

# Minutes

**Date** 8/06/11

**Time** 6.00pm **Location** South East Regional Office, Gate  
12 Worsley Road, Bangholme

<b>Chairperson</b>	Joy Humphreys	<b>Meeting Subject</b>	Combined PLAC Meeting
<b>Attendees</b>	Committee Members: John Thomson, Anthony Moffatt (PLQLOR) Jeff Welsh, Judy Wilks & Mark Woodland. City of Kingston KCC: Cr Trevor Shewan. Melbourne Water (MW) Tim Seipolt, David Norman, Wendy West, Joanne Frame, Josephine Parrett & Fatima Mohamed		
<b>Apologies</b>	Andrew Meehan, Nanne Stubbs, Neil James, Claude Picinalli & David Jordan.		
<b>Note Taker</b>	Alan Clements		

<b>1. Agenda item</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Joy Humphreys</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Joy welcomed Cr Trevor Shewan to the meeting along with Wendy West who has been appointed as the Senior Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Advisor (South East), this role has now been expanded to include Koo Wee Rup precept area as well as Patterson Lakes.  Joy asked for any additional apologies.		
<b>2. Agenda item</b>	<b>Confirmation of the minutes &amp; matters arising from previous meeting</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Joy Humphreys &amp; Tim Seipolt</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	The committee confirmed that the minutes from the previous meeting were correct		
<b>3. Agenda item</b>	<b>Pricing and ESC Update</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Josephine Parrett</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	MW will be present an update on the 2011/12 pricing proposal submitted to the Essential Services Commission, together with consultation activities for precept rates and the development of a provisional customer service charter after 1 July 2013. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2011/12 pricing update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Letter posted to Patterson Lakes ratepayers in early April outlining the 2011/12 precept rate proposal, based on lists supplied by SEW.</li> <li>○ 6 enquiries have been recorded by the Melbourne Water customer service centre from Tidal Waterways ratepayers during the ESC consultation: 3 negative, 3 neutral that is requesting general information, water quality, more information re: projects &amp; expenditures, money for dredging.</li> <li>○ The ESC has received a number of submissions from PL &amp; KWR which have been posted on their website ESC has requested responses from MW to matters raised in the submissions – MW</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

	<p>has provided these responses. MW is waiting on the ESC's final determination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It's expected that the ESC will hand down a determination this month. Any changes will come into effect on 1 July 2011 and appear on the first quarterly SEW bill after that date.</li> </ul>		
<b>4. Agenda item</b>	<b>Capital Projects Update</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Fatima Mohamed</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Fatima gave an update to PLAC on the Tidal Gates replacement program including how Runaway Bay and Town Centre Tidal Gates had been closed. Works on these gates are progressing well with contractors working longer hours hoping to get the Tidal Gates open before the upcoming snapper season in September.</p> <p>Whalers Cove West Tidal Gate has been completed and is open while the Whalers Cove East Tidal Gate works are still progressing.</p> <p>There is a lot more work involved with the east channel as there was originally only one Tidal Gate and this work involves extending the concrete structure so another set of gates can be installed.</p>		
<b>5. Agenda item</b>	<b>Maintenance Report</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Alan Clements</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Alan handed out the maintenance report and briefly discussed the works that had been undertaken since the last meeting.</p>		
<b>6. Agenda item</b>	<b>River Health Update</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Joanne Frame</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Tim introduced Joanna Frame, Program Leader SouthEast River Health. This team plays a key role of planning waterway health improvements within the Dandenong, Mornington Peninsula and Westernport Catchments, with a key role being to improve the health of waterways to meet long term Regional River Health Strategy targets. There are a number of ways this is achieved; partnering with the community and other agencies through the River Health Incentives Program, capital delivery project planning and responding to development referrals, amongst other means.</p> <p>Joanna informed the committee that approximately 37% of all Melbourne Water's regional constructed stormwater quality treatment wetlands and 31% of all Melbourne Water regional sediment traps, treat catchment flows to Patterson River. Melbourne Water has initiated a further four new capital works projects this year within the immediate catchment that will aim to improve river health through weed control, revegetation and fish barrier removal work. We are also monitoring and investigating the performance of constructed stormwater treatment wetlands. These projects are in addition to several other new capital works projects initiated within the broader catchment and which build upon previous and current capital works projects, river health improvement projects being undertaken by landowners, community and other agencies via Melbourne Water incentives funding, and Melbourne Waters ongoing maintenance works program.</p> <p>A committee member asked if any water was diverted from Patterson River for storm water harvesting as there may be an option to use the Quiet Lakes. For the storage of treated stormwater for reuse in the area. Neither MW or KCC were aware of this occurring in Patterson River or of any known opportunities for stormwater reuse in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p>David spoke about the factory fire on Thursday 19th May 2011, which resulted in up to 750,000 litres of oil products being washed into the underground drainage system. The underground drainage system feeds into</p>		

	the Eumemmerring Creek via the Abbott's Road drain approximately 2 km downstream of the fire site. If the spill had not been contained and educted the potential for damage was enormous to the 10 km of downstream waterway including the National Watersports Centre, Patterson River and ultimately Port Phillip Bay		
<b>7. Agenda item</b>	<b>Jetty Replacement Update</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Tim Seipolt</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Tim gave the committee an update on the jetty replacement program which included the following information.</p> <p>Total jetties: 263  Total Moorings: 682  Jetties completed: 16  Moorings Complete: 29  Jetties with planning approvals awaiting construction: 18  17/21 Stages have been distributed to the residents.  % Jetties completed: 6.08%  % Moorings completed: 4.25%</p> <p>Discussion took place about the frustration experienced by one Committee Member of having only 20 days to organise 10 families who share a jetty to agree to what type of jetty they require. The process is well explained in the documentation sent out to Stakeholders; however additional explanation to stakeholders with anomalies could help to alleviate some of the frustration caused.</p> <p>The Committee Member highlighted the delays caused by a part time Community Consultant on this project, especially the fact that calls were not returned in a timely manner when left on the Patterson Lakes 1800 number.</p> <p>Wendy informed the Committee that there had been a review of the telephone communication procedures for this project. Changes made include a diversion system when the phone is unattended and a voicemail that includes her phone number as an alternate contact for any urgent queries.</p> <p>The concerns of the Committee Member on this project were noted and will be forwarded to the Communications Team who oversee this project.</p>		
<b>8. Agenda item</b>	<b>Review of Enforcing By-Laws</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Tim Seipolt</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Current MW bylaws seem to lack the scope and clarity required for the tidal canals, MW have been meeting with both Parks Vic and Marine Safety Victoria to work on the best way to address this issue.		
<b>9. Agenda item</b>	<b>PLAC Newsletter Articles</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Wendy West</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Wendy informed PLAC that the new look newsletter was nearly completed and the final draft would be sent to the Committee for comment.</p> <p>Discussion took place as to what should be included in future newsletters such as highlights from previous PLAC meetings and a Question &amp; Answer section.</p> <p>It was generally agreed that only articles relating to Patterson Lakes Tidal and Quiet Lakes should be included into the newsletter. As there are new Committee members, it was decided to do a profile in each newsletter on a Quiet Lake &amp; Tidal Canal Committee Member. The Committee agreed to the delay of the upcoming newsletter, so that an additional profile of a Quiet Lakes Committee Member, Jeff Welsh could be included.</p>		
<b>10. Agenda</b>	<b>General Business &amp;</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Joy Humphreys</b>

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<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>1. Discussion took place by two committee members who described the hurt experienced by them and their families following the recent distribution of the PLQLOR Newsletter which detailed voting decisions taken at a recent PLAC meeting. They said they were disturbed by the inclusion in a publicly distributed communication without permission of other committee members of voting results in a meeting following difficult discussions. They also said they believed that the newsletter omitted certain facts, leading to misrepresentation of their decision. The Independent Chair requested the PLQLOR representative on the committee to advise PLQLOR that this action was not in the spirit of PLAC and that we request it does not happen again. When asked by the chair, the PLQLOR representative declined to make any comment.</p> <p>2. <b>Maintenance Charges Tidal Gates</b> - Discussion regarding a letter tabled by a committee member was held over to the next tidal canal meeting as there was only two tidal canal members in attendance.</p> <p>3. <b>Access Easements &amp; Their Usage</b> – Discussion same as item 2 above.</p> <p>4. <b>Dredging of the Tidal Canals</b> – Discussion that MW should be setting aside funds from the precept rates for the eventual dredging of the tidal canals. Tim explained to PLAC that the ESC did not allow these types of sinking funds mechanisms. MW would pursue further discussions with the ESC about how the situation could be resolved.</p> <p>5. <b>Jetty Replacement Program</b> – Suggestion that MW could undertake a resident’s survey that allowed for feedback</p> <p>6. <b>Implementation of New Sand Beach Areas</b> – Discussion that a process for implementation with costing to be included on the agenda for the next tidal canals meeting</p> <p>7. <b>Community Survey &amp; Feedback</b> – This will be included as part of the customer service charter</p> <p>8. A committee member asked if MW Water Quality Management Plan for the quiet Lakes will be published. Tim informed PLAC that it will be published and forwarded to PLAC members in July (approximately)</p> <p>9. A committee member asked if future agenda items for PLAC meetings, could take into account when items have been tabled for general business, as there is currently not enough time available in the meetings to properly address these items. The chairperson informed PLAC that she would review how the agenda items have been included for future meetings.</p>		<p>Action: Tim Seipolt &amp; Simon Marchington</p> <p>Action: Wendy West</p> <p>Action: Alan Clements</p> <p>Action: Tim Seipolt</p> <p>Action: Wendy West Joy Humphreys</p>

	<p>10. A committee member asked if the PLAC meetings could take into account the Village Committee meeting dates, so they do not overlap for future meetings as they have twice already this year.  Action: Wendy West</p> <p>11. A committee member asked if more signage such Dogs on Leads and No Feeding Ducks could be erected at the Quiet Lakes:  Action: Alan Clements</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed: 8.07pm</p> <p>Next PLAC Meetings: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011</p>