of the estuary hit home. I'm confident this knowledge will lead to greater respect and collaboration in the region as we work together strategically as Alliance partners.

Fiona Valesini also presented on The Nature Conservancy's Restoring the Peel-Harvey Estuary Project-Valuing Nature. Dr Richard Campbell The Nature Conservancy's Oceans Project Coordinator for the Peel Region was also in attendance.

The Peel Alliance 2021 State Election Funding Commitment Requests document has now been finalised and we have requested the following;

- The Science of Restoring our Estuary, requesting \$2.085 million
- Peel Waterways Research Infrastructure Project, requesting \$2.077 million
- Aboriginal Ranger Program, requesting \$1.84 million
- Rescuing the Lake Clifton Thrombolites, requesting \$500 00

A copy of the document can be found at <https://peelalliance.org.au/2021-state-election-funding-commitment-requests/>

The State Government has recently released its plan for a climate-resilient community and low-carbon future which if the opportunity presents may be worthy of a read and consideration given that we will have our next Strategic Directions meeting early next year.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/western-australian-climate-policy>

It's been a challenging year across community but thanks to the dedication of staff, PHCC has gone from strength to strength and I thank staff for their professionalism.

Thank you to the board for your support and commitment and I look forward to working with you next year.

Best wishes for a much-deserved Christmas break!

Caroline Knight

**Chairman**