

Port Mandurah Residents' Association

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PO Box 1339
Mandurah WA 6210

Breakfast Sunday 18 June 2006 from 8.30am

Guest speaker: Ms Paddi Creevey, Mayor of the City of Mandurah.

At "The Stage Door Bar & Brasserie" on the Boardwalk, adjacent to the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre.

Cost: \$23 for members, \$28 for non-members and \$18 for children.

Entry by ticket only. Booking and pre-payment essential to facilitate catering and staffing.

Limited to 100. Booking slip on back of this Newsletter.

Sundowner plus Christmas In July Thursday 13th July 2006 from 5.30pm

Christmas comes but once a year. Ha!! Not at PMRA. This year we are celebrating with a special event at the Mediterranean Restaurant as we have been having such a wonderful response to our Sundowners there. The Med have created a super special 3 course Christmas menu for us at a very special price of \$45.00 per head. Menu details are on the web. The restaurant will be decorated with streamers and bonbons so join in the fun.

Please book direct with the restaurant on 9582 4444.

If you book please attend! We were delighted that 65 people booked for dinner following the last Sundowner and then embarrassed that only 53 people attended. This is not good for our sponsor or the reputation of PMRA.

DREDGING TRIAL UPDATE — At 2 June 2006

The agitation dredging trial has been completed and, according to preliminary accounts, was very successful. A survey will now be commissioned to establish the full effect.

The agitation dredging trial used barge-mounted pumping equipment to lift material from the estuary floor into suspension so that it could be swept away by strong ebb tides. The work was required to be carried out during hours of darkness – 7pm to 4am (to avoid visual and traffic complaints). The collection of environmental data was required prior to, during and after each agitation trial event. PMRA Committee member Peter Hick and Stephen Smith (CoM Waterways Manager) carried out most of this work thus saving a significant sum.

Potential problems were:-

- Turbidity from suspended sediments
- Noise associated with the pumping equipment
- Odour associated with disturbance of estuary floor material, and
- Restricted access (for boats) to the northern entrance.

As far as possible all people who might have been affected were notified. To our knowledge there were no complaints in respect to these issues. The material raised and swept away was coarse as predicted.

The contractor Engineered Water Systems was very helpful and accommodated the imposed rules and regulations. Stephen Smith and the contractor both dived on the site to evaluate, first hand, the results of the trial which took place on the 29th, 30th and 31st May, 2006.

If the trial is considered to be successful by all stakeholders, it will provide a more environmentally acceptable alternative to the traditional cut-and-disposal dredging method. It could be

done more or less on demand as the "set-up" is less complex and we expect future approvals will be much simpler, (this approval took almost 9 months to obtain).

If the agitation trial is considered successful management of the Port Mandurah Channel will be cheaper and it would be expected that the channel depth would be better maintained, although some traditional dredging may still need to be done at less frequent intervals. We will evaluate the prospect of slightly realigning the channel.

The PMRA Canal Sub-committee agreed to the expenditure of up to \$20,000 from the 2005/6 financial year reserve account to conduct this trial. We expect that if successful, cost savings will soon be realized.

PMRA wishes to thank Stephen Smith for his superb contribution to this outcome.

CHILDREN AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

A decision was made in February 2006 that it was not appropriate for children to attend our social functions where alcohol was served and on those occasions we ask that children not accompany their parents. We do have some great breakfasts coming up and remind you that we welcome children at these functions.

To some extent the Christmas Lights on the Canals competition is for the enjoyment of children. Santa on the Canals, where residents volunteer their time, boats and lollies is an event specially created for children. There are a total of about 12 social functions that PMRA conduct over the calendar year. Children are welcome to 6 of these as no alcohol is served at breakfasts. We trust that you will agree with the Committee that our functions programme supports the needs those members who have children.



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BOAT SIZE ISSUE

The City of Mandurah has established a working group to look at various issues including mooring envelopes, jetty envelopes, mooring piles, the size of boats, potential impacts on canal walls and the ability of the "City" to police any controls considered necessary. At time of writing the composition of the working group is not known. PMRA is not represented, but has been consulted and has made representations. The working group was established in response to lobbying by a Port Mandurah resident who is not a member of PMRA.

There is currently no legislation to allow either the State or the City to control many of the waterway issues. Minister Alannah MacTiernan wrote to the City requesting it (the City) to consider the introduction of local laws that would give the City the necessary powers. This is an odd approach as the State Government collects annual boat and jetty licence fees, whereas the City only receives a "once off" building licence fee for each jetty. This arrangement has the potential to leave the City with insufficient funds to enforce any legislation that it might introduce.

The working group is likely to report back to Council in June, at which time the Council will consider whether it or the DPI is the appropriate body to police these issues. The compromise might be for the DPI to fund City of Mandurah enforcement activities from the jetty and boat licence fees it collects.

PMRA is concerned regarding the process that has been established, as it is not convinced that the working group, the Council or the DPI will give sufficient consideration to the background to many of these issues.

We will attempt to keep abreast of developments.

SCUSI RESTAURANT DISCOUNTS

The Scusi Restaurant at the roundabout junction of Old Coast Road and Mary Street has offered PMRA members the following discounts:

1. Sunday Buffet Breakfast \$16.00.
2. 10% discount on evening meals Monday through Thursday (other than already discounted special menus).
3. One bottle of house wine per table booked for Friday and Saturday nights and vacated by 6.30 pm.

The above discounts would not apply at Easter, Christmas or on public holidays. Instead Scusi will not charge the usual surcharge. To obtain these discounts, Scusi will require the presentation of proof of current membership. As we expect others with whom PMRA is negotiating to also require proof of membership, we have produced PMRA membership cards which are being distributed with this newsletter to all current members.

POSSIBLE PMRA TRIP TO BALI

The sister of a PMRA Committee member owns a small exclusive inland (Ubud) resort with seven accommodation units that can sleep a total of about twenty people. Have a virtual tour at - www.klubkokos.com

If we can get enough interest to take over the resort, we could provide accommodation, transfers, bus trips and nearly all meals for 10 days for around \$800 per person. With the current return airfares plus the cost of the balance of the meals this would work out to be a very reasonable holiday. If we could take over the whole resort we could plan our own itinerary. To fill the resort some people might have to share a cottage. No dates have been booked at this stage as we want to determine potential interest from PMRA members.

If you are interested please contact Stephen Dean on 9535 5370 or 0411 706 156 or email s.dean@cameo-estates.com.au

SPECIFIED AREA RATE (SAR)

At its meeting on 16th May 2006, Council supported a request from PMRA for the City of Mandurah to increase its contribution to the SAR from about 11% to 30%. This support was in recognition of the fact that much of the water traffic frequenting the Port Mandurah canals does not belong to residents.

The SAR is used to finance waterways issues including dredging, litter control, water quality testing and erosion protection. The increased contribution from the City of Mandurah is expected to result in the 2006/07 SAR being kept at the same level as in 2005/06.

FIONA MARIAH IN CONCERT 29th July 2006

WA born signer Fiona Mariah, whose operatic career has taken her around the world, delighting audiences with her magnificent soprano voice and engaging stage presence, is set to perform in Mandurah.

Fiona graduated with Honours at the Royal Academy of Music in London and since has taken many lead roles in opera houses throughout the UK, Europe and the USA. From 1998 to 2000 her dazzling vocal display and powerful acting abilities were brilliantly highlighted on the London West End Stage when she played Carlotta – the Italian opera diva, in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera". In 2002 Fiona was named "Covent Garden Festival Performer of the Year".

Also appearing in Mandurah with Fiona will be two young much awarded local artists - Shoreina Pereira (12) and Amber Southall (20). Tenor John Longmuir and baritone Peter Knol will also perform singing many opera favourites and selections from "Phantom of the Opera", "Les Miserables", "The Merry Widow" and more. This promises to be a magical night of music, with all proceeds benefitting Youthcare Mandurah.

Fiona will perform on Saturday 29th July at 8pm at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are \$35. To book phone MPAC - 9550 3900. For further information contact Merle Brown 9535 4847.

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Gannon Growden Schannel – Financial Advisers:

Budget and superannuation rule changes have increased flexibility as to how and when you can access your superannuation while you can still be working! Potentially save thousands in tax by splitting superannuation contributions and commencing a pension. Contact PMRA Major Sponsor Ben Devenish on 948152222 or email bdevenish@ggs.com.au Ben can assess whether you are set up correctly to take advantage of these recent developments.

Realty Executives:

In a buyer's market, being smart about how you present your house to potential buyers is essential. Checking your Feng Shui could save you a lot of time and hard work. If a building feels right, people are more willing to go beyond what it looks like. The feeling that buyers take with them after an inspection may be all they remember when they recall the houses they have inspected. This should help your property stand out in their minds as a favourite.

Anya Haywood of: fengshuistrategies.com says "Create a positive feel by encouraging the energy to flow in a meandering way throughout the house". Use of mirrors, objects or small furniture pieces; use of water features, use of angled furniture or circular objects to soften the corners of rooms, will all create a harmonious flow of energy.

**To: Port Mandurah Residents' Association
Application for NEW Membership**

(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
Member of family		Associate Member: Free
Member of family		Associate Member: Free

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

Canal Address		
Mailing address		
Our email address is:		
Phone	Mobile	Fax:

<i>Membership Packages available – 2 memberships per calendar year</i>			<i>Tick your choice</i>
Enduring Subscription	Notionally 15 years	\$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 years	2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 years	2006, 2007, 2008	\$65.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 year	2006	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

*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*

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	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:
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Mail to: Port Mandurah Residents' Association, P. O. Box 1339, MANDURAH WA 6210

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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
<i>Aztec Island Retreat</i>	Committee: Jill Randall – 9582 9914
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<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 Rohde - 9581 5813
<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
<i>Sponsorship Co-Ordinator</i>	Committee: Bert Bennett – 9581 5469

Cut this section off and return with payment for your breakfast group booking:
PMRA Special Breakfast – Sunday 18th June, from 8.30 am Stage Door Restaurant, at the MPAC

I/we wish to purchase tickets for the following persons to sit at one table [maximum 8]:

..... tickets @ \$23.00 = \$..... [members] Please make cheques payable to:
 tickets @ \$28.00 = \$..... [non—members] **Port Mandurah Residents' Association**
 tickets @ \$18.00 = \$..... [Children] and mail to - PMRA, P.O. Box 1339, MANDURAH WA 6210
 Total for our table \$.....

Name: Address: