

# **Mandurah Environment and Heritage Group 2020 Annual Report**

*Presented at the AGM by MEHG Chair Barry Small on 13 October 2020*

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Welcome, and thank you for attending our 2020 Annual General Meeting.

Thank you to our members and principal supporters the City of Mandurah (CoM), Parks & Wildlife (P&W), Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC), Make Place, Rotary Club of Mandurah and Shire of Murray. Without you we would not exist.

We are extremely fortunate to live in Western Australia during this pandemic. It was with great pleasure that we were involved in arranging with CoM, PHCC and Coastal Waste Warriors (CCW) a World Wetlands Day Celebration on Mandurah's Eastern Foreshore in February; a standalone environmental event involving 20+ groups.

Dudley Dolphin's appearances - although restricted this year - have been at events such as the Falcon Lions Kids Fishing Competition, Mandurah World Wetlands Day Celebration, and the Wetlands Weekender. Hot off the press is the new and improved Dudley Dolphin Outdoor Adventure Journal which has been upgraded to include Samphire Cove Nature Reserve, Western Ringtail Possums and Wheelchair Access Trails. We will always be indebted to Stacey for her original concept of Dudley Dolphin.

The Friends of Samphire Cove Nature Reserve recessed for a while and then continued their revegetation focus. P&W installed signs for the All Abilities Trail, and are to prune two habitat trees. PHCC continues to support the Friends. We are looking at extending the paver art by the Bushrangers from John Tonkin College.

2020 Clean Up Peel Waterways was, as always, scheduled for the month of March. This annual event is arranged by Friends of Rivers Peel (For Peel) and PHCC with Colin Elton coordinating the clean-ups of the Murray and Serpentine rivers. The clean-ups got going but then the pandemic hit

and Clean Up Australia deferred – with some humour – all clean-ups until 25th December!

Canoe Trail Friends of Mandurah and Pinjarra continue their advocacy work with positive meetings with CoM to establish an All Abilities Canoe Launch site at Riverside Gardens.

A comprehensive submission was made to the Peel-Harvey Estuary Trials Feasibility Study and they were identified as a user group / lead body by the Peel Trails Alliance.

We are lucky to have committee members of the calibre of: our Secretary Linda Thorpe who was recently described as our “backbone” and recognised by CoM as Local Legend; medical scientist Robyn Devenish OAM who for many years has volunteered and led the way to save lives in Cambodia, particularly from haemophilia, and is the first STEM Hero awarded by Peel Bright Minds; Barbara Sing a renowned eco warrior is leading the Black Bream Stock Enhancement Project which we are proud to auspice, as we are for CCW’s much-needed trailer; Merrilee Baker is liaising with Marine Safety to rectify legislation about derelict vessels; Treasurer Stacey Harrison’s work has been given the tick of approval by our Auditor, Harry Sweeting; Sally Warner manages to bring valued causes and, sadly, MEHG co-founder Lyn O’Brien is retiring and we will miss her widespread experienced advice.

We welcome Jane O’Malley and look forward to her presentation about the “WA Feral Cat Working Group”.



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and waterways of Mandurah & Surrounds