

Port Mandurah Residents' Association

Information Flyer



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CITY OF MANDURAH

Mandurah Foreshore Focus 2020 Project Community Reference Group Update

Stephen Dean, as president of PMRA, was invited by the City of Mandurah to be on the Community Reference Group (CRG) with sixteen other residents who are representing the whole of Mandurah. Part of the function of the CRG is to contact various organisations and groups in the Mandurah area to gain their feedback on the issues involved in the Foreshore Focus 2020 Project. To date much useful information has been presented to the group to assist with the formation of a progressive approach to planning for the future of our foreshore.

The following is the summary of key issues developed to date. The comments in brackets and italics were added at the recent CRG meeting held on 17 July, without the planners appointed by the City of Mandurah being present.

Summary of Key Issues raised in the consultation process

1. The mechanical sand by-pass process at the estuary mouth must be replaced with a more natural long-term sustainable process. [Not just by-pass but rather all sand movement].
2. Increased boat mooring and pen facilities. [*Better access for boat movement patterns in the main channel will be required in the future including a new, higher bridge.*]
3. Provision of short stay tourist accommodation. [*Maybe provide this but not in foreshore public open space areas. Look seriously at occupation forecasts and trends before factoring this in and placing excessive parking requirement on development for cars and boats.*]
4. Provision of world-class quality parks and foreshore developments. [*Keep appropriate flora.*]
5. Development of major attractions in the area such as a museum and family water playground. [*But not a large commercial high intensity theme park.*]
6. [*Establish outdoor music bowl, amphitheatre.*]
7. Relocation and/or upgrading of King Carnival. [*Perhaps elsewhere such as Victor Adam Park*], enhance skate park with new attractions and add BMX and music events in same area.
8. Major pedestrian and cycle link around the entire foreshore area to be created.
9. Enhance some areas with restaurants/cafes and other attractions (public art and events) bringing people into and servicing them on the foreshore areas [*consider needs of youth 18 – 25 including licensed premises*].
10. Some sort of pedestrian connection from west to east (north of Hall Park) is desirable. [*Icon bridge and water taxis*].
11. Open up Hall Park for major community events and festivals or concerts with improved amenities and better parking opportunities. [*Access is the issue, such as public transport*].
12. Replacement of the old bridge with three lanes for vehicles but prioritise pedestrian access and fishing platforms.

[*Take into account the impact larger boats have on environment of whole Estuary before height of bridge is determined, but definitely two to three metres more clearance required*].

13. Protection of Samphire Cove and Soldiers Cove is essential although area surrounding Leisure Way requires improvement.
14. Preserve protect and enhance all of the heritage features.
15. The development of the foreshore area as a predominantly pedestrian area requires moving people into the area by alternate means, such as CAT transport or water taxi.

Since this meeting the planners have introduced these key issues onto a set of plans that include various options. These plans were presented to the CRG on 27th July. The CRG made positive and negative comments and the planners are currently trying to accommodate these opinions. Many relatively small 'short-term' improvements were being proposed, but there was a very vocal group amongst the CRG members pushing conservationist ideals and also a considerable number of members suffering from 'not-in-my-backyard' and 'no-change' views.

The real issues are that the foreshore is currently a highly modified system from its original state, and there is a need to understand the processes that cause the sand to move along the coast which creates the need for the dredging and pumping of sand at the mouth. This is unsustainable in its present form.

Your Committee feels this current planning consultation is aiming at small targets and to make the best use of this opportunity to enhance the foreshore areas of Mandurah, it will have to be far more visionary. We now have the opportunity to have our views being taken into consideration for the sensible development of these areas which will have an impact for the next 30-50 years and beyond.

Considerable development pressure from all sections of the community is going to happen over the next ten years, and even the options proposed to date will cost many millions of rate-payer and tax payer dollars. Therefore the question has to be asked "*how is this to be funded?*" when there is no land currently being put aside for developments the sale of which would bring in considerable funding such as occurred for the development of the Mandurah Ocean Marina, Stage One.

Stephen Dean was given the opportunity to make a PowerPoint presentation that proposed a solution to this funding problem. The solution also addressed the Port Mandurah problems of the sand-bypass operation and the Fairbridge Bank dredging. The proposal was jointly developed by your Committee, and Dr Kim Hames, as they felt the CRG process was becoming bogged down in petty detail. This presentation, which is now available on the PMRA web site, has been actively promoted and presented by Dr Kim Hames, Member for Dawesville to the Mayor and the CEO of the City of Mandurah and will also be presented to other members of State Parliament. This level of support is essential for the option to be researched, studied and costed. Only then, if it is found viable and feasible, will it be put into operation.

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Port Mandurah residents have a large stake in this project, and such an option, as jointly developed by the PMRA and Dr Kim Hames, will put planning of Mandurah's foreshore assets on a sound and sustainable footing and go someway towards offering facilities that current and future residents can be proud of. An intrinsic factor of this initiative will be the maintenance of the unique values of all Port Mandurah properties, which all residents should appreciate.

Your Committee will keep you informed of the progress of the Mandurah Foreshore Focus 2020 project, but please maintain your interest. The constructive inputs from our members to date are greatly appreciated by your committee.

Informative PowerPoint presentations and PDF files applicable to this evolving Foreshore Focus 2020 Project are available in the member section of the web site, and will be updated as the project proceeds.

Canal Christmas Lights Competition

This year we want to make the competition between canal precincts even more of a challenge.

Not only will there be the usual five best home prizes, we will also continue with the best cluster of at least five adjacent homes. Added to this will be a "canal party" for the best canal precinct, which will be awarded prior to Christmas, but held in the New Year a few weeks later.

We are approaching all cruise operators to compete for the sponsorship of their boat for the occasion plus supply food for the people from the winning canal precinct. In return for their sponsorship, not only will they get publicity for their cruise boat operation whenever we go to press or distribute flyers regarding the annual event, they will have a direct link to their web site from our 'home' page. We hope to lock this sponsorship in within the next month. Other sponsorships will defray the cost of drinks on the cruise boat.

So start talking-up your neighbours to do even more this year. Let's see if another precinct can beat the efforts put in last year by the Starfire Close – Aztec Island Retreat canal precinct. We will be putting the canal precincts on the web-site very soon.

Web-site Log-In Names and Passwords

www.portmandurah.com

We are distributing to all members their log-in 'user-names' and passwords, to enable them to get to the 'members only' section of our web-site.

Basically the login user-name is the lot number [a 4 figure number – e.g. 0079] plus the street number. The password is your latest receipt number and for as long as you remain a member that latest receipt number will be kept active on the data base. When your current membership expires this receipt number will be deleted from our data base. When you renew your subscription your new receipt number will become your password.

We are currently mailing log-in details to every member. In accordance with the Constitution members are "deemed" financial for the first three months of the New Year. During this time members will receive an 'invitation to renew' memo to remind them that their membership is about to expire. In April passwords of members who have not renewed their membership will be automatically deleted.

Can we suggest you set our web-site as your home page on your computer? There's lots of new information being added

all the time, and we hope you and your friends, family and associates are able to make use of the links provided. Please send us ideas to improve our web-site, and any other links we can add.

Email Addresses

As well as including news items on 'hot topics', 'latest information', 'reminders', 'warnings' and other important notices on the web-site, we also try to get this information to members as quickly as possible by email. We are trying to get our data base updated with as many email addresses recorded as possible, so let us know if you are not receiving emails from us by sending an email to - pmra@portmandurah.com To protect your privacy we send out all PMRA Group emails through 'blind' copies, so no email addresses are disclosed.

Sub-Committee Members Wanted

Due to all the ongoing work we are generating with our data-base and web-site, we are looking for members to assist on our Administration Sub-Committee to spread the load, so that we have at least two people who can assist in a particular area. Members who are computer literate and who would be happy to put in a few hours a month to assist us keep the wheels turning would be very welcome. Please contact any Committee member at any time to discuss the assistance you may be able to provide. Please consider getting involved in a very active Residents' Association Committee and find out the great things we are doing for all residents of Port Mandurah.

Burglaries Reported

We have recently had a couple of burglaries reported to us. Both instances, which occurred in the hours shortly after midnight, involved homes which have vacant lots beside them – a dinghy was stolen from a jetty, and a break-in and theft occurred. Everyone should check to ensure all doors are locked, even when still awake, and activate alarm systems at all times (even when you go to bed). It's better to be startled by your alarm than by a stranger in your home or garden. Those residents who have vacant lots beside them are encouraged to erect temporary high mesh barriers stretching out over the canal wall. It's worth the time, cost and effort to protect yourselves and your property. Please report any suspicious sightings to the police on 131 444.

Rubbish in the Canals

Following our representations after Clean Up Australia Day on 6th March 2005, the City of Mandurah had a purge on builders to ensure bins are provided on every building site and sites are kept clean. Unfortunately, some builders ignore their permits and their responsibilities regarding rubbish, especially to adjacent homeowners and this rubbish causes the most unsightliness and damage to our estuarine environment. We are pursuing this continuing problem with the Council.

If you are concerned about the state of a building site in your neighbourhood, please send an email to the Council at council@mandurah.wa.gov.au or send the Council a compliance report. The form is available to download from our web-site, or you could ring the Council's Environmental Health Department on 9550 3746

Many residents carry a bag with them to pick up rubbish as they go for walks and a number of residents put in many hours of hard work on Clean Up Australia Day. Let's keep our canal precincts as tidy as possible.

PMRA SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Inaugural Azstar Model Yacht Club Regatta

At the beginning of April there was an excellent turnout of over 30 spectators and 7 model yachts sporting the latest in radio controls with their captains in appropriate nautical garb for the holding of the inaugural regatta of the Azstar Model Yacht Club, held in the canal between Aztec Island Retreat and Starfire Close on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

The day was organized by Stephen Dean, Regatta Captain and Ron Taggart, Club Commodore and was centred on two large decks in Starfire Close, giving the ideal venue for spectators and yacht owners. The neighbourhood friends have for some time constructed model yachts [big boys toys] and recently realized they had enough interest to form a club and hold a regatta and associated major social function.

Course buoys were made and set out in the canal with the club service tender, flags and bunting were erected and the day's activities commenced at midday. The boats were launched after final fine tuning of rigging and electronics and three races were conducted with the seriousness of a Sydney to Hobart from start to finish.

The beat up to the first marker buoy was slow because of the fluky winds in the canal, but once reached the swift run to the bottom buoy was watched with excitement from the cheering crowd, as gusts of wind filled the sails of different yachts at different times. A beat back up past two more buoys sorted out the two leaders with the lead changing a number of times.

Before each race repairs were made, further adjustments made to the rigging and batteries were recharged for boats and refreshments for skippers. Different yachts won each race so there was a close result for overall points for the regatta. In each race some yachts failed to finish and had to be recovered by the service tender.

A final race of the remaining operational yachts was held with ladies-only skippers with the men shouting advice on sailing techniques. Unfortunately only one yacht finished the course in the allotted time, but the captain was so thrilled with the activity she has asked her husband to construct a yacht of her own to enter in the next regatta.

As the sun set over the yard arm, the major prizes were awarded, [bottles of wine – what else?] together with novelty items for various infringements for non-yachting activities noticed during the day. After 9 hours of socialising and yachting [it was difficult to tell which took precedence] everyone declared it had been a great day's festivity and how they were looking forward to the next regatta. If you would like to join in the activities of the club and are interested in joining the next regatta please contact Stephen Dean on 9535 5370 or s.dean@cameo-estates.com.au

PMRA Forthcoming Functions:	
September	Thursday 8th @ 5pm Sundowner: MOFSC
October	Sunday 16th @ 8am Breakfast: Mandurah Quay
November	Thursday 10th @ 5pm Sundowner: MOFSC
December	Sunday 18th 12 noon Lunch: The Jolly Frog
Mandurah Forthcoming Functions	
October	Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October: Boat Show, Ocean Marina

MANDURAH COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS

**Australia Day Flotilla & Australian Flag Flying Day
26th January 2006**

The 2005 Australia Day celebrations concluded about midday, and it was considered the community should work towards having a full day's activities in 2006 finishing with a fireworks display in the evening.

With a Committee made up of representatives from the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, the City of Mandurah, the Visitors Centre, various media representatives, Dolphin Quay Management, Mandurah Ocean Marina Management, Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club, and the Port Mandurah Residents' Association represented by Stephen Dean, the following has been proposed:

At approximately 10.30am on 26 January 2006 a flotilla of MOFSC boats bedecked with flags and bunting, will assemble in Mandurah Ocean Marina, and at 11.00am they will proceed across the main channel and into the Port Mandurah Grand Canal, where any boat interested can join in the flotilla with flags and bunting flying. The flotilla will then proceed via the Grand Canal into the Estuary upstream of the old bridge and sail to the Waterside Canals, where once again any boat interested can join in the flotilla with flags and bunting flying.

By then there should be a flotilla of well over 150 decorated boats. The group will then divide with those that are able, to proceed under the old bridge, and the remainder returning through the Grand Canal, where the flotilla will join up to moor opposite Mandjar Bay to enjoy a picnic lunch on board followed by a walk on the foreshore as desired.

It is planned to have a market and concert operating on the eastern foreshore for the entertainment of everyone on the boats and the shore.

We also wish to encourage all residents to have flags and bunting flying on their canal frontages for the day and evening. Perhaps, for those who are able, leaving Christmas themed lighting operating until the end of January will enhance the evening for sightseers on the water. It makes the hard work of decorating for the Christmas Lights competition worthwhile and will make a wonderful display for the celebrations

Port Mandurah Canal Precincts PMRA Committee	
Please contact the following 2005 Executive Committee for more information on any matter pertinent to your canal precinct:	
Arika Mews – Bermuda Place – Starfire Close	President: Stephen Dean - 9535 5370
Leighton Road East – Parkwater Cove – Quayside Close – Sovereign Gardens	Vice President: Faye Grey - 9535 2681
Baruna Court – Cambria Island Retreat	Committee: Rick Oswald - 9535 1313
Amity Cove - Leighton Place – Perie Banou Close – Reverie Mews – Siska Court – Weatherly Place	Committee: Peter Hick - 9535 5098
Eunamara Retreat – Santavea Mews – Solstraale Place	Committee: Thelma Jessop - 9535 8781
Brindabella Crescent – Fistina Ramble – Leisure Way – Nyari Court – Piccolo Place – Ragamuffin Point – Syrenka Turn	Committee: Jill Randall - 9582 9914 Rod Strika – 9535 1319 & Barbara Campbell 9586 8835
Finistere Island Retreat – Genevieve Court – Picaroon Place	Committee: Norm Selsmark - 9535 1064
Aztec Island Retreat – Condor Mews – Leeuwin Place	Committee: Ron Taggart - 9581 3001

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Application for New Membership

Renewal of existing membership will always be by an 'invitation to renew' letter

However, please use this form to update our records regarding your contact, boat and jetty details

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).

<i>Insert names – use preferred Christian Names</i>			
Member		Full Members – see Membership Package schedule below for fee	
Member			
Member of family		Associate Member: Free	
Member of family		Associate Member: Free	
Member of family		Associate Member: Free	
Member of family		Associate Member: Free	
Member of family		Associate Member: Free	
<i>Please insert further names at the foot of this form if there are more members of your household</i>			
Canal Address			
Mailing address			
May we email you?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	email address:	
Do you have internet access?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Phone	Mobile	Fax:	
<i>Membership Packages available – 2 memberships per calendar year</i>			<i>Tick your choice</i>
1 year	2005	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 years	2005 to 2007 [inclusive]	\$65.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 years	2005 to 2009 [inclusive]	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enduring Fees		\$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.			
<i>It would be appreciated if you could provide us with the following extra information which may be applicable to your home and property in the Port Mandurah precinct.</i>			
<i>Information relating to:</i>			
Jetty	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Wood <input type="checkbox"/> : Floating <input type="checkbox"/> : Extra piles <input type="checkbox"/>	
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:
Boat	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Type:	Rego No Name:
Boat	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Type:	Rego No Name:

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