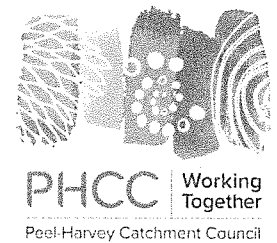


MINUTES OF PHCC GENERAL MEETING



Held on Thursday 15 April 2021
At the PHCC Shed, 58 Sutton Street, MANDURAH

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.02am

Attendance

Present:

Caroline Knight	Chair
Darralyn Ebsary	Deputy Chair
Marilyn Gray	Treasurer
Paddi Creevey OAM	Secretary (until 11.50am)
Bob Pond	Executive Committee (DWER)
Sue Fyfe	Community Member
Andy Gulliver	Community Member (from 9.06am)
Howard Mitchell	Community Member
David Prattent	Community Member (until 11.28am)
Claire Reid	Community Member
Mark Cugley	DBCA
Rob Summers	DPIRD
Andrew Ward	PDC (until 11.28am)

In Attendance:

Jane O'Malley	Chief Executive Officer
Mel Durack	Program Manager Hotham-Williams
Steve Fisher	Program Manager Science & Waterways
Leanne Greene	Office Manager & Executive Support (Minutes)

Apologies:

Cr Brad Cardilini	Local Government Member (Coastal)
Suzanne Brown	Water Corporation (Observer)
Nicholas Dufty	DPLH, Mandurah (Observer)

G.1/4/21 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.02 am, acknowledging the Noongar people as Traditional Custodians of this land and paying her respect to all Elders past and present.

G.2/4/21 Declarations of Interest

- Claire Reid (Community Member) declared a conflict of interest with regard to her employment by South32.
- Mark Cugley (DBCA Agency Representative) highlighted that whilst he is on the PHCC Board, he has taken no part in the process that determined recent project agreements with the PHCC.

G.3/4/21 Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting held on 18 February 2021

Moved: Rob Summers Seconded: Bob Pond

That the Minutes of the General meeting held on 18 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

G.4/4/21 Confirmation of Minutes of Strategic Meeting held on 18 February 2021

Moved: Bob Pond Seconded: Claire Reid

That the Minutes of the Strategic meeting held on 18 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

G.5/4/21 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Minute No	Update
G.9/2/21	Chairman's Report: This item has been completed, as the Chairman has circulated the NRM WA Incorporated Association v Pty Ltd (Special Purpose Vehicle) paper and attachment to Board Members (Tabled at meeting and provided with agenda on Members page).
S.3/2/21	Board Performance Evaluation Survey and 2-Year Board Work Plan: This item has been completed, with the CEO having made a note on file to change the terminology used for the 2023 Board Performance Evaluation is changed from 'biannual' to 'conducted every two years'.
S.3/2/21	Board Performance Evaluation Survey and 2-Year Board Work Plan: This item has been completed, with modifications having been made to the timing of the 2023 Board Performance Evaluation survey to better align with the Governance Committee's annual meeting held in September.
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G.8/12/20(h)	Worsley Mine Expansion: This is in progress. Arrangements for South32 to present an update to the Board are tentatively in place for the next Board meeting (Thursday 17 June).
G.13/12/20	Completed, with overview of implementing changes to the Credit Card Facility being delegated to the Finance and Audit Committee.
G.13/12/20	Completed, with overview of implementing changes to the Delegations of Authority to reflect new ATO reporting authorities, being delegated to the Finance and Audit Committee.
G.5/10/20f	Agriculture and Environment School Program: The Board agreed that this should be delegated to the Agriculture Steering Committee and considered complete as a Board action.
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G.5/10/20g	Upper Catchment Water Levels: The Board agreed that this should be delegated to the Agriculture Steering Committee and considered complete as a Board action.
G.8/10/20	Winjan Rangers - Agricultural Employment Opportunities: The Board agreed that this should be delegated to the Agriculture Steering Committee and considered complete as a Board action.

G.9/10/20	Alcoa Presentation: Board Members were requested to send through details of any questions they would like to present to Alcoa, along with specific areas of interest that they may wish the tour to include, to assist in guiding the design of the tour.
G.6/8/20 a)	CEO to share Rob Summers' publications as appropriate: This item has been completed, with relevant new and additional publications also provided. These will be shared via inclusion in Wattle and Quoll, social media and Healthy Soils network.
G.6/8/20 e)	CEO to look into having an appropriate state government representative present to the December 2020 Board meeting on the proposed streamlining of approvals: Arrangements have been made for the CEO and Chairman to meet with Gail McGowan on 21 June 2021 to discuss this matter with her.
G.7/9/20	Arrangements to be made for Benson Todd to present again to the Board, focussing on the fire science program and the impacts on biodiversity and various species: With the agreement of the Board, this item would be removed from the Actions list, and placed on the list of potential speakers for upcoming Board Meetings. CEO suggested that this might be a SHARE event.
G.6/6/20 b)	Mark Cugley to provide Board Members with a copy of the Recreational Master Plan for Yalgorup National Park: Mark advised that he would email this Plan to the office for circulation.

G.6/4/21 Correspondence

Correspondence was posted weekly on the Members' page of the website, with emails to members advising that new correspondence had been uploaded. The Correspondence Register was tabled at the meeting.

Moved: Marilyn Gray Seconded: Bob Pond

That Correspondence In and Correspondence Out be accepted.

CARRIED

G.7/4/21 Strategic Directions – Key Achievements Planned

Based on the discussion that took place at the Strategic Meeting on 18 February 2021, Caroline Knight, Bob Pond and Marilyn Gray workshopped the information and presented proposed key achievements for 2021-2023, for the Board's consideration. The draft achievements were discussed and minor modifications incorporated, as shown below.

ACTION: With regard to the monitoring of achievements against the goals for 2021-23, the Board indicated it was happy with the annual reporting arrangement currently in place. The CEO suggested that she could 'tweak' her CEO's report so as to provide an indication at Board meetings of how things are tracking against goals of the Strategic Directions.

Moved: Marilyn Gray Seconded: Darralyn Ebsary

That the Board endorse the 2 year planned achievements as set out below:

Goal 1 – Governing, Leading, Managing

- Attract a diversity of Board Members, providing mentoring and support to new Board Members, with a view to effective succession planning.
- Maintain and utilise an effective contact database.

NB: Diversity refers to gender, age, skill sets and regional representation, and this will be stipulated in the action plan)

Goal 2 – Securing our Future

- Review and update the Regional NRM strategy.
- Investigate potential for entering carbon off-set markets and explore a range of investment strategies.

Goal 3 – Influencing Key Decision Makers

- Identify key influencers, decision-makers and government direction and priorities to develop and implement a targeted communication strategy.
- Advocate for science-based processes and decision making to inform and influence strategic planning and land use planning.
- Prepare a PHCC statement on, and advocate for, Environmental Water Provisions for the health of the Peel Harvey Estuarine System and its tributaries.
- Prepare an informed PHCC position on management of the catchment's forest sub-system.

Goal 4 – Facilitate Collaborative Adaptive Management

- Develop, communicate, and facilitate implementation of a new 10 year science strategy for the Peel Harvey Estuarine System and its catchment.
- Secure and Implement Stage 1 of the Peel Waterways Institute.
- Develop a Ramsar Ambassador Program.
- Develop and communicate a clear understanding of the range and value of ecosystem service provided by the Peel Harvey Estuarine system and its catchment.
- Prepare an informed PHCC position on management of the Upper Catchment.

Goal 5 – Delivering quality environmental outcomes

- Undertake a review of the PHCC's past projects to determine their success with a view to influencing current and future projects.
- Identify, establish, and promote high priority projects.

Goal 6 – Engaging and enabling individuals and communities

- Continue to develop Noongar participation in NRM programs and employment opportunities in conjunction with those communities.
- Increase our community's knowledge and positive attitudes towards the natural environment.
- Support and strengthen community capacity to be meaningfully involved in NRM.
- Continue to work with governments and industry to improve environmental outcomes.
- Assist individuals, communities, and industry to adapt to a changing climate.

CARRIED

The meeting broke for morning tea at 9.52 am and resumed at 10.03 am

G.8/4/21 Presentation: Introduction to CRCTime – Emma Yuen and Anna Littleboy

Emma Yuen (Research Impact and Transition Manager for CRCTime) and Anna Littleboy (Research Director for CRC Time) joined the meeting via Zoom, providing a visual presentation introducing CRCTime, which covered:

- Research Programs (x4)
- Resources and partners
- Foundational activities and Southwest WA Foundational Research
- Aspirations to create seven regional hubs around Australia, thereby giving regions a voice
- Goals and benefits (research focus but community transformation).

It was highlighted that the PHCC has a 10-year in-kind partner agreement with CRCTime (which was provided to Board Members with the agenda), with the bulk of the time coming through PHCC's involvement in the Dwellingup Futures Group and Newmont Partnership.

G.9/4/21 Introduction of Board Members Agenda Items Form

A pro-forma has been developed for Board Members to complete and submit to the CEO setting out details of items they would like listing for consideration at upcoming Board meetings.

It was identified that this approach would help with preparations for meetings.

Moved: Andy Gulliver Seconded: Howard Mitchell

That the Board endorse the framework, to be utilised by Members for listing agenda items.

CARRIED

G.10/4/21 Resignation of Board Member: Cr Eliza Dowling, Local Government Representative (Inland)

The CEO reported that Councillor Eliza Dowling had reluctantly resigned from the Board, for personal reasons. After discussions with the Executive Group, the CEO contacted the CEO of the Shire of Cuballing to confirm that the PHCC would support the Shire nominating a replacement local government representative (Inland). Councillor Robert Harris was identified by the Shire as the nominee to represent the Inland Local Governments until Councillor Dowling's term expires (December 2021), pending formal endorsement by the Board. A formal request was received from the Shire, and was presented to the Board for consideration.

Moved: Darralyn Ebsary Seconded: Marilyn Gray

That the Board:

1. Accepts Councillor Dowling's resignation and writes to thank her for her contributions.
2. Accepts the Shire of Cuballing's nomination of Councillor Robert Harris to represent Inland Councils to the end of Cr Dowling's term, expiring in December 2021.

CARRIED

G.11/4/21 Steering Committee Modifications: Cr Dowling Resignation and Sue Fyfe stepping off Science Sub-Committee

The CEO reported that in view of Councillor Dowling's resignation from the Board, there is a vacancy on the Hotham-Williams Steering Committee. In addition, notification has been received from Sue Fyfe advising that she wished to step down from the Science Sub-Committee as she was heavily committed in other areas and needed to drop one of her PHCC commitments.

Darralyn Ebsary reported that she and Mel Durack were actively trying to recruit community members from the upper catchment, to try to achieve a more spatially diverse membership on the Board, particularly from the farming community. Members supported this and noted that potential nominees for the Board would be invited as observers to a future meeting, and that the next meeting may be held in Boddington to assist to facilitate this.

It was noted that Cr Harris would be invited to attend the next Hotham-Williams Steering Committee.

Darralyn Ebsary raised the complex and long standing issue that funding and support is not equitable across the Catchment. While it was noted that a lot of progress has been made in the last ~6 years with establishing a presence, securing and funding projects (Greening Farms, Numbat Neighbourhood, Newmont & South32, and the 4 Local Governments), the upper catchment does not receive the level of resources as the Swan Coastal Plain and Ramsar footprint.

It is hoped that the Goal 4 Achievement Planned “Prepare an informed PHCC position on management of the Upper Catchment”, will assist to raise the profile (and resources).

Bob Pond suggested the need to find a structural solution to ensuring that the Board cover the entire Catchment needs, potentially with the Hotham-Williams Steering Committee playing a larger role in feeding in needs of the upper catchment, or similar. It was suggested that the Hotham-Williams Steering Committee and Executive Committee consider how to best approach this.

ACTION: CEO to list for discussion at the next Executive Committee a ‘structural solution’ to endeavour to have the NRM needs of the upper catchment appropriately understood and considered, with a view to influencing additional resources across the Hotham-Williams footprint, as per the Hotham-Williams NRM Strategy. The Hotham-Williams Steering Committee also be asked to consider an approach to assist.

Moved: Paddi Creevey

Seconded: Darralyn Ebsary

That the Board Endorses:

1. Changes to the Steering Committee memberships, being:
 - a) the removal of Councillor Eliza Dowling from the Hotham-Williams Steering Committee
 - b) the removal of Sue Fyfe from the Science Steering Committee.
2. The CEO to seek nomination to the vacancies on these Steering Committees.

CARRIED

G.12/4/21 Agency and Member Updates

a) Rob Summers, DPIRD

HEWA – Healthy Estuaries WA workshops

There have been seven workshops for farmers in the participating catchments of Peel-Harvey, Leschenault, Geographe, Lower Blackwood, Torbay, Wilson Inlet and Oyster harbour.

The workshops have now been presented and landholders now have been shown how to convert their soil tests to fertiliser application rates with the new Nutrient Calculator on the DPIRD website.

<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/soil-nutrients/introduction-nutrient-calculator-high-rainfall-pastures-western-australia>

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A new research paper has now been accepted to Soil Research:

Weaver, D., Summers, R. (2021 *in press*) Phosphorus status and saturation in soils that drain into the Peel Inlet and Harvey Estuary of Western Australia. Soil Research

This will be publicly available and downloadable. The link will be provided when published.

A review of the Healthy Estuaries WA will be carried out on 20/21 April to consider learnings from the project to date and plan for the coming year.

ACTION: Rob to present the findings of the publications associated with soil testing, soil health and nutrient retention at an appropriate event, either a future Board meeting or to enable a broader audience a SHARE or similar event.

Election commitments

During the election campaign the Labor Party announced \$2M for “Peel Regional Trails” election commitment in its Plan for Murray-Wellington, Mandurah, Dawesville. DBCA will be involved in the delivery of this project and we are still working with Department of Treasury as to the department’s role, noting this funding will be spent on Local Government land as part of the overall Peel Trails Strategy. DBCA will work with PDC, City of Mandurah, Shire of Murray and Waroona on the project.

Other election commitments were made relating to ‘Dwellingup Gap – trails and facilities to complete the final 18 kilometres of mountain bike trails within the Dwellingup area. This final stretch of trail will qualify Dwellingup for international Trail Town status, bringing worldwide recognition of our unique trail system (\$2.7 million). Also funding for ‘Serpentine National Park redevelopment’ to redevelop precinct picnic facilities and walking trails to facilitate a higher level of visitation (\$3.2million).

Creery wetland fence

The new predator exclusion fence at Creery wetlands has been completed, with the exception of the hot wire. The new fence is on the same alignment as the previous fence, having discussed the matter with the City of Mandurah and its plans for the Coodanup foreshore.

Samphire Cove Nature Reserve

DBCA staff recently met with the Friends of Samphire Cove to discuss several issues including kangaroos and signage. DBCA will continue the Friends of Samphire Cove and the important work they are doing at this site. Jane O’Malley also attended this site visit on behalf of PHCC.

Entangled Dolphin

The images captured by Sally Kirby are a credit to her and have provided a good opportunity to review the entanglement. River is now frequenting the southern part of the estuary interacting with the resident male dolphins, showing good social behaviours and interactions.

The entanglement may be more deeply embedded, however there are no obvious sign of infection or insidious impact. This is supported by River’s good body condition, behaviour and social interactions. The potential impacts of the entanglement to River’s long term health remain as they have been throughout. It has been and continues to be acknowledged that fundamentally River would be better off without the entanglement.

Based on behaviour i.e. jumping free from bow wake any attempt at capture is likely to be unsuccessful and possibly dangerous, similarly based on behaviour and body condition intervention is not considered to be warranted at this time.

Paddi Creevey reported on community feedback she has received, highlighting her understanding that the situation with the entangled dolphin has developed into a very serious social issue, which is supported by a 10,000 signature petition. She acknowledged the tremendous efforts of Mark and Benson Todd in this area. However, the risk of losing a breeding female is significant and this is a very serious animal welfare issue. As such Paddi reported that she is going to take this up at a Regional level, as Chair of the PDC.

Recent project agreements with PHCC

DBCA recently signed an agreement with the PHCC for access control fencing and weed mapping at Treasure Block Nature Reserve and rabbit control at Carrabungup Nature Reserve. This is part of the Banksia Woodlands Project that forms part of the PHCC’s Regional Land Partnerships contract.

Since the last PHCC meeting the DBCA also signed an agreement with the PHCC for the purchase of a heavy duty gate at the northern end of Lake Clifton in Yalgorup National Park. This will help protect 110ha of native vegetation and revegetation work undertaken by PHCC in 2020 as part of the ‘Wetlands and People Project’. DBCA will be responsible for all ongoing maintenance in perpetuity.

(COI declaration) Consistent with the Conflict of Interest registered with the PHCC on 11 March 2020 I have acknowledged that I am an agency representative on the PHCC Board, but took no part in the process that determined these projects were a good and useful of funds administered by the PHCC.

c) Bob Pond, Executive Committee (DWER)

Fishkills

Two fishkills have been reported and investigated in April. On 1 April DWER crews undertaking monitoring on the Serpentine at Keralup discovered a fishkill. The fish were not suitable for sampling, but the cause seems to be poor water quality and associated with a boom and netting placed across the river to control the movement of water hyacinth. It appears the boom also impeded the movement of fish during a poor water event. DWER is working with DevelopmentWA to rectify the situation.

The second fishkill was reported by recreational kayaker on the Harvey downstream of the Forrest Highway on 6 April. The dead fish were spotted three days prior to the report and judging by the photos they were already dead for several days. Water quality was known to be poor prior to the report. No further investigation was undertaken.

Cappuccino scum and sewage spill on the Murray

There was a sewage leak in the Murray River canals in the weeks leading up to Easter. This was managed by Water Corporation, the Shire, and the Department of Health. Signage to avoid contact recreation and eating fish were posted. An estimated 39 kl of sewerage was lost.

At the same time, the conditions were ripe for a scumming event which started occurring just before Easter. Unfortunately, the scumming and sewage leak were conflated in public minds.

Maintenance Dredging the Murray/Serpentine

Maintenance dredging of the Murray Serpentine Channel is due to begin in Late April or early May, Pre-dredging benthic habitat surveys have been initiated.

Seagrass Mapping

DWER Water Science Branch, with assistance from the region, has been undertaking a seagrass mapping project in the estuary. It is a huge exercise with 500 data points being targeted. It is involving direct sampling and underwater photography. It is being undertaken by boat, land based, and drone.

The CEO advised the Board that she has requested a meeting with Hon David Templeman, MLA to discuss the \$5m funding commitment provided under the Peel-Harvey Estuary Protection Plan.

d) Andrew Ward, PDC

Election Commitments

The Peel Region has received a number of State Government election commitments (a total of 115 small ask commitments with an individual value under \$250,000, of which PDC was to deliver approx. 90). Large election commitments relate to Dwellingup Gap, Yalgorup National Park, Waroona Town Centre Revitalisation and the community centres in Dawesville and Ravenswood. In terms of the smaller election commitments, discussions will be taking place sometime in May, whilst larger commitments see stakeholder engagement over the next 3-4 months.

Gordon Road Waste Water Treatment

PDC is working with the Water Corporation and DWER with regard to the supply of water from the Gordon Road Waste Treatment Plant and the potential options for supply to the industrial/commercial areas in Waroona and Murray.

Southwest Aboriginal Land and Sea Settlement Council

PDC is working with the Southwest Aboriginal Land and Sea Settlement Council, considering what areas the PDC may be able to assist Peel members of the Council.

e) Sue Fyfe, Community Member

Scarp /Jarrah Forest area

- Community action- The Dwellingup Discovery Forest Working Group (DDFWG) has renamed itself as The Dwellingup Discovery Forest Defenders.
 - The four working groups formed: Collecting Evidence, Forming Partnerships, Informing and Contacting and Community Engagement continue to operate.
- 1) Note – ALCOA has amended their area for the Holyoak Minesite with the EPA.
 - 2) FPC is undertaking significant logging in the proposed mining envelope. The FPC's forest management area includes Alcoa's Pre-mining activities and post-mining rehabilitation. Pre-mining activity includes salvage operations and the recovery of forest products prior to commencement of mining activities. Post-mining rehabilitation includes the recovery of forest products as part of thinning operations, associated with improvements in hydrology, fire management and forest health.
 - 3) The website www.dwellingupdiscoveryforest.org continues to information on Alcoa's proposed mining extension including mapping of the affected area. Shows current clearing of the forest.
 - 4) The Facebook group Save Dwellingup Discovery Forest now has 1147 members. Open to anyone wanting information about the campaign.
 - 5) We have attended most of the Screenings of "Cry of the Forest" Film by Fremantle filmmaker Jane Hammond in Fremantle, Perth, Mandurah and Manjimup.
 - 6) Met with Paddi Creevey in her role as Chair Dwellingup Futures / PDC and showed her the map of the DDF and the area under threat.
 - 7) Met with Andrew Hastie (9 April), discussed the community concern and arranged another meeting on 30 April to show him the area under threat of logging and mining.
 - 8) Showed an EPA Board member the area under threat.
 - 9) We joined with the Jarrahdale Forest Protectors and the Wagerup group on 28 March for workshop to look at areas of collaboration.
 - 10) Provided new members with tours of affected areas.
 - 11) Have requested redefinition of Old Growth Forest.
 - 12) National & International Standards in Ecological Restoration- working with Kingsley Dixon and Urban Bushland Council.
 - 13) Supported Greens at election.

f) Darralyn Ebsary, Deputy Chairman

Upper Catchment Water Levels

The Upper Catchment has benefited from the recent rainfall, and dams in the area are now full. This has really positively impacted on the general demeanour of the community. Seeding would start early this year.

G.13/4/21 Treasurer's Report

Andrew Ward and David Prattent retired from the meeting at 11.28 am.

The Treasurer spoke to her report as provided with the agenda and the accompanying financial statements for the period as at 31 March 2021.

Moved: Paddi Creevey Seconded: Bob Pond

That:

1. The Treasurer and the Chief Finance Officer investigate reinvesting the Westpac Term Deposit - \$664,253.73 and interest which matures on 12 April 2021.
2. The Treasurer and the Chief Finance Officer investigate reinvesting the ANZ Term Deposit - \$1,523,896.38 which matures on 17th July with an additional \$100,000 from Corporate Online Saver Account to be added.
3. Leanne Greene's credit card be cancelled from the PHCC Credit Card Facility.

4. Melanie Durack's monthly credit limit be increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000.
5. The new Manager, Corporate Services and Executive Support officer be added to the Credit Card Facility with a monthly limit of \$4,000 with the CEO to determine if the card to be issued in Probation period.
6. That the Financial Reports and the Treasurer's Report be endorsed as presented.

CARRIED

G.14/4/21 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Paddi Creevey retired from the meeting at 11.50 am.

The CEO spoke to her report (accompanied by a supporting slide presentation), providing updates on the team, new funding applications, projects, strategic issues and other highlights. The full report can be seen in the attachment, but highlights include:

Staff – Movements, Professional Development and more

Farewells and Recruitment:

- New – Administration Officer for the Hotham-Williams – **Nicole Ramsay commenced 23 Feb**
- New – EO WA Feral Cat Working Group – **Judy Dunlop – commencing 19 April**
- Replace – **Karen Bettink** for Jordon Garbellini as the Coordinator, Land Conservation (**starts 3 May**)
- Replace – **Deborah Chard** for Leanne Green as Manager Corporate Services & Exec Support (**starts 19 April**)
- **Paula Pownall – has resigned and will finish on 30 April.** Applications closed 12 March.
- **Vacant – Program Manager, Land Conservation and Agriculture** (will do targeted and internal eoi process); and **River Restoration Officer** (part time)(waiting South32 Agreement to be in place)
- **Volunteers** – We have welcomed a couple of new volunteers, **Johanne Gallagher** is helping Paula with Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator support; **Gypsy Treacy** is helping Julie with communications and graphics.
- **Boddington CRC (PHCC Regional Office)** – We have permission to extend our PHCC space into the adjoining room and will be looking at what needs to be done to provide this additional space, spruce up the office a bit and the lease will be reviewed (after June 30).

New Funding Applications / Business Contracts (see also Program Manager Reports)

South 32 – 5 year partnership program (\$750,000)

Feedback from Mark Worthington at South32 13/04/2021:

The Agreement has been prepared by South32 and reviewed by head office. Mark advised Mel 13/04/2021 they have queries around the Impact Measurement & Reporting section in terms of outcomes & outputs. Queries raised around the longer terms deliverables i.e. hectares revegetated etc. Mel will work through these queries via a video conference with South32 in week of 16 April, (and a tentative follow-up meeting the following week). Note that it is hard to determine at this stage some outputs until concept plans are prepared and reviewed. It has been verbally agreed to include a statement that outcomes and outputs that will be reviewed on an annual basis as well as re-looking at the agreement once PHCC is aware of Australian Government funding post June 2023 – similar to the Newmont agreement. There has been a commitment from Mark that an agreement will be in place by the end of April. South32 are aware that PHCC board have underwritten the funds to enable the concept plan development to progress and PHCC is very keen to ensure a river restoration role to coordinate the river restoration project is advertised ASAP.

State NRM Community Engagement Grants

We are not applying for funding this round but the PHCC hosted a community forum and had 16 individuals representing ~ 14 local groups in attendance. We will continue to support our community to apply for / attract funding, including supporting Noongar engagement.

Noongar Participation – Thelma Crook

Procurement / Employment / Skills and Capability building – Thelma has done a great job of supporting the delivery of Green Jobs, with the third (and final) cohort underway. More detail was provided available on the Members page (this is the basis of an article for the PDC Peel Magazine which is yet to be published). We would not have achieved this without the fabulous support of IMS.

Noongar Procurement Strategy – We have not yet received feedback from the Australian Government on our revised Noongar Participation Plan.

Winjan Ranger Team – Thelma continues to provide support for the Ranger team and is working with the PHCC team to schedule our 30 days of on-country work with the team.

Healthy Estuaries WA Bindjareb Gabi Wonga

We will be meeting with Bronte Grant, George Walley and Franklyn Nannap on 22nd April for a round table to share the key objectives of the Healthy Estuaries WA Bindjareb Gabi Wonga project and invite a general update from the PHCC about happenings in Bindjareb boodja.

One of the objectives of the Bindjareb Gabi Wonga project is to design, develop and implement the Bindjareb Waterways Assessment Program (BWAP). Bindjareb Elders, the department and the PHCC collaborated in 2019 to draft a Terms of Reference for this partnership initiative. The TOR requires review by all parties to update relevant elements of the document (eg. timing, resourcing) – which will be discussed.

In project planning for the Healthy Estuaries WA Bindjareb Gabi Wonga project, for the BWAP the need to establish a Technical Working Group was identified (George and Franklyn will be naming this group in Noongar) led by Bindjareb people. The group will bring experts together, to listen and learn from each other. The round table will discuss the proposed TOR and TWG.

Peel Main Drain

Progress on the Peel MD Swales project has been significant in the past month (as at 10 April 2021). The diversion weir on Peel MD is now operational as are the outlet culverts to the south of the Swales. The inlet culvert that takes Peel MD flow into the Swales Headwater Pool is in place, however, it is not yet operational, though is expected to be within two weeks. With the Swales modifications, all the earthworks are now complete so that five Swales are flat and with an invert of 1.40m AHD, while the sixth remains as sloping at 1:500. Completed modifications also include the lowering of the Headwater and Tailwater Pools including construction of a sediment sump at the downstream end of sloping Swale #6.

Tropical Cyclone Seroja has forced a delay to construction after 35mm of rain fell on the works area on Sunday 11th April and made the clays unworkable. Work yet to be completed on the Swales are the outlet culvert structures at the downstream ends of five Swales and the installation of floatwells and their instrumentation that will allow accurate monitoring of water levels and flows in each of the Swales and Peel MD. All works are expected to be complete by mid-May 2021 with operation of the Swales System to commence in July 2021. Peter Muirden is kindly travelling between Melbourne and W.A. for key construction timeframes. A more detailed summary is provided in the agenda papers.

Moved: Darralyn Ebsary

Seconded: Howard Mitchell

That the CEO Report be endorsed as presented.

CARRIED

G.15/4/21 Chairman's Report

The Chair spoke to her report as provided with the agenda, setting out details of meetings and events she had attended.

Djeran is here with nights becoming cooler and dewy damp mornings that lead to a greening of the landscape. Djeran is the time of red flowers and flying ants. Banksia start to flower, providing much sought-after nectar for small mammals and birds.

Time has flown since we held our Strategic Day back in February, an election has been and gone and now we can focus!

Meetings and Events

On the 19th of February a significant number of folks came together to celebrate the Three Rivers, One Estuary initiative at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club. This project supported by \$4 million from the Alcoa Foundation will continue to fund revitalising the Serpentine, Murray and Harvey rivers and the Peel-Harvey Estuary over the next three years. Partners in the delivery of this project include PHCC, The Nature Conservancy and Greening Australia.

The highlight of the event for me was the public recognition of community groups and individuals who tirelessly support conservation work in our patch.

The Peel Alliance held its priorities workshop on the 25th of February. A number of key issues across our region were identified which received clear collective support from the members.

The priorities are:

- Water (supply and quality)
- Environmental protection and repair
- Industry diversification.

Jane O'Malley, Bob Pond, Leon Brouwer and I met with Mike Rowe on the 25th and a number of topics were discussed which included:

- Environmental Water
- Working in Drainage Systems
- River health Projects
- Waste Derived Materials
- Peel Waterways Institute/ Research Infrastructure Project
- National Water Initiative

The NRM WA meeting was held on the 26th and John Ruprecht from SCNRM was elected as the new Chair. John Carlson presented to the meeting which included the CEO's on Partnering for Prosperity. His comments aligned with our Strategic Directions Day discussions that we collectively must change the way we present ourselves to a more "this is what we can do for you" mindset.

Despite the early setback due to the COVID lockdown the Wetlands Conference went ahead and what an absolutely fabulous event it was. The Dandjoo Gabi Wonga Sundowner was a very special evening on Monday the 15th of March. It certainly celebrated our beautiful wetlands and included live music and short talks from many across our community who work in and for our waterways. The community turnout was impressive with many new faces which is very encouraging.

The staff presentations across the Wetland Management Conference were exceptional, their professionalism was noted by many and they certainly did PHCC proud! Julie's banners in the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre highlighting the Ramsar criteria we meet were beautiful, and we hope they will be displayed elsewhere soon. A great team effort from staff and a special thank you to Steve and Charlie.

This month we say goodbye to Leanne Greene and wish her well with her new direction and welcome a number of new faces to the team.

Moved: Bob Pond

Seconded: Darralyn Ebsary

That the Chairman's Report be endorsed as presented.

CARRIED

to the **December 2020** Board meeting on
the proposed streamlining of approvals

and Chairman to meet with
Gail McGowan on 21 June
2021.

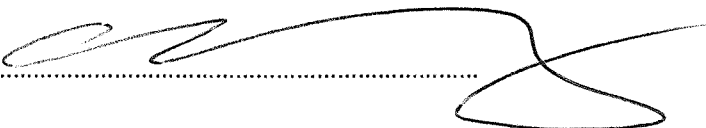
Summary of outstanding actions from meeting held on Thursday 18 June 2020:

Minute No.	DETAILS	RESP.	ACTION
G.6/6/20 b)	Mark Cugley to provide Board Members with a copy of the Recreational Master Plan for Yalgorup National Park	Mark Cugley	Mark to email to the PHCC office a final copy of the Recreational Master Plan for Yalgorup National Park.

G.16/4/21 Confirmation of next meeting date

The next meeting of the PHCC is scheduled for Thursday 17 June 2021 (venue to be confirmed).

The meeting closed at 11.59 am

Chairman: 

Date: 17.6.21

Summary of actions from General Board meeting held on Thursday 15 April 2021:

Minute No.	DETAILS	RESP.	ACTION
G.7/4/21	CEO's report to be 'tweaked' so as to provide an indication at Board meetings of how things are tracking against the goals for 2021-2021	Jane O'Malley	
G.11/4/21	For discussion at the next Executive Committee a 'structural solution' to endeavour to have the NRM needs of the upper catchment appropriately understood and considered, with a view to influencing additional resources across the Hotham-Williams footprint, as per the Hotham-Williams NRM Strategy. The Hotham-Williams Steering Committee also be asked to consider an approach to assist.	Jane O'Malley	
G.12/4/21 a)	Rob Summers to present the findings of the publications associated with soil testing, soil health and nutrient retention at an appropriate event, either a future Board meeting or to enable a broader audience a SHARE or similar event.	Rob Summers	
G.12/4/21 c)	CEO to liaise with Dr Malcolm Robb regarding his attendance at the June 2021 Board Meeting to present on the Peel-Harvey Estuary Plan and QWIP	Jane O'Malley	

Summary of actions from meeting held on Thursday 10 December 2020:

Minute No.	DETAILS	RESP.	ACTION
G.8/12/20(h)	Worsley Mine Expansion: Jane to make arrangements for South32 to present to the Board an update on the Worsley Mine Development Project.	Jane O'Malley	In progress. Tentative arrangements made for the presentation to be made at the next Board meeting (June 2021)

Summary of actions from meeting held on Thursday 22 October 2020:

Minute No.	DETAILS	RESP.	ACTION
G.9/10/20	Alcoa Presentation: Board Members were requested to send through details of any questions they would like to present to Alcoa, along with specific areas of interest that they may wish the tour to include, which will assist in guiding the design of the tour.	Board Members	

Summary of actions from meeting held on Thursday 20 August 2020:

Minute No.	DETAILS	RESP.	ACTION
G.6/8/20 e)	CEO to look into having an appropriate state government representative present	Jane O'Malley	In progress: Arrangements have been made for the CEO