

# Port Mandurah Residents' Association

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## AGM

**The Annual General Meeting of PMRA**, held on 29th January, was reasonably well attended and the new committee was duly elected. A full report is available at: [www.portmandurah.com.au](http://www.portmandurah.com.au) Some of the points from the President's report follow:

**Sponsorship:** We sincerely thank all the 2008 sponsors for their participation. In return we hope they gained worthwhile exposure in our newsletters, on our web-site and at our social functions. This revenue source is very necessary to maintain the Association's reserve funds.

We thank Robert Steel of Play's Kool for sponsoring the gifts handed out by "**Santa on the Canals**" on Christmas Eve. As Play's Kool only joined as a sponsor late in the year they deserve a special mention as they have not yet been added to our list of sponsors.

**Dredging:** Despite two trials and significant praise and approval of the work done by both PMRA and the excellent City of Mandurah's Marina staff, dredging of the northern entrance to Port Mandurah did not occur in time for the busy summer period. The problem stems from bureaucratic systems in the Department of Environment. Members are reporting groundings and near accidents and PMRA is frustrated by this process and we have raised our complaints at the highest level.

**Jetties and Boat-lifters:** PMRA has prepared a set of "best practice" guidelines for jetties and boat-lifters. This evolving document will soon be on the PMRA web site for members' comments. It has two purposes. The guidelines are designed to minimise conflict between neighbours and to assist in the drafting of amended by-laws by the City. Please have your say!

*(President's report cont p2.....)*

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WINNERS

This year's winners had a fabulous night cruise on the "Dancing Dolphin", donated by our Principal Sponsor, Rod and Cheryl Bishop of Bouvard Cruises. The cruise took place on the evening of 1 February 2009. Forty two winners attended and most comments were that it was the best trip ever!

PMRA thanks the winners; the judges, Dr Kim Hames and Cr Gary Brown; Ron and Helen Taggart for making their boat available again for the judging; Selby Munsie for organising the event; and, the Social Committee for the catering. PMRA approached Synergy and the City of Mandurah (among the principal beneficiaries) to sponsor the event, or a prize, and both declined.

### **The 2008 Christmas Lights Competition winners:**

15, 19 & 28 Brindabella Crescent. 3, 4, 19, 24 & 38 Aztec Island Retreat. 11, 13, 14, 20, 21 & 22. Starfire Close. 52 Cambria Island Retreat. 21 Nyari Court. 6 Santavea Mews. 24, 25, 27, 28 & 30 Eunamara Retreat. 6, 7 & 2/33 Finistere Island Retreat. 4 Syrenka Turn. 3 Arika Mews. 22 Leisure Way. 8 Leeuwin Place.

## PONTOON MUSTER AND PARADE

PMRA supports the initiative of a group from Yunderup who have organized an assault on the Guinness Book of Records for the largest fleet of Pontoon boats to assemble and parade during this year's Crabfest.

The objective, which is also sponsored by The Rotary Club of Mandurah, is to start the "Worlds Biggest Pontoon Boat Muster". The organisers would like pontoon boat owners to register and then assemble between the bridges in the main channel from **12.00 pm on Saturday 7th March**. The Parade will commence at 12.50pm and will proceed under the old Bridge into Mandjar Bay and then through the main canal back to the Estuary.

Funds raised by the \$30 registration fee will be shared by the Children's Ward at the Peel Health Campus, Water Rescue, and Victorian Bush Fires Appeal.

To register email: [yundlad@inet.net.au](mailto:yundlad@inet.net.au)

Web Site [www.pontoonboatmuster.com](http://www.pontoonboatmuster.com)



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**PEEL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

PMRA supports the objectives of the Peel Community Foundation and urges all members to consider the benefits that this worthy initiative can provide for our region.

The Peel Community Foundation operates under the trusteeship of the West Australian Community Foundation (WACF) and is a legal Trust with a local Advisory Committee which includes the members and representatives from Peel Development Commission, Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, Peel Economic Development Group, and the Peel Community Development Group (12 members in all with very diverse and balanced networks).

PCF has long-term objectives, based on accumulating pledges and donations from businesses and individuals that will remain within the trust forever. It has the expectation to have \$10 million invested in ten years time. Bequests and money donated are tax effective and invested in secure interest-earning investments. At least 80% of that interest will be spent on locally determined priority needs each year.

Priority beneficiaries are selected from applications each month by the Advisory Committee. (Administration costs are limited to 2% of interest earned and paid to the WACF. Advisory Committee members are volunteers).

The Peel Community Foundation does not support applications requiring recurrent funding and is targeted at programs and needs that are not covered by other traditional support groups. It has a niche that is directed at developing enterprise, endeavour and community benefit for our Peel region.

Significant funds have already been donated by business and from private individuals. A priority is to ask people to consider making donations and bequeaths when making their wills in the knowledge that their eventual contributions will be perpetual (all money is invested forever). Interest earned from contributions to date has already been spent on many worthwhile projects within the Peel region.

Our members in PMRA include many individuals who have worked and prospered in the Peel region and who may like to share the community spirit and see something tangible returned that will directly benefit the Peel region and its deserving locals.

Peel Community Foundation can be contacted on 9224600, for further information see: [www.wacf.au/Peel\\_Community\\_Foundation.asp](http://www.wacf.au/Peel_Community_Foundation.asp) or contact Dr. Peter Hick on 9535 5098 or: [phick@westnet.com.au](mailto:phick@westnet.com.au)



**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 (see website).

Membership is for a household and 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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Canal property address			
Mailing address			Only if mail can't be delivered to canal property
<b>Email address is:</b>			
Phone	Mobile		
<b>Membership Packages available – 2 memberships per calendar year</b>			<b>Tick your choice</b>
Enduring Fees	Notionally 15 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300
5 years	2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 [inclusive]	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$120
3 years	2009, 2010, 2011 [inclusive]	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$80
1 year	2009	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40
<i>Please make your cheque payable to: <b>Port Mandurah Residents' Association</b> 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/s, in the Port Mandurah precinct.</i>			
<b>Jetty</b>	Wood <input type="checkbox"/> :	Floating <input type="checkbox"/> :	Extra piles <input type="checkbox"/> :      None <input type="checkbox"/> :
<b>Lifter</b>	Electric <input type="checkbox"/> :	Hydraulic <input type="checkbox"/> :	Floating <input type="checkbox"/> :      Derrick <input type="checkbox"/> :      None <input type="checkbox"/> :
<b>Boat</b>	Desc:	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.*

## Port Mandurah Resident's Association

(... condensed President's report, cont from p1)

**Rollercoaster:** The Committee continued its overall opposition to a Rock Concert at Hall Park during the Christmas break [wrong location – wrong time!!]. This year (2008) Roller Coaster degenerated to its lowest level to date, with frequent fights, alcohol and drug abuse and poor attendance. The high cost of staging the event in a logistically unsuitable venue also makes it difficult to attract quality bands. PMRA is of the view that Roller Coaster does not fulfil the legitimate aspirations of Mandurah's youth.

### Conclusions:

The Association is continuing its work, but we are always interested in new ideas about how we can do better. Please continue your membership. We value your support and ask that you encourage others (particularly your neighbours) to join. Most of the Committee Members will be continuing to see our current projects through to a satisfactory

conclusion, but we are always seeking new full and co-opted Committee members to assist the Association in furthering its work, with its events and with controversial issues, plus assisting in spreading the administrative work-load.

Please come forward and offer your assistance, particularly if you have skills with computers, with organising social functions or with convincing sponsors to come on board.

Thanks again to the 2008 Committee and the continued support from all Members.

I hope the Association has a successful year in 2009 in representing its members, and where relevant, all Port Mandurah Residents.

John Randall  
President  
Port Mandurah Residents' Association

## SUTTON FARM - OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

PMRA has consistently fought to preserve our local heritage values and themes and Sutton Farm does have valuable heritage and tourism qualities, especially when linked with Hall Cottage and the heritage reserves already within Port Mandurah.

Recently Cedar Woods, (the owner of Sutton Farm) submitted a revised Outline Development Plan (ODP) to the City of Mandurah. Changes, stemming from opposition to the earlier ODP, included the removal of a public jetty, deletion of units in the north-west corner, and the open area around the heritage buildings appeared to have been increased. However, the main objection with the previous ODP by some residents, is the 4 storey apartments facing the main canal. This remains unaltered. The ODP only requires provision of details of basic size and form and the final appearance of the building is yet to be determined.

PMRA facilitated a meeting between senior Cedar Woods executives (CW) and residents with an interest in the development, at which CW presented some further suggested designs including preliminary elevations. Objections from some residents on the "office-block" appearance were taken seriously by CW who withdrew the ODP from the scheduled Council meeting in order to address the concerns of residents. CW has invited several of the residents who remain opposed to the ODP to meet with its architect to exchange ideas and improve compatibility.

However, rezoning of the Sutton Farm site from "tourism" to R40 did remain on the Council's February meeting agenda. City Officers stated that Sutton Farm "had not demonstrated a strategic tourism function to protect". Following deputations from residents, the Council voted to defer this decision until they could receive further briefing from City Officers.

There are precedents where the heritage areas are included when calculating the zoning or dwellings density for a site. Other issues such as loss of boat trailer parking, loss of views from the southern apartments in Apollo Quay, traffic issues and a reduction in people using the site for wedding photos were also raised. PMRA would welcome constructive suggestions for the future of Sutton Farm.

