

Port Mandurah Residents' Association

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PO Box 1339
Mandurah WA 6210

Sundowner Thursday 11th May 2006 from 5.30 to 7.30pm

“The Mediterranean Restaurant” — The Cut Golf Club, Port Bouvard

The Mediterranean has a special \$25.00 menu for those attending the Sundowner who wish to stay on for dinner, but to access the special menu you must book with the restaurant on 9582 4444 before the Sundowner.

The normal a-la-carte menu will be available to those who do not book.

In accordance with the PMRA's policy of for functions where alcohol will be served, no children please.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If you recently received a letter from PMRA inviting you to renew your membership which expired on 31st December 2005 and you have not yet responded, you are reminded that the 3 months grace expired at 31st March. Please don't let your membership lapse.

Remember unity is strength! The more residents we represent, the more clout we have.

BOAT SIZE ISSUE

The issue of the maximum boat size in the Port Mandurah Canals has again been raised with Government at both Local and State levels by an individual resident. It is the PMRA's view that this resident misunderstands the situation.

We believe the City of Mandurah has taken a sensible and pragmatic approach to this issue based on its records and research. They established that the “design boat formula” used by the developers in designing the canals clearly specified that the canals must be constructed to safely accommodate a boat of length + 10 metres, beam + 4 metres and draft + 1.5 metres (please note the pluses as they are the key to this issue).

The canals were eventually constructed to satisfy boats of 15 – 20 metres on most lots. Cedar Woods sales material distributed in 1993 indicated that “boats up to 20 metres length, 5 metres beam and drawing up to 2 metres can be accommodated at most lots”.

We believe the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure has received bad advice from her Department and has, as a result, instructed the City of Mandurah to put in place an enforceable regulation banning boats larger than 10 metres in length, 4 metres in beam and 1.5 metres in draft from entering the Port Mandurah canals. This results from a misunderstanding of the intent of the so-called “design boat”. The actual intent was to

ensure the canals could accommodate boats of “+ 10 metres”, ie. larger than 10 metres.

Compliance would require the City of Mandurah to have access to a vessel from which to enforce the legislation and possibly result in legal action against the Council by businesses (including tourist boats) and residents who think that such a regulation would adversely affect the value of their property.

The PMRA will assist the City of Mandurah's working group to set the record straight.

The PMRA has always supported the view (and legal position) that all boats must be moored within their mooring envelope, but we have no objection to any boat that can be safely navigated through the estate, as long as they respect the rights of residents, i.e. comply with the 5 knot speed limit requirement, to reduce wash.

MORE ROCK CONCERTS

The PMRA is also reviewing a proposal from the Rollercoaster Rock Concert promoters to hold at least 5 concerts a year in Hall Park. Your committee feels that the outcome from last year was as much good luck as good management and will be insisting on maintenance of very high governance standards if concerts are permitted.

The committee is of the view that Hall Park is an inappropriate venue for concerts.

Port Mandurah Canal Precincts and the PMRA Committee

Please contact the following 2006 Committee members for information and assistance on any matter pertinent to your canal precinct:

<i>Eunamara Retreat, Santavea Mews, Solstraale Place</i>	Committee: Bert Bennett – 9581 5469
<i>Cambria Island Retreat</i>	Committee: Carol Hudson – 9535 9537
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<i>Leighton Place, Siska Court, Amity Cove, Perie Banou Close, Weatherley Place, Reverie Mews</i>	Committee: Peter Hick – 9535 5098
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<i>Starfire Close, Arika Mews, Condor Mews, Leeuwin Place</i>	President: Stephen Dean - 9535 5370
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<i>Leighton Road East, Quayside Close, Parkwater Cove, Sovereign Gardens, Baruna Court</i>	Committee: Thelma Jessop – 9535 8781
<i>Social Function Co-Ordinator</i>	Committee – Carol Hudson – 9535 9537
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*Hint: "Make sure you read everything before you sign on the dotted line"
 Carol Hudson [your PMRA Social Co-Ordinator] is now part of Nick's team*

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WHY SHOULD WE HELP THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (DoE) WITH THEIR SULLAGE SURVEY?

The PMRA Committee has been asked by DoE to provide feedback and support for a sullage survey that is included with this newsletter. The reasons for conducting the survey are explained in the survey preamble and overall waterway quality improvement is a priority objective of your Association.

PMRA has taken issue with the DoE this year over their unsatisfactory performance with respect to the investigation and trial of sub-aqueous dredging of the Fairbridge Bank. However, this should not preclude us from supporting the significant program that is addressing the "cappuccino scum" that is adversely affecting the Murray River.

We feel that sullage from boats is likely to be a very minor factor compared with nutrient inputs from un-sewered properties and stock, but it is important to quantify the effects and raise the level of awareness amongst the boating community.

Our initial view was that we could target, from the PMA database, only those residents with boats with toilets capable of entering the Murray and Serpentine Rivers. But with the likelihood of changing boating styles (the recent popularity of pontoon-boats, etc.) we decided that we should invite all residents to complete the survey.

Therefore, we ask that you take a few minutes to respond to the enclosed survey and that you consider the longer-term effects on the special aquatic environment that encouraged most of us to live in Port Mandurah. We will be involved in the analysis of the results, and will publish them in your newsletter and on our website.

CRIME IN PORT MANDURAH

In response to the recent spate of burglaries / house breakings in Port Mandurah, residents are encouraged to report criminal activities and suspicious behaviour to the Police.

How to report suspicious activity or a crime in progress – Mandurah Police Station – 9582 0222

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

- You can remain anonymous, but please provide a first name and contact number at the very least (as Police may need to call you back for further information)
- Describe the event briefly and state concisely what, where, when and how it happened and (if possible) a description of who did it.
- State if the crime is happening right now or if it has taken place before now.
- Describe the offenders sex, race, age, height, weight, hair colour, clothing, accent, facial hair and any other distinctive characteristics.
- If there is a vehicle involved, describe its colour make, model, year, license plate number, any special markings or dents and the direction in which it went.

Residents of Port Mandurah may find the following websites of interest in relation to crime prevention.

Mandurah Neighbourhood Watch - www.mandurahwatch.org

Main NHW website – www.nhw.wa.gov.au

MEMBERSHIP FEES – CONVENIENT PAYMENT METHOD

Membership fees to the PMRA may now be paid by bank transfer. The PMRA's bank (cheque) account is with the

Mandurah Branch of BankWest – BSB 306-072 and the Account Number is 418295-0.

A bank transfer on its own is not sufficient for new members, because the single line entry on the monthly bank statement does not provide sufficient details to identify the new member.

However, a bank transfer for a new member will be accepted if the PMRA's "Application for Membership" form is completed and forwarded to the PMRA's post box (PO Box 1339 Mandurah WA 6210) at about the same time as the bank transfer.

You can use the membership form included in this newsletter, or access it on the website.

PMRA WEBSITE www.portmandurah.com.au

Our website is currently being rebuilt by a member.

The PMRA is compiling a "Picture Gallery of Life on our Canals" on our website and is seeking any local or topical photos that may be of interest to residents. If you have any such photos, please forward by email (in jpg format) to info@portmandurah.com.au or post to PO Box 1339, Mandurah WA 6210. If you wish to add a caption, please do, stating who, what and where (not obligatory) or perhaps a funny caption. We will include an acknowledgement of the photo's contributor unless they state otherwise.

PMRA COMPETITIONS

Photo Caption:

If you have any photos you think would be suitable to include in our newsletter as a competition to get the funniest caption, we will publish the winner in the newsletter and on the website and award the contributor a bottle of PMRA wine. The Association Committee will be the judge of the best caption.

A Port Mandurah Flag:

The PMRA would like to design a suitable Port Mandurah flag for manufacture and sale to all residents to fly on their boats and flag poles. The prize will be a free flag (pole size) plus 3 bottles of our Port Mandurah labelled wine.

Port Mandurah Wine Labels:

The PMRA would like to design suitable Port Mandurah wine labels to be affixed to white and red clean-skins, which will be on sale to all residents from our wine suppliers. The prize will be 3 bottles of our Port Mandurah labelled wine.

Conditions for the Flag & Wine Label Designs: We seek submissions from all members with a flair for design. We would like both of these designs to incorporate the Cedar Woods Properties Port Mandurah Logo as seen on our website and Newsletter header (we have their approval to use the design).

The designs will become the property of PMRA. The competitions close at the end of April 2006. The Association Committee will be the judge of the winning designs.

NEW SPONSORS

Marine Blue Sunscreens: - Marine Blue offers a great range of sunscreens in creams, lotions, gels, and sprays formulated to help provide very high protection against the sun's damaging rays. Refer to their website: www.marineblue.com.au and see our sponsors page.

Oceanside Security: - Hopefully you will have received their leaflet in your letterbox. They plan to provide boat security equipment and nightly security patrols in all local canal and waterside estates. Details of a special deal being offered to PMRA members will be on our website soon.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR TIPS

The PMRA is compiling a "Best Practices for Living on our Canals" manual and is seeking "Tips" and "Comments" from all residents about matters they consider are important for living and boating on our canals, and which sometimes get overlooked by some residents and visitors. It is designed to be a manual of useful information which will be published on our Website each month.

It will also include regulations (simplified) from various Government Departments, which impact on our lifestyles. The Association Committee will be the final arbiter of what is included in the manual on the Website. Some will also be included in the Newsletter: -

GOOD "CANAL NEIGHBOUR" TIP

Mooring piles (posts) should be painted white, wrapped in white rope or at least have a white cap to make them less of a navigation hazard, particularly at night.

MERCHANISE PROMOTION

PMRA has a stock of polo shirts (blue with white writing and white with blue writing) available for \$37 each. Caps are also available, but only in blue with white writing, for \$15 each. They are good quality and locally made (Mad Dora). They are usually available from Committee Member Thelma Jessop (ph: 9535 8781) or at social functions.

To encourage members to identify with the PMRA, winners of raffles at the next few social functions will receive a bottle of sparkling wine in addition to the usual bottle table wine, if they are wearing a PMRA polo shirt.

WENDY DE BIE

Residents who know Wendy will be pleased to know that she is "on the mend" following the serious injury she sustained during the Rottnest Channel Swim recently. She is at home and mobile courtesy of crutches and a wheelchair. Friends and neighbours are assisting with housework, shopping, driving and so on, demonstrating wonderful community spirit.

**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).

<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 - Affiliate		Affiliate Member see Membership Package

Please insert further names at the foot of this form if there are more members of your household

Canal Address			
Mailing address			
May we email you?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Our email address is:		No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have internet access?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Phone	Mobile	Fax:	
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Enduring Fees		\$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please make your cheque payable to: Port Mandurah Residents' Association

Signed:	Date:
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Cheque for the sum of \$.....is enclosed.

It would be appreciated if you could provide us with the following extra information if applicable to your home and property in the Port Mandurah precinct.

Jetty	Wood <input type="checkbox"/>	Floating <input type="checkbox"/>	Extra piles <input type="checkbox"/>	No jetty <input type="checkbox"/>	
Lifter	Electric <input type="checkbox"/>	Hydraulic <input type="checkbox"/>	Floating <input type="checkbox"/>	Derrick <input type="checkbox"/>	No Lifter <input type="checkbox"/>
Boat	1	Type/Name:	Length: mts	Height: mts	
Boat	2	Type/Name:	Length: mts	Height: mts	
Boat	3	Type/Name:	Length: mts	Height: mts	

**Mail to:
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Privacy Policy: The Port Mandurah Residents' Association will not disclose any of your personal information to other organisations or people and will only use summaries of such information to support its position in matters relating to the precinct of Port Mandurah, Western Australia.