

Minutes

Date 12/10/11

Time 7.20pm **Location** South East Regional Office, Gate 12 Worsley Road, Bangholme

Chairperson	Joy Humphreys	Meeting Subject	Tidal Waterways PLAC Meeting
Attendees	Committee Members: Judy Wilks, Andrew Meehan, Claude Picinali, Neil James & David Jordan. Melbourne Water (MW) Tim Seipolt, Wendy West, Donna Bui & Simon Marchington		
Apologies	City of Kingston KCC: Cr Trevor Shewan & Mark Woodland		
Note Taker	Alan Clements		

1. Agenda item	Welcome & Apologies	Presenter	Joy Humphreys
Discussion	Joy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Joy asked for any additional apologies.		
2. Agenda item	Confirmation of the minutes & matters arising from previous meeting	Presenter	Joy Humphreys & Tim Seipolt
Discussion	Confirmation of the minutes from the previous meeting. Moved: Neil James, Seconded: None It was eventually decided by PLAC that the minutes would be accepted		
3. Agenda item	Outstanding items from previous minutes	Presenter	Tim Seipolt & Wendy West
Discussion	<p>Maintenance charges tidal gates:</p> <p>Tim discussed how the tidal waterways precept area contributes 42% towards the maintenance of the tidal gates.</p> <p>Access easements & their usage:</p> <p>Wendy informed the committee that we need to form a working party to liaise with KCC council as only Canberra Street access easement is zoned PUZ1. All other MW access easements are zoned residential and therefore we are not allowed to store plant and materials within the easement. In the past MW tried to have the other access easements zoned PUZ1 but this never eventuated.</p> <p>Claude, Andrew & David all volunteered their time to be part of the working party with MW to discuss with KCC to have the access easements zoning changed.</p>		

	Action: Wendy		
	<p>Dredging of the tidal canals:</p> <p>Tim gave PLAC a brief update as outlined below and that we will continue working with SKM and give the committee a further update at our next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To date \$63,000 had been spent on sediment sampling and testing. Disposal of the material is the main concern and that sea water disposal and placement of the sediment in front of the retaining walls to form a fully raised beach had been ruled out. <p>Jetty replacement program principles:</p> <p>Tim gave the committee an overview of the Patterson Lakes Jetty Replacement Design Principles. Copy attached to the minutes. If the committee have any further comments on these to please email them to Tim.</p> <p>It was also discussed that there would be no new moorings approved within the tidal canals so therefore when a property was subdivided into two townhouses only one property would have a mooring allocation.</p> <p>All jetty and mooring poles to have white caps whether they are concrete pontoons or fixed timber jetties.</p> <p>Tim also informed PLAC that the new draft mooring leases are with our legal team and once completed we will forward to PLAC.</p> <p>Implementation of new sand beach areas:</p> <p>Ongoing and to be held over to a later meeting</p>		
4. Agenda item	Tidal gates replacement program update	Presenter	Tim Seipolt
Discussion	Tim informed PLAC that all gates are now open except for Whalers Cove east gate. It is expected that this gate will be completed towards the end of February. Committee members believe that over the summer period boats will need to patient as some were ignoring the traffic lights on the gates.		
5. Agenda item	Jetty replacement program update	Presenter	Tim Seipolt
Discussion	Tim provided a hand out to the PLAC with an update of the jetty replacement program		
6. Agenda item	General Business & Correspondence	Presenter	Joy Humphreys, Simon Marchington, Alan Clements, Wendy West & Tim Seipolt
Discussion	Maintenance works report		
	The maintenance works report was sent to PLAC with the meeting agenda. There is the opportunity to discuss the maintenance report and any issues in		

general business at PLAC meetings.

Boat lifting guidelines

Alan informed the committee that MW have received a request from a resident of the tidal waterways, who believes that his Sunstream boat lifts (Floatlift) meets the MW guidelines for boat lifting devices. Alan handed around his brochure and informed the committee MW is in agreeance that

(Floatlift) meets all the guidelines. Although other accessions such as pedestals, craft lifts, covers and canopies would not be considered as they do not meet the boat lifting guidelines. Alan will draft a letter and forward to PLAC seeking further comments before sending to resident.

Action : Alan

Tim to arrange meeting with PLAC in the near future to discuss jetty issues only.

Action: Tim

PLAC residents survey

MW gave members of PLAC a summary handout sheet of the resident's survey and informed them it would be uploaded onto the Melbourne Water website. A member of PLAC commented that he did not believe the survey holds any weight.

Proposed pricing reform – Additional information

Simon presented to the committee the additional information they requested. His presentation is attached to the minutes.

Some members thought that the pricing reform model was not an equitable model. They thought that not everyone within the original special precept area was paying precept rates. They thought all of the Patterson Lakes shopping centre and the multi unit complexes should also be contributing to the precept rates, and therefore our funds are not offset as they are not contributing

They also felt the some areas of Patterson Lakes would not be there if the tidal waterways were not developed, and therefore the precept area should be expanded to include these areas. This area included the primary school, supermarket and the Patterson Lakes retirement village.

They thought the pricing model was not appropriate as townhouses on small allotments, which in some cases have the same foreshore frontage, should be paying the same as they have the same level of service.

PLAC commented that the tidal waterways were public waterways and not private and therefore this should be taken into consideration with the proposed pricing reform.

MW advised PLAC that their comments and views needed to be received through the consultation process to Evaluation Solutions or to pattersonlakes@melbournewater.com.au. The Committee were also informed that they also had the opportunity to communicate with the

	<p>Essential Services Commission,</p> <p>PLAC Newsletter and Website.</p> <p>Wendy asked PLAC for any input to be included into the next PLAC newsletter. PLAC asked if they could put their own article on the pricing reform into the PLAC newsletter. Wendy informed them they could if it was a balanced view presented in the spirit of PLAC and that it was supported by the majority of PLAC members from the Quiet Lakes & Tidal Waterways.</p>
6. Meeting Close	<p>Meeting Closed: 9.12pm</p> <p>Next PLAC Meetings: 7th December 2011 – Christmas function</p>