

# MINUTES OF PHCC GENERAL MEETING



Held on Thursday 16 June 2022

At The Serpentine Jarrahdale CRC 2 Paterson St, Mundijong WA 6123

Followed by a 2 hour tour of the Jarrah Forest, hosted by the Jarrahdale Forest Protectors

## G.1/06/22 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:02 am, acknowledging the Noongar people as Traditional Custodians of the land and paying her respect to all Elders past and present and emerging.

## G.2/06/22 Attendance

<b>Present:</b>	Caroline Knight Marilyn Gray Veronica Metcalf Claire Reid Sue Fyfe Amanda Batt Robert Harris Laurie Snell Peter Zurzolo Mark Cugley Andrew Ward Nicholas Dufty	Chair Treasurer Community Member Community Member (via Zoom) Community Member Community Member (via Zoom) Local Government Member (Inland) Local Government Member (Costal) Community Member DBCA PDC DPLH (Observer)
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Jane O'Malley Mel Durack  Steve Fisher Kellie Beckwith Jesse Rowley Megan LeRoy Jennie Beeson Katy Montgomery Mick Davies Janine Neeling	CEO Operations Manager, Land Conservation and Agriculture (via Zoom) Operations Manager, Science and Waterways Manager Corporate Services/Exec Support Healthy Waterways Officer Healthy Farms & Habitat Officer Waterways Research Officer Wetlands Restoration Officer Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator Administration Officer
<b>Invited Guests:</b>	Dr Paul Neville Francis Smit	Curtin University Executive Officer, Landcare SJ
<b>Apologies:</b>	Darralyn Ebsary Paddi Creevey OAM Bob Pond Rob Summers Suzanne Brown	Deputy Chair Secretary Executive Committee (DWER) DPIRD Water Corporation (Observer)

## G.3/06/22 Declarations of Interest

Claire Reid (Community Member) declared a conflict of interest with regard to her employment at South32.

## G.4/06/22 Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting held on 28 April 2022

Chair thanked Darralyn for chairing the meeting in her absence, and asked if anyone has any comments on the minutes.

**Question:** Sue Fyfe queried Rob Summers (DPIRD) report which mentioned 3000 years of research, should this be 3?

**Response:** Chair advised we will get some clarification from Rob Summers.

**Question:** Sue Fyfe queried Mark Cugley's (DBCA) report perhaps should be amended to "There is no reason to suspect that both numbat and bettong populations at Dryandra should be in any immediate threat of declining."

**Response:** Mark Cugley confirmed. Chair noted discrepancies to be amended in prior minutes.

**Question:** Sue Fyfe requested further information on the autumn prescribed burns detailed in Mark Cugley's (DBCA) report.

**Response:** Mark Cugley answered "Looking at the way the native species need fire in the landscape to regenerate, we need this burn as with others to bring about that regeneration. So we need growth coming through as well so the burn which was a small part of lowlands was about bringing that regeneration back."

**Question:** Sue Fyfe "what species would you expect to find now?"

**Response:** Mark Cugley "I think the same species would be there, but you will get juvenile seedlings coming through, whilst the big mature banksia at some point will need to be replaced by younger plants."

**ACTION** Chair noted double negative discrepancy to be amended in prior minutes.

Moved: Marilyn Gray

Seconded: Sue Fyfe

**That the Minutes of the General meeting held on 28 April 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting, with minor modifications as recorded.**

**CARRIED**

## G.5/06/22 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Actions arising from General Board meeting held on Thursday 28 April 2022

Minute No	Update
G6/04/22	Jane O'Malley to send Sue Fyfe further information on Director Identification Numbers, as considered by the Finance and Audit Committee at their meeting in November 2021 <b>Completed – info emailed to Sue Fyfe on 13 May 2022 . Completed to be removed</b>
G.7/04/22	Mel Durack to link PHCC position statement regarding the South32 Public Environmental Review on the PHCC webpage once endorsed. Also ensuring that PHCC will advertise dates of the South32 information sessions. <b>Completed – the draft web page has been developed and position statement link is provided within this as a key document. Once the public environmental review is available (announced) the final info will be added and the web page will go live. Completed to be removed</b>
G.7/04/22	Jane O'Malley to enquire if any other groups have worked on a rehabilitation site register or similar. Jane has put a call out to various groups if they know of this and criteria and methodology and a request for information on the public environmental documentation been made? We had some response but no very little. Hanser advised about 30 thousand hectares has been rehabilitated. Asked Mark & Peter about data collection. Only area aware of and in the Wongong catchment and excepted by the state government as a special case. They wanted the Water Corporation to take back management of that catchment. No other areas have come back to the state government who are not willing to accept some of the liability associated with infrastructure e.g. drainage around the mine pits and around revegetation fuel loads and some of the timber industry not been met . Not aware apart from Wongong. How



	<p>does the state keep track is there a register? Not presented any register that we are aware of.</p> <p>Claire Reid – gave an update on Alcoa completion criteria, advised to google Alcoa as it is public information and broken down into dates and years.</p> <p>Completed to be removed.</p>
G.10/08/21	<p>Howard Mitchell, Marilyn Gray, Nicholas Dufty and Bob Pond to form a working group to discuss how the Board can support an initiative that provides protection to the Peel Inlet, a regionally significant landscape, through planning policy at local and state level. To be driven by Howard Mitchell, however his resignation and loss of his skillset from the board raises impediments to the task. Bob Pond and Nicholas Dufty have met to discuss and agree it is difficult to progress from our current departmental roles</p> <p>Nicholas provided the board with a brief overview on how landscape planning measures can currently be managed within the planning system.</p> <p>The 'pitch' from Howard Mitchell (Mitch) to the PHCC in 2021 was to explore how the PHCC can seek protection for the Peel Inlet as a regionally significant landscape. Arguably there are already protections in place, but different individuals would have a different interpretation of what is being sought. The more specific the objective the easier it is to engage with planning decision makers. It was suggested that Jane meet with the Shire of Murray who are about to review their Town Planning Scheme, to look at incorporating Landscape planning and protection in their review process. We need to understand what are the landscape values of the catchment to recognise as regionally significant and therefore worth preserving/protecting via the planning process (e.g. the Estuary, rivers, Swan Coastal Plain). Consider, what are our values and what are the threats to those values to be managed via land use planning. What are existing controls and are they adequate, particularly considering competing needs. E.g. Mitch had discussed the Leeuwin Naturalist Ridge as an example, the Peel-Harvey is more complex. There have been some attempts in the Peel (e.g. Madora/Singleton dunes as a buffer between Perth and Peel), but this has gradually been whittled away, regardless of Local Government and Community desire to retain it. There was a successful case for the Swan Valley which would be worth reviewing before talking to the Shire or Murray.</p> <p>Completed to be removed, noting that Jane will report back at suitable stages of progress.</p>

## G.6/06/22 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.

Marilyn paid tribute to Renee Barton for her work and level of detail in respect to The Karu Bilya Restoration Project Aboriginal Heritage Activity Notice and approval process (item 6 - 2.0).

**Moved: Andrew Ward      Seconded: Laurie Snell**

**That Correspondence In and Correspondence Out be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

## G. 7/06/22 Agency and Member Updates

### a) Rob Summers, DPIRD

Not present, no report provided

### b) Mark Cugley, DBCA

#### **Wheatbelt Region Update (on behalf of Greg Durell, Regional Manager, Wheatbelt Region)**

##### **Narrogin Biorefinery**

DBCA is not directly involved in the proposed Narrogin Biorefinery but thought it beneficial to let the PHCC know: "FutureEnergy Australia is planning to build a renewable diesel biorefinery within the Shire of Narrogin using sustainably sourced biomass such as crop residues and wood waste to produce renewable diesel, biochar and wood vinegar. This will create over 100 jobs and with a circular economic model plans to provide these three products to the agricultural sector. Plans to expand to other places in the agricultural zone into the future."

##### **Prescribed burn in Dward Block**

The Wheatbelt Region undertook a prescribed burn in Dwarda Block (a satellite block to the main Dryandra block) at the Dryandra Woodland National Park. The burn was completed on the 11th of May and involved the hand ignition of 56 hectares. The burn was undertaken in mild conditions with substantial rainfall that evening, which resulted in a mosaic of burnt and unburnt areas as prescribed in the prescription.

#### **Perth Hills Region Update (Mark Cugley, District Manager, Swan Coastal District)**

##### **Dwellingup Adventure Trails**

The Dwellingup Adventure Trails (DAT) initiative is a collaboration between DBCA and Shire of Murray to develop cycle, paddle and drive trails in Lane Poole Reserve and around Dwellingup town. DAT is jointly funded by DBCA and the Shire using a Commonwealth Building Better Regions grant. DAT's total budget was \$8.54 million. The DAT includes:

- Development of 35km of new mountain bike trails network in the Murray Valley -complete
- Development of 21kms of new mountain bike 'town trials' network in State forest adjacent to Dwellingup – construction underway with expected July 2022 completion date
- Improvements to the Murray River paddle trail by installing new access stairs to the river at Chuditch day use area - complete
- Construction of a new suspension bridge over the Murray River at Baden Powell and to service the Murray Valley trail network – construction underway with expected completion date of Sept 2022
- Sealing 11kms of main roads through Lane Poole Reserve (Lane Poole roadworks) –Complete

##### **Dwellingup Gap Project**

The 'Dwellingup Gap Project' consists of a number of projects that build on and complement the DAT project. The GAP is funded through Commonwealth, State, Shire of Murray and community resources. GAP total budget is \$2.705 million The GAP includes:

- Northern loop mountain bike trails 15km  
15km of MTB linking Turner Hill and Marrinup circuits.  
Initial project scoping underway with site assessments to commence 22/23 FY.
- Upgrade existing trails, Upgrade of existing Marrinup (8km) and Turner Hill (11km) mountain bike trails to high quality single track, Expected completion July 2022
- Mountain bike trail (Toms Trail) in Lane Poole reserve 3km  
3km of new high quality technical downhill trail, constructed to national competition standards Trail construction to commence early 2022/23 FY (August/September 2022).



- Finalise extensions and complete the fit out of the Visitor and Trail Centre
- Lighting to basketball courts, pump track and skate park
- Construction of a looped section of the Captain Fawcett 4WD trail, Create a loop trail from Lane Poole and return, using the existing Murray Valley Fire line to create a return loop within Lane Poole Reserve
- Additional Canoe launch and retrieval points on the Murray River, Create two additional canoe launching and retrieval points at Stringers and Yarragil, extending the Canoe Trail options from the current 8kms to 12kms.
- Upgrade the existing 18 km King Jarrah Walk Trail, The upgrade and inclusion of a new shorter loop option on the existing King Jarrah trail, will provide both longer (half day) and shorter (1-2 hours) family walking options, greatly enhancing hiking opportunities in the Dwellingup area. Project still in planning and approval stage.
- Constructing a walk trail loop on the existing Bibbulmun Track, 3 day 2 night walking/hiking loop starting and finishing in Dwellingup 11 km required to connect the trail to the Bibbulmun Track, Planning/works yet to commence.

### **Swan Coastal Plain District Update**

#### **Staff movements**

Heidi Bucktin has recently begun a six-month secondment to DBCA's Species and Communities Branch where she will progress monitoring and reporting all Ramsar systems across WA. It is good that Heidi will still be involved with the Peel-Yalgorup Ramsar site in this role.

Rick James recently begun a six-month contract position to effectively backfill Heidi's role in Swan Coastal District and is very well placed to progress operational works and monitoring for Lake Mealup, Lake McLarty and wetland systems within and around the Peel Harvey estuary with local governments, community groups and individual landowners.

#### **DBCA-PHCC projects for southern reserve on the Swan Coastal Plain**

DBCA and PHCC staff recently scoped a new project for access control at Kooljerrenup Nature Reserve under the 'Wetlands and People – a community restoring the Ecological Character of the Peel-Yalgorup Ramsar 482 Wetlands' project. This will enable 225m of cable fencing south of the boat ramp in Birchmont through a contribution of \$2,122.

Consistent with the Conflicts 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 assessment process that considered this projects as a good and valuable use of funds administered by the PHCC.

#### **c) Bob Pond, DWER**

- This month's report is a bit short, in part due to the DWER Mandurah office being significantly hit with Covid, with 10 of 17 people having time off due to direct infection, and others as household contact. For one week the entire Measurement and Waterways Teams were absent.
- The Murray River monitoring buoy has been re-installed and is working well.
- We had a fishkill on the Murray River, associated with flows from the large storm we had on 23/24th of May. Numbers were not high but included a range of species.
- Profiles of the Physical water quality parameters on 10/11 May are on the Members Page.
- Rainfall and Streamflow summaries for May are on the Members Page.

#### **d) Andrew Ward, Peel Development Commission**

##### **1. East Keralup**

- Road development is progressing on Development WA landholding. Shire is on schedule for road works to be completed end of 2022.
- Two proponents have entered into land area lease agreements with Development WA.

- East Keralup proponent has submitted a project proposal for federal government grant in the waste to energy sector.
- Pig removal program completed in April 2022, final report indicates project was successful in removing some 440 feral pigs from site. Suggest stakeholders advocate for this program to continue into the future.

**Action:** Jane to work with Mark Cugley (and Jesse Rowley) to encourage Development W.A. to continue with the feral pig control across Keralup (to try to keep pig numbers from escalating again).

2. PDC, Shire of Murray, Winjan Corporation, Eden Towers and George Walley have recently signed an Bush Foods MoU. PHCC has kindly contributed seeds towards the vertical farm project to trial bush food and rehabilitation product development.
3. Business Case Rehabilitation/Restoration program – PHCC and PDC recognise the importance of the waterways to the local community and economy. Both organisations will work together (as well as other regional stakeholders) to develop a proposal and associated Business Case which seeks funding from the State and Federal governments to invest in on ground works, intervention and restoration activities that will result in tangible improvement to the waterways' condition. Estimated that by June 2023 Business Case will be completed.

e) **Nicolas Dufty, DPLH (Planning- Peel) Observer**

Landscape values and visual amenity are within the scope of land use planning under the Planning and Development Act:

- **State Planning Strategy** – Environment Objective: “To conserve biodiversity, protect significant landscapes and manage the State’s natural resources in a sustainable manner”
- **State Planning Policy No 2:** Environment and Natural Resource elaborates on the importance of protecting and enhancing landscapes by stating that planning strategies, schemes and decision making should:
  - identify and protect landscapes with high natural resource values (such as ecological, aesthetic or geological) and encourage the restoration of degraded landscapes.
  - absorb development and the need for careful planning, siting and design of new development in a way which is sensitive to the character of the landscape.
  - consider the need for a landscape or visual impact assessment for development proposals that may impact upon sensitive landscapes.
- **The South Metropolitan Peel Sub-regional Planning Framework** includes proposals to protect areas with regional conservation, environmental and landscape value. Its Spatial Plan also identifies the need to protect regionally significant landscape values. The Framework includes an environment and landscape Objective:
 

“To preserve and enhance the environmental and landscape values of the sub-region for future generations to enjoy.”

It provides that the Peel–Harvey Estuary and extensive estuarine/riverine systems and foreshores are protected environmental features that play a part in attracting population growth. As such, environmental and landscape values have been considered in the identification of new areas for development. It is acknowledged that this development will result in changes to the existing landscape character of the affected localities, particularly along the Kwinana Freeway, in the vicinity of Karnup, Nambeelup–Ravenswood–West Pinjarra, inland and south of Armadale. The challenge will be to retain or create a ‘sense of place’ by maintaining key individual landscape characteristics and vistas in areas that may be subject to large-scale landscape change.



As well as the Peel-Harvey Estuary and its foreshore, the Planning Framework also identifies that the sub-region includes other valued landscapes including limestone ridges with Tuarts, paperbarks scattered through pasture, market gardens associated with wetlands, waterways, the Darling Scarp and orchards in narrow valleys in the Darling Range.

The Framework's implementation actions include the undertaking of various environmental studies including landscape assessment, to support Local Planning Schemes Amendments and Local Planning Strategies and Structure planning.

- **Peel Region Scheme** (a statutory mechanism)
  - Reserves foreshore as Regional Open Space to protect the natural environment, provide recreational and cultural opportunities, safeguard important landscapes and sites of cultural or historical significance and provide for public access
  - Waterways to recognise coastal and inland waterways and lakes, provide for navigation in, and public access to, those waterways and lakes where appropriate and to protect environmental, landscape and cultural values
- The City of **Mandurah planning scheme** include provisions to achieve this:
  - Tree & Bushland Preservation

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of the tree and bushland preservation provisions are:

- To preserve the landscape attributes within the District and protect significant and sensitive areas from the negative effects of clearing of the natural vegetation;
- To enhance the amenity, convenience and natural beauty of various parts of the District by facilitating:
  - (a) reduction of soil salinity;
  - (b) prevention of erosion;
  - (c) provision of habitats for native fauna;
  - (d) provision for aesthetic pleasure; and
  - (e) retention of the landscape quality.
- Requirements to consider landscape or scenic quality of a locality (landforms, topography, significant wetlands and hydrology, landscape) during assessment of outline development plans and development proposals, including the location of building envelopes in rural residential areas.

The Murray Scheme is under review (early days). This may provide an opportunity for the PHCC to influence how a new scheme addresses landscape values.

Key document is the WAPC's *Visual Landscape Planning in Western Australia* sets out the process which is broadly as follows:

- Define the scope of the evaluation and set the context.
- Describe the visual landscape character.
- Evaluate the way the visual landscape character is viewed, experienced and valued.
- Develop strategies for managing visual landscape character.
- Implementation strategies through the planning system

**Discussion:** Board members briefly discussed possible key questions for the PHCC

What are the key landscape values of the region/catchment? Estuary, foreshore, Darling Range & Scarp, agricultural landscape?

- What are the threats to these values?
- Can these threats be mitigated by land use planning and development control?
- What are other controls for meeting landscape outcomes? Management, ownership, vegetation cover etc.
- What existing controls in place? Are they adequate?

Seek changes as appropriate:

- What specific values are under threat?
- How can land use and development control address this threat?
- What are the appropriate mechanisms?
- What other mechanisms can achieve the outcome being sought (e.g. environmental controls)?
- Recognise competing interests and policy objectives.

The 'pitch' from Howard Mitchell (Mitch) to the PHCC in 2021 was to explore how the PHCC can seek protection for the Peel Inlet as a regionally significant landscape. Arguably there are already protections in place, but different individuals would have a different interpretation of what is being sought. The more specific the objective the easier it is to engage with planning decision makers.

Case Study: Singleton Dunes

Case Study: Swan Valley – legislation and dedicated scheme to preserve the (rural, agricultural) character.

f) **Suzanne Brown, Water Corporation – Observer**

Suzanne was an apology but her report was provided with the Agenda papers. In summary "Streamflow data so far is low as it is early in the season and the catchments aren't wet enough to generate flows.

We've had 1.3GL so far (post-1975 average is 26.3 GL by this time of year).

[Perth Streamflow | Current & Annual Statistics - Water Corporation WA](#)

g) **Veronica Metcalf, Community Member**

Veronica raised her concerns about the impacts on native vegetation through the widening of road reserves, for various reasons. Main Roads appears to be buying cleared farmland to offset the vegetation to shift/widen roads, but removing roadside vegetation in the process, rather than moving the roads to the cleared land.

**Discussion:** Board members and staff engaged in a discussion around what work that may be being undertaken and the circumstances that need to be considered. Mick provided the following information and links regarding the buy back and the values that he was aware of:

Local governments can identify the value of trees using iTree, which measures historic natural, cultural, aesthetic, replacement and other values associated with individual trees. <https://arboriculture.org.au/education/i-tree> - individuals or groups may also be able to collect this information about the real value of urban/rural trees, in partnership with LGA's - there is also increasing interest in Natural Capital Accounting, which may also be of interest - <https://www.csiro.au/en/research/natural-environment/natural-resources/natural-capital-accounting>

**ACTION:** Veronica Metcalf to provide an outline of the road clearing issue to a future Board meeting, with recommendations/suggestions for an appropriate representative to present to the board on future plans and implications so the Board can understand the issue and can decide on next steps and any engagement with Main Roads.

**ACTION:** Peter Zurzolo to arrange a meeting with Jane O'Malley, Steve Fisher & Mel Durack regarding PHCC having input and looking over project pitches from the CRC-Time Peter is working with and South32, focussing on tangible and risk components.

h) **Sue Fyfe, Community Member**

Advised of the Forest Tour on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June in Dwellingup that is expected to go well. South 32 have their time determined, it would be a good time to be involved in the dry run.



i) Laurie Snell, Local Government Representative

There appears to be clearing of native vegetation (either legal or illegal) on Lot 1 Riverdale Rd, Cookernup in the Harvey Shire. This land is planned to be a turf farm (Lovegrove), but neighbours are very worried about the amount of groundwater which will be pumped and used.

One neighbour on adjoining property is very worried as are the farmers across the road. They are Manuka honey producers who do not irrigate but require their Manuka tea trees to grow deep roots under natural conditions. The neighbours say groundwater levels have been declining in the area for some time (Lot 1289).

The Water Corporation has been contacted and says it is considered normal farming practices for the clearing done so far. Harvey Shire has been contacted but so far it is not known what action has been taken. As more detailed information comes to hand, like water allocation, these will be sent on when available.

Is there something the PHCC can do to assess the situation?

**ACTIONS: PHCC to review the proposal for Lot 1 Riverdale Road, Cookernup and determine whether we can put in a submission**

G.8/06/22 Dr Paul Neville- Curtin University

"Everything you ever wanted to know about Environmental DNA but were afraid to ask"

The board thanked Dr Paul Neville for his presentations, Members were provided the opportunity to ask questions of Dr Paul Neville. Paul advised that he was keen to work with PHCC in the future.

G.9/06/22 Staff Projects Updates

- A. "Protecting WA Black Cockatoos"  
(Megan LeRoy - Coordinator Healthy Farms and Habitat)
- B. "Developing the Serpentine and Murray River Action Plans"  
(Jess Rowley – Healthy Waterways Officer)

The Board thanked Megan LeRoy & Jess Rowley for their most excellent presentations.

Due to the meeting running behind schedule Chair encouraged members to talk to the staff and Francis about their projects and Landcare SJ over lunch.

G.10/06/22 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer spoke to her report and draft budget as provided with the agenda.

**Question:** Sue Fyfe queried in receivable/payables why do we owe ½ Million dollar's to the City of Mandurah?

**Response:** Marilyn confirmed it is for our payroll and the way the pay cycles work with the pay periods.

**Question:** Peter Zurzolo asked about the process of the vehicle replacement scheme

**Response:** PHCC has purchased all vehicles from PHCC equity and then leases them back to appropriate projects which assists us to maintain vehicles and trade in/purchase new ones from this revolving fund. We plan to trade in one of the older vehicles in the next financial year.

Moved: Rob Harris

Seconded: Sue Fyfe

That the Treasurer's Report be endorsed as presented.

CARRIED

### G.11/06/22 Chief Executive Officer's Report

The CEO spoke to her report (with supporting slide presentation), providing updates on the team, projects and other highlights including:

#### Staff – Movements, Professional Development and more

Farewells and Recruitment – New staff have hit the ground running and we are kicking goals. Pat Sutton retired on 1 June and will provide casual support on an as needs basis on her return from a couple of holidays. Nicole Ramsay shifted from her Administration role to Pat's Finance Support officer from 9 May. Victoria Brockhurst, who has been volunteering with PHCC for some time, commenced as our Administration officer in the Boddington office on 1 June.

We have advertised the Operations Manager Wetlands and People, as part of our restructure which see's Steve Fisher return to his original role as Science Advisor <https://peel-harvey.org.au/its-back-to-the-future-for-dr-steve/>. We have contracted components of the Community Engagement Coordinator and are looking to determine best way forward (with ~12 months left). Unfortunately Austin Lilly (Project Support) has reluctantly resigned with his last day being 6 July – he will be missed and we hope that he will return to team some time in the future.

We continue our commitment to interns and work experience participants:

#### Interns:

- Cameron working with Karen Bettink –20 June to 22 July - from UWA – 3 days a week
- Carly working with Judy Dunlop –28 Feb finished 3 June - from UWA – 100 hours
- Emily worked with Charlie Jones – Started in 2021 – Finished in April – UWA

#### Work Experience:

- Taya - Working with Mel in Boddington Starts 20 June to 24 June
- Liam – Working for Waterways team –16 June to 22 Sept 2022 – Mandurah Catholic College – 1 day a week x 13 weeks

The figure below provides a snapshot of secured and "in progress" funding to 2025/26. In addition to the detail given in the Operation Manager Reports, please note the following:

**Science Advisor** – The State Government have confirmed their commitment of \$120,000 p.a. x 4 years which is excellent and we will send personal thanks to David Templeman (and Larissa), Lisa Munday and Robyn Clarke. The City of Mandurah have also endorsed \$20,000 p.a. x 4 years commencing 2022/23 [skipping 2021/22]. We are working with the PDC for a formal agreement with the State and the City of Mandurah for a formal funding agreement, subject to more information to ensure the intent of the position and its objectives are aligned to the Science Strategy (not business as usual operations).

**Lake Clifton Stewardship** - MOU – City of Mandurah (\$50,000 x 5 years) - Extension of our MOU (2017-2022). We have sought this extension and the City need additional information and outputs. We need to ensure we can cover costs of delivery, particularly if we do not have RLP funding in the longer term.

**Bindjareb Djiilba Protection Plan (DWER)** – After much discussion and negotiation we has signed the Agreement for \$771,000 for the BDPP – basically an extension of our current Healthy Estuaries Agreement, with some additional



tasks. Risk management has been built in to our satisfaction and working closely with DWER will assist to ensure that PHCC do not lose money in delivering this contract.

**Bindjareb Djilba (Peel-Harvey Estuary) Protection Plan Policy and Planning Coordinating Committee** – The first meeting was on 6 May (next meeting 5 August). Jane is the PHCC representative and presented to the inaugural meeting re PHCC needs to best implement/support implementation of actions identified in the PHEPP. Membership is very good and this group should be very productive in its objectives. The draft terms of reference for the group is attached.

**EPA Board Meeting & Site Visit** – Mandurah 18 & 19 August – The EPA have accepted our invitation to host an EPA Board meeting in Mandurah (18th), followed by a site visit on the 19th. We aim to take them for a flight over the coastal plain and Northern Jarrah Forest.

**WA Feral Cat Working Group** – see Operations Manager, Conservation & Agriculture report. Susan Hunt has accepted the role as the Chair. Susan will be great in this role, with experience leading Lotteries Commission; the Health Promotion Foundation and the Zoological Parks Authority. The Symposium is scheduled for February 2023, at UWA. Public Environmental Reviews – Alcoa and South 32 Worsley Alumina – the team continues to prepare for the commencement of the PER's for the proposed expansions of both Alcoa and South 32

PHCC Project Funding 2021-2027 Actual & Projected																											
Project	Grand Total	Start Date	2021/22				2022/23				2023/24				2024/25				2025/26				2026/27				
			SEP	DEC	MAR	JUN	SEP	DEC	MAR	JUN	SEP	DEC	MAR	JUN	SEP	DEC	MAR	JUN	SEP	DEC	MAR	JUN	SEP	DEC	MAR	JUN	
Core Services	\$ 2,382,737	July 2018																									
Ramsar Wetlands	\$ 4,996,221	July 2018																									
Banksia Woodlands	\$ 1,401,428	July 2018																									
Numbat Neighbourhood	\$ 2,174,505	July 2018																									
Greening Farms	\$ 1,078,254	July 2018																									
Black Cockatoo	\$ 380,000	July 2019																									
Dryandra Woonta - ERF	\$ 221,100	April 2022																									
Healthy Estuaries	\$ 904,000	Dec 2020																									
Bindjareb Djilba (PHEPP)	\$ 771,000																										
Estuary Grants	\$ 750,000	Jun 2018																									
Healing Bilya	USD 600,000	Dec 2020																									
HW Warlang Boodja	\$ 625,000	April 2021																									
Hotham-Williams Rivers	\$ 500,000	Jan 2018																									
Peel Water Research Infrastructure	\$ 500,000	Sept 2021																									
Saving Lake McLarty	\$ 350,859	Apr 2019																									
WA Feral Cat Working Group	\$ 224,727	April 2021																									
	\$ 52,500	April 2021																									
Peel Main Drain Monitoring	\$ 249,254	Dec 2020																									
Lake Clifton Stewardship	\$ 236,000	Sept 2017																									
	\$ 12,500	July 2021																									
Hotham Williams 4LG MOU*	\$ 180,000	August 2018																									
Science Integration (1FTE)	\$ 120,000	July 2021																									
Landcare Support	\$ 100,000	Oct 2020																									
Smartfarms	\$ 90,000	Mar 2019																									
Partnership - Shire of Murray	\$ 25,000	July 2019																									

#### National Landcare Program – Core Services Communications

**Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator (RALF)** – Refer Operations Manager, Land Conservation & Agriculture report.

We are meeting all obligations for communications. Details were provided with the Agenda.

**Noongar Participation** – Winjan are awaiting confirmation of whether their Round 4 application was successful. The current Ranger Program finishes on 30 June and we have been liaising with David Templeman and Lisa Munday for support to understand if the next round has been successful. The team are working hard to include Aboriginal organisations for onground procurement. We have met with new organisations and consulting with existing contractors.

Moved: Mark Cugley

Seconded: Andrew Ward

That the CEO's Report be endorsed as presented.

CARRIED

As part of the Finance Transition Plan, the Delegations of Authority have been reviewed and we are seeking endorsement, as presented, or with recommended modifications (refer attachment) so that these can come into effect from 1 July, 2022. Please also refer to the Treasurers report.

Moved: Andrew Ward

Seconded: Laurie Snell

That the Board endorses the PHCC Delegations of Authority (v5 – June 2022), as presented, with delegation to the CEO to incorporate any minor modifications.

CARRIED

### G.16/06/22 Chairman's Report

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The Chair spoke to her report as provided with the agenda. Caroline also brought to the Board's attention A Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday to PHCC and goodbye to Pat and Thelma who have now retired and we will have a celebration in October.

Moved: Marilyn Gray

Seconded: Andrew Ward

That the Chairman's Report be endorsed as presented.

CARRIED

### G.16/06/22 Confirmation of next meeting date

The next meeting is a General Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

The meeting closed at 12:09 pm

(Note Members were invited to join a tour of the Northern Jarrah Forest being hosted by the Jarrahdale Forest Protectors commencing at 1pm)

Chair:  .....

Date: 18.8.22 .....



Actions arising from General Board meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (this meeting):

Minute No.	DETAILS	RESP.	ACTION
G.7/06/22	<b>Feral Pig Management – Keralup</b> Jane to work with Mark Cugley (and Jesse Rowley) to encourage Development W.A. to continue with the feral pig control across Keralup (to try to keep pig numbers from escalating again).	Jane O'Malley	
G.7/06/22	<b>Roadside Vegetation</b> - Veronica Metcalf to provide an outline of the road clearing issue to a future Board meeting, with recommendations/suggestions for an appropriate representative to present to the board on future plans and implications so the Board can understand the issue and can decide on next steps and any engagement with Main Roads.	Veronica Metcalf	
G.7/06/22	<b>CRC Time – Project Pitches</b> - Peter Zurzolo to arrange a meeting with Jane O'Malley, Steve Fisher & Mel Durack regarding PHCC having input and looking over project pitches from the CRC-Time Peter is working with and South32, focussing on tangible and risk components	Peter Zurzolo	
G.7/06/22	<b>Turf Farm Proposal</b> - PHCC to review the proposal for Lot 1 Riverdale Road, Cookernup and determine whether we can put in a submission	Jane O'Malley	

Actions arising from General Board meeting held on Thursday 28th April 2022:

G6/04/22	Jane O'Malley to send Sue Fyfe further information on Director Identification Numbers, as considered by the Finance and Audit Committee at their meeting in November 2021	Jane O'Malley	<b>Complete</b>
G.7/04/22	Mel Durack to link PHCC position statement regarding the South32 Community Environmental Review on the PHCC webpage once endorsed.	Mel Durack	<b>Complete</b> The draft web page has been developed and position statement link is

	Also ensuring that PHCC will advertise dates of the South32 information sessions.		provided within this as a key document. Once the public environmental review is available (announced) the final info will be added and the web page will go live.
G.7/04/22	Jane O'Malley to enquire if any other groups have worked on a rehabilitation site register or similar.	Jane O'Malley	<b>Complete</b> CEO updated The Board with her findings.

Actions arising from General Board meeting held on Thursday 12 August 2021:

Minute No.	DETAILS	RESP.	ACTION
G.10/08/21	Howard Mitchell, Marilyn Gray, Nicholas Dufty and Bob Pond to form a working group to discuss how the Board can support an initiative that provides protection to the Peel Inlet, a regionally significant landscape, through planning policy at local and state level. This item was raised and was to be driven by Howard Mitchell, however his resignation and loss of his skillset from the board raises impediments to the task. Bob Pond and Nicholas Dufty have met to discuss and agree it is difficult to progress from our current departmental roles. Nicholas agreed to prepare a brief overview of how landscape planning measures can currently be managed within the planning system and report this back at a future Board meeting.	Nominated Board Members	<b>Complete</b> Nicholas provided the board with his update The 'pitch' from Howard Mitchell (Mitch) to the PHCC in 2021 was to explore how the PHCC can seek protection for the Peel Inlet as a regionally significant landscape. Arguably there are already protections in place, but different individuals would have a different interpretation of what is being sought. The more specific the objective the easier it is to engage with planning decision makers.