

Port Mandurah Residents' Association

Newsletter – January 2006
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Happy New Year



Santa Visited Our Canals

On Christmas Eve three Santa boats visited the canals and received the most wonderful reception. We had Christmas Carols on the loud speakers, bells ringing, and lots of good cheer. The adults on the jetties and on the Santa boats enjoyed the visit as much as the children. There were many resident families and their friends on the jetties greeting Santa, and the children were delighted to receive a small bag of gift lollies. Santa was also very pleased to receive gifts of bottles of beer, champagne, fruit cake and pudding.

Our thanks and appreciation go to all those who participated in this event, especially those who provided their boats.

Rock Concert

The PMRA opposed the Boxing Day Concert in Hall Park as we felt that it was the wrong day and the wrong place to hold such an event. Our actions undoubtedly had an effect in ensuring that noise, liquor licensing, crowd control and traffic management conditions were enforced. However, it was a significant imposition on some of our members and we received 99% support for our actions from those who responded to a member survey and petition. Consultation with residents by the event organiser and the Council was appalling.

We are also disappointed with some in the Council who, despite our reasonable arguments, seem determined to make this event an annual occurrence. We will be scrutinising the post-concert review process as it does not seem to make sense for the Council to take the risk of hiring the foreshore park for approximately one week denying access to traditional users at the busiest time of the year for a purely commercial enterprise run by a group of Perth businessmen and the local nightclub proprietor, for a paltry rental of \$2,500. The amount of time spent on this event by Council Officers would be ten-times this figure alone. It was not the "Family Concert" sold to the Council!

PMRA feel that the Police did an amazing job and are to be congratulated for ensuring that few anti-social outcomes resulted, but the use of the estimated 60 officers and 18 vehicles could have been more appropriately deployed on activities other than covering security shortfalls and the commercial interests of the promoters.

Traffic chaos is giving Mandurah a reputation it does not deserve and the decision to hold such an event in central Mandurah on Boxing Day shows that some in the Council are out of touch. Unfortunately, some businesses now wish to promote the concert as an annual event. PMRA have always maintained that we are not against Mandurah having an annual rock concert, but feel it must be in an appropriate venue and at a time when the town is not completely grid-locked with genuine holiday makers on one of the busiest public holidays of the year.

Dredging of the Northern Entrance

The PMRA has been working closely with the City of Mandurah to conduct a trial dredging based on redistributing the coarse sediment that has accumulated in the Northern entrance to Port Mandurah Canals since it was last dredged in 2003. The depth has reached critically shallow levels and safety is a major concern as many boats are now grounding within the navigation channel.

It was hoped that a trial of the proposed method could be conducted before Christmas but this method has now been opposed by the Department of Environment despite earlier indications from them that what was proposed would have less adverse environmental effects than conventional dredging.

The City of Mandurah is strongly supporting the conduct of this trial and the PMRA has approved the use of funds raised from our Special Area Levy to pay the costs associated with both the development of the equipment and the removal of the offending sediment in the channel. The Council is aware that over 85% of boat traffic in the canals is not by residents of Port Mandurah and that a thriving tourist industry, that does have real benefits to local businesses, depends on access to the Port Mandurah canal estate.

Christmas Lights Competition and Decorations

A great effort was put into over 250 homes on the Port Mandurah Canals this year and some great effects were achieved. Our independent judges were Dr Kim Hames, MLA for Dawesville; Councillor Gary Brown; Stephen Smith, Marina & Waterways Manager, and Stephanie Brown, Visitors Centre Manager.

The winners were Darryl & Cheryl Smith of Starfire Close, who received 2 nights free accommodation for 4 persons at the Warren River Resort at Pemberton. Second prize was won by Ron & Helen Taggart also of Starfire Close, which is a free day trip deep sea fishing with Aqualib of Mandurah. David & Judy Best of Cambria Island Retreat, Susan Mele of Finistere Island Retreat, and Trevor & Jenny Glossop of Eunamara Retreat received bottles of wine for the remaining three prizes. The best canal precinct was the Starfire Close and Aztec Island precinct #19, closely followed by the Eunamara Retreat precinct #8. It was decided to invite the Eunamara Retreat residents to also partake of the cruise sponsored by Mandurah Ferry Cruises [on the 'Mandjar'] and catered by the Mediterranean Restaurant at the Cut Golf Course. The cruise will take place on the evening of Friday 3rd February and more information will be provided to the winners closer to the date.

The Committee wishes to thank everyone for their efforts, and once again hope that all residents keep their lights up until after Australia Day, for residents' and visitors' enjoyment.

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Christmas Function

The PMRA Christmas Dinner Party at Edwards Restaurant was a great success in most areas, bearing in mind the difficulty of “pleasing all the people”.

The function was booked out with 90 acceptances and a significant waiting list before the end of October. However, by the end of November there was a waiting list of more than 20. The Social Committee tried to accommodate as many of these as possible by arranging an additional table of 10. In retrospect, it is acknowledged that this decision caused access/space difficulties and inconvenience to some guests.

On the positive side the free drink on entering the restaurant and the hand-made chocolates for the ladies were well received and most agreed that the food represented good value.

Most people had a great night!

Next year we may have to consider accommodating members only before accepting bookings from non-members and using a larger venue. What do you think? Let us know.

Canal “street” Signage

Those residents who have been on the water in recent days will probably have noticed the new signage on the canals. The PMRA Committee determined that without an intimate knowledge of the street layouts around Port Mandurah visitors would have difficulty trying to locate friends who live on the canals when approaching by water.

After several surveys the PMRA gained the City of Mandurah's agreement that they manufacture and install more than 60 new canal “street” signs. These have now been installed and it is hoped they will be of assistance to residents and their friends alike.

Crime

Residents are reminded to be aware of the activities of criminals, particularly during the summer when there are more visitors to Mandurah and more people likely to be away on holidays.

The Association is aware of two incidents over the Christmas/New Year period that should sound a warning to Mandurah residents who live on the canals.

The first relates to the theft of expensive Christmas decorations from a jetty in the Aztec Island/Starfire Close canal, whilst the second relates to the theft of a boat on a trailer from business premises.

The recommendations would appear to be to not leave expensive gear on jetties overnight and to fit a tow bar lock if you have a boat that is normally kept on a trailer.

Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 12th January 2006 at 6pm -
Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing
Club**

Don't forget this week's AGM at the MOFSC at 6.00 pm. Come along at 5.00 pm for pre-meeting drinks, and stay for nibbles and limited drinks after the meeting, plus join other members for an excellent dinner.

Following the AGM invitations to renew expiring existing memberships will be issued. Invitations to join PMRA will also be issued to those residents who are not yet members.

Australia Day Celebrations

Thursday 26 January

As an addition to the Australia Day morning celebrations planned by the City of Mandurah, and more recently with Dolphin Quay Management organising afternoon entertainment culminating in a fireworks display, it has been suggested that all boat owners who are interested could take part in a flotilla [with all flags and bunting flying] commencing in the Mandurah Ocean Marina at about 10am and then proceeding at 10.30am through the Port Mandurah Main Canal, and then over to the Waterside Main Canal, and finally returning to Mandjar Bay, where boaties and their friends could anchor-up and enjoy the entertainment taking place on the eastern foreshore. Boats can join the flotilla as it proceeds through the canals.

Further information can be seen on our web-page at www.portmandurah.com and in the Mandurah Mail on Thursday 19th January.

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**Notice to Members of forthcoming Annual General Meeting
to be held on Thursday 12th January 2006 at 6.00pm
at The Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club**

AGENDA

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Office Bearers
7. Notices of Motion
8. General Business
9. Close

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To: Port Mandurah Residents' Association

Application for Membership

I/We wish to apply for membership of the Port Mandurah Residents' Association. I/We agree to abide by the Constitution as formally amended on 13th January 2005. Each residence receives *two full memberships* for each year's membership fee and all permanent members of the household enjoy various membership privileges as Associate Members (no fee).

This is an application for new membership. Invitations to renew expiring existing membership will be issued after the AGM on 12th January 2006.

| <i>Insert names – use preferred Christian Names</i> | | | |
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| Member/s | | | Two Full Members – see schedule below for fee |
| Member of family | | | Associate Member: Free |
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| <i>Please insert further names at the foot of this form if there are more members of your household</i> | | | |
| Canal Address | | | |
| Mailing address | | | |
| Our email address is: | | | No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't email me |
| | Phone | Mobile: | |
| <i>Membership Packages available – 2 memberships per calendar year</i> | | | <i>Tick your choice</i> |
| 1 year | 2006 | \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 years | 2006, 2007, 2008 [inclusive] | \$65.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 years | 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 2010 [inclusive] | \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Enduring Fee | | \$250.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Please make your cheque payable to: Port Mandurah Residents' Association</i> | | | |
| Signed: | | Date: | |
| Cheque for the sum of \$..... is enclosed. | | | |
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| Lifter | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Electric <input type="checkbox"/> : | Hydraulic <input type="checkbox"/> : Floating <input type="checkbox"/> : Derrick <input type="checkbox"/> : |
| Boat | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Type: | Rego No. Name: |
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Please contact the following 2005 Committee members for information and assistance on any matter pertinent to your canal precinct:

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