

Port Mandurah Residents' Association

Newsletter—August 2007
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Breakfast at Mandurah Quay—August 19, 2007 from 8.30am.

This breakfast will be subsidised for those residents who are members of the PMRA. We also have a 'special' for those who have not paid their membership as yet. Bring along your friends and neighbours who are canal residents, and if they pay one year's subscription of \$40, they will receive one breakfast free!

Cost: Members: \$17.50, non-members: \$22.50 and children: \$15.00. Come along and enjoy good company, superb food and a stunning location. Entry is by ticket only. The booking slip is on the back page of this newsletter. See you there!

Next Sundowner- Please note in your diary that the next Sundowner will be held at The Cut Golf Club, Port Bouvard in "The Mediterranean", 5.30pm on Thursday September 13, 2007 at 5.30pm. All Welcome.

DREDGING THE PORT MANDURAH NORTHERN ENTRANCE CHANNEL

It is now over two years since PMRA officially requested that the Northern entrance channel to the Port Mandurah canals be re-dredged to its original agreed specification based entirely on "Safe Navigation" criteria, whilst considering the responsible use of your Specified Area Rate Fund Reserve. As an interim measure, and with the cooperation and full support of the City of Mandurah, a trial of a simpler and cheaper method of "Agitation" dredging was conducted in 2006. At the same time, an application to the relevant government departments for a full scale "cut and remove" dredging operation was also submitted by the City, in case the agitation dredging trial was unsuccessful. It is very important to recognise that expansion of the Fairbridge Bank during storms on an incoming tide, is the reason that the channel fills with sand. When the Port Mandurah channel was first cut, the Fairbridge Bank had been totally removed to supply fill for the construction of what is now the Ocean Marina. Its rapid return (since 1990) is as a result of the failure of the Sand Bypassing operations at the Ocean Mouth and the changed hydrological status since the construction of the Dawesville Cut. PMRA believes that Port Mandurah residents are being expected to pay for dredging that is required as a result of the actions (or failures) of a third party. This problem is further complicated by a lack of clarity as to where the responsibility of the Port Mandurah residents actually ends. We are seeking legal advice on this issue and it must be remembered that only about 15% of traffic through the main canal is by Port Mandurah residents.

The two dredging methods available are (1) full "cut and removal of spoil" that pumps the material out to the coast in Comet Bay; or (2), "agitation dredging", which redistributes the sediment in the channel back into deeper water on an outgoing tide. The cost of the agitation method is about 1/10th of the full cut to spoil dredging method. We conducted the trial to determine if the agitation method may be a more effective and environmentally safe periodic solution in the long term, as it basically reverses the process that fills the channel.

Despite the provision of extensive expert advice, systematic monitoring, chemical and physical analysis and modelling, we have been frustrated by the intransigent attitude of some of the government departmental officers with responsibility for evaluating our applications. A strong representation was made by your Committee to the Minister, re this problem.

A formal request for tenders for full scale dredging did not receive any responses and the City has now asked for negotiated contract arrangements to be commenced with a dredging contractor. This may prove to be difficult, as the dredging licence has still not been granted, but PMRA is giving its full support to the City on this matter. We are still hopeful that the channel will be cleared before the next boating season!

SOCIAL EVENTS

In recent times PMRA has received some criticism in respect to its social events calendar. Some say we have too many social events, whilst others say that they don't agree with the chosen venues (too far away, too small, too noisy, etc).

We have had to cancel several events as a result of lack of support. We were particularly embarrassed to have to cancel a breakfast at which the Mayor of the City of Mandurah had agreed to be guest speaker, when nearly 100 people attended the same function a year earlier.

When we have tried to organise social functions this year (even Sundowners) we have been asked to pay a venue hire fee and more for food than if we arrived unannounced. We are of the view that giving notice of numbers attending should give the venue the opportunity to organise appropriate staff numbers and food and should hold or reduce the cost, rather than increase it.

We would appreciate your feedback about the type of events you believe we should organise and suitable venues for the type of event(s) you suggest.

Please email your ideas to John Randall at fj.randall@iinet.net.au or phone 9582 9914.



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LITTER PROBLEMS

In recognition of the increasing problem of litter from building sites the City of Mandurah has appointed a second compliance officer. His name is David Catchlove. He will assist the Senior Development Compliance Officer Mathew Byrne to (among other things) address community complaints regarding builders' rubbish and untidy building sites.

Initially, David has been concentrating his activities on the Mariners Cove area, ensuring that building companies have a bin or cage to contain rubbish, as required by their building licence. In coming weeks he will be working in the Port Bouvard and Dawesville areas in an attempt to reduce the amount of plastic and other rubbish littering the streets and finding its way into our waterways.

The City hopes this proactive approach will reduce the number of infringements and warning notices being handed out to builders and thus allow the Compliance Officers more time to work with the community and builders in a more positive way.

As members of PMRA will be aware, we are in partnership with the City of Mandurah's "Tidy-up Mandurah" campaign and whilst not all litter originates from building sites, much of it does. There are a number of building sites around Port Mandurah that have neither a bin or cage for their rubbish. At time of writing there are 2 such sites in Syrenka Turn and one in Nyari Court. We are sure there are others in other parts of the precinct.

If you have any problem with Development Compliance write to the City of Mandurah at PO Box 210, Mandurah WA 6210, or email council@mandurah.wa.gov.au.

DRAINAGE

Port Mandurah residents will no doubt have noticed that the City of Mandurah has labelled all the stormwater gullies in the precinct "This drain is just for rain", to remind us that material that enters our stormwater drains ends up in **our** canals.

As pointed out in the last Newsletter, it is very undesirable to let water that contains excess nutrient (as a result of applying too much fertiliser), to enter the drains. It is also undesirable to let water contaminated by paint, oil, leaves, grass clippings and similar to enter the stormwater system because of the potential to contaminate our waterways.

One resident in Waterside has instructed her lawnmowing contractor to cease blowing clippings, leaves, etc on to the road and to use a vacuum attachment instead.

In Port Mandurah the most obvious natural problem results from leaves that build up in and around the stormwater gullies.

If you have a stormwater gully near your residence that needs to be cleaned out, please contact Customer Services at the City of Mandurah on 9550 3777 or by emailing works@mandurah.wa.gov.au

REPORTING OF INCIDENTS ON THE CANALS

In response to several queries from members of PMRA we advise the agency for reporting of the following incidents on the canals:

A dead dog in the canals: -

City of Mandurah Ranger Services on 9550 3630.

A dead dolphin or bird:-

Dept of Environment & Conservation, NatureBase, on 9334 0333.

A dead human:-

WA Police Mandurah on 9581 0222.

A drifting, unmanned boat:-

WA Police Mandurah on 9581 0222.

Speeding boats:- Dept of Fisheries (on behalf of Marine Safety, Dept for Planning & Infrastructure) on 9482 7333.

Port Mandurah Canal Precincts and the PMRA Committee

Please contact the following 2007 Committee members for information and assistance on any matter pertinent to your canal precinct.

<i>Eunamara Retreat, Santavea Mews, Solstraale Place</i>	Secretary: John Randall—9582 9914
<i>Cambria Island Retreat</i>	Committee: Peter Hick—9535 5098
<i>Aztec Island Retreat</i>	Committee: Selby Munsie—9581 4178
<i>Leisure Way, Syrenka Turn, Ragamuffin Point, Brindabella Crescent, Nyari Court</i>	Committee: Judy Gault—9535 7202
<i>Leighton Place, Siska Court, Amity Cove, Perie Banou Close, Monterey Apartments, Reverie Mews, Weatherley Place</i>	Committee: Peter Hick—9535 5098
<i>Finistere Island Retreat, Picaroon Place, Genevieve Court</i>	Committee: Rene Jorgensen—9534 7348
<i>Starfire Close, Arika Mews, Condor Mews, Leeuwin Place</i>	President: Stephen Dean—9535 5370
<i>Bermuda Place, Piccolo Place, Fistina Ramble</i>	Treasurer: Terry Rhode—9581 5813
<i>Leighton Road East, Quayside Close, Parkwater Cove, Sovereign Gardens, Baruna Court</i>	Committee: Faye Grey—9535 2681
<i>Social Function Co-Ordinator</i>	Committee: Judy Gault—9535 7202

Three 2007 Committee members have resigned to date. If you are able to help please contact John Randall on 9582 9914.

PORT MANDURAH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Application for NEW Membership ONLY

(If you are already members, renewal invitations are sent out when your membership expires)

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	
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Member of family		Associate Member: Free	
Canal property address			
Mailing address		Only if mail can't be delivered to canal property address	
Our email address is:			
Phone		Mobile	
Membership Packages available – 2 memberships per calendar year			Tick your choice
Enduring Fees	Notionally 15 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300
5 years	2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 [inclusive]	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$120
3 years	2007, 2008, 2009 [inclusive]	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$80
1 year	2007	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40
<i>Please make your cheque payable to: Port Mandurah Residents' Association or electronically transmit to our bank account: Bank West Mandurah: BSB 306-072: Account No: 418295-0</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 if applicable to your property, or if you have a boat, in the Port Mandurah precinct.</i>			
Jetty	Wood <input type="checkbox"/> : Floating <input type="checkbox"/> : Extra piles <input type="checkbox"/> : None <input type="checkbox"/> :		
Lifter	Electric <input type="checkbox"/> : Hydraulic <input type="checkbox"/> : Floating <input type="checkbox"/> : Derrick <input type="checkbox"/> : None <input type="checkbox"/> :		
Boat	Type:	Rego No.	Name:
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Mail to: Port Mandurah Residents' Association, P.O. Box 1339 MANDURAH WA 6210

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

PMRA Breakfast – Sunday August 19, 2007 from 8.30 am Mandurah Quay Restaurant and Function Centre

I/we wish to purchase tickets for the following persons to sit at one table [maximum 8]: Your tickets will be mailed to the address you nominate below prior to the function if you book early enough: **RSVP: August 12**

..... tickets @ \$17.50 = \$..... [members]
 tickets @ \$22.50 = \$..... [non—members]
 tickets @ \$15.00 = \$..... [children]
 Total for our table \$.....

Name:Address:

Please make cheques payable to:
Port Mandurah Residents' Association
 and mail to - PMRA, P.O. Box 1339, MANDURAH WA 6210

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CRIME IN PORT MANDURAH

A resident in Leeward Estate has recently had much of his safety equipment including his EPIRB, flares and life-jackets stolen from his boat whilst it was tied to his jetty. The thieves are thought to have entered his property from a vacant lot next door, because sandy footprints were found on the boat. The theft might have been avoided had there been a fence that extended out over the canal between the boat owner's property and the vacant lot next door.

ANNUAL MANDURAH BOAT SHOW

The Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club (MOFSC) is hosting the 2007 Mandurah Boat Show between 11 and 14 October. The event has grown each year since its inception and as has happened in previous years there is a need for some of the boats normally penned at the Club to be moved during the show to make room for boats being exhibited. If you have a jetty position available during this period and are willing to let it be used by one of the boats that have to be moved, please call Ken Saverimutto the General Manager of the MOFSC on 9535 6251 and provide him with details of the size of boat that can be accommodated, how your property can be accessed and your contact details.