

# Dudley Dolphin Costume Guidelines

*For the attention of costume wearers and chaperones*

Thank you for representing Mandurah Environment & Heritage Group by wearing our mascot's costume or by chaperoning Dudley Dolphin on his walkabouts. Here are some guidelines for you:

## **Communicating**

- Dudley Dolphin does not speak. Instead, he is animated and "speaks" using body language, e.g. high-fiving people, waving his arms around, walking in an exaggerated manner, etc.
- If Dudley Dolphin is doing a walkabout, he needs to be accompanied by a chaperone who can speak on his behalf.
- The chaperone can be provided with free Dudley Dolphin Outdoor Adventure Activity Booklets, business cards or flyers to hand out to people.

## **Keeping the costume clean**

- Please do not consume any food or drink except water when wearing the costume.
- Please do not let the costume touch the ground, especially a public toilet floor.
- Take care when changing in and out of the costume. We do not have the funds to have the costume professionally cleaned. The replacement cost is \$1,800.

## **Working with children**

- Please do not change in or out of the costume in front of young children.
- When wearing the costume, please do not take the head off in front of young children.
- When transporting or storing the costume, please keep it covered / out of sight.
- Please do not take photographs of children unless you have their parent's permission.
- It is recommended that the costume wearer and also the chaperone hold a current Working with Children card.

## **Keeping cool**

- A cool vest to wear under the costume can be provided upon request. It needs to go in a freezer overnight. Some people find it too heavy to wear.

