

**LOWER SOUTH EAST**  
**MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP**

## **MINUTES**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Lower South East Marine Park Local Advisory Group was held on Tuesday 16th February 2010 in the Grant District Council Chambers, Commercial St West, Mt Gambier at 4pm.

**Members Present:** Grant King (Chair person), Ruth Beach, Lionel Carrison, Maureen Christie, Garry Clifford, Peter Dunnicliff, Jim Godden, Ken Jones, Bob Oliver, Joel Redman, Richard Sage, Peter Whitehead, Karen Heaver (DEH Secretary), Phil Hollow (DEH), Sarah Bignell (DEH), Steve Bourne (DEH).

**Proxies:** Nil.

**Gallery:** 8 members of the public attended.

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

#### **1.1 Housekeeping arrangements**

**1.2 DEH Regional Conservator:** Peter Alexander was an apology but the Deputy Regional Conservator, Steve Bourne attended.

**1.3 Apologies:** Biddie Tietz

**1.4 Absent:** Nil.

**1.5 Introduction of LAG members:** Each member introduced themselves and spoke briefly of their interest and representation.

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

### **3. Correspondence – Nil.**

### **4. Confirmation of Minutes – Nil to confirm.**

### **5. Action Items and Business Arising from the minutes – Nil.**

### **6. Agenda items**

#### **6.1. Marine Parks Overview**

Phil Hollow presented an overview to ensure all members of this LAG are familiar with the background and process of the development of marine parks. Members were informed of the objectives of these groups, modified boundaries, Marine Parks Act and design principles. Sarah Bignell informed members about the spatial mapping, marine bio regions, maps of sea surface temperatures and habitats. This mapping information will assist in determining zoning.

Discussion was held about the importance of ensuring maps are accurate, contain quality habitat detail, and are of good resolution.

The commercial fishing industry compensation formula is still to be finalised. A Displaced Effort Working Group has been established. It was noted that this compensation formula must be agreed to and in place prior to any zoning arrangements.

## **6.2. Terms of Reference**

Phil briefly went through some of the key points of the Terms of Reference including:

- A person can be appointed to more than one LAG; This is the case for Ruth Beach and Jim Godden who are members of both LAG #18 and LAG #19
- LAGs consist of 10-15 members, the LSE group currently as 13 members. Additional members could be appointed should the need arise;
- If a member is unavailable to attend a proxy can be sent;
- DEH will cover local travel costs and meeting expenses of members up to \$250 per meeting and forms are available
- Sub-committees may be established;
- The Chair is the appropriate spokesperson for media related enquiries and interviews. If LAG members, other than the Chair, communicate with the media they should clearly state that they are not representing the LAG.

## **6.3. Community Input - Mapping**

Sarah advised members on the SA Marine Parks Information Tool (SAMPIT) which contains a collection of information/data from the community and this information will assist in designing the zoning. DEH is seeking input from the local community about local uses and local knowledge and the role of the LAGs is to assist to verify the accuracy of the maps and data. The data received will be added to existing data and analysed.

The information can be provided either through a hard copy paper version or through an online system. It is acknowledged that it will be a challenge and a big task to get individuals/groups to provide this information. Sarah offered to make herself available to meet with groups, and to hold a general open session, to assist to record the details required. Preliminary maps will be prepared and presented at the next LAG meeting but the SAMPIT system will be open for several months so as much detail as possible can be recorded.

There was some discussion about:

- The Piccaninnie Ponds CP boundary which goes approximately 300m into the sea;
- Under legislation there is the ability to include unallotted Crown lands or terrestrial DEH Parks that adjoin Marine Parks in a Marine Park;
- There are concerns, and guarantees sought, for access to intertidal zones;
- The need to ensure habitat maps are accurate;
- Community concerns with being exploited for providing information.
- The SAMPIT program being too difficult and long winded for members of the public to use as intended

#### **6.4. Community Input - Marine Park Values**

To ensure both community use of the Marine Parks and conservation of the marine and coastal environment there is a need to identify and consider local environmental, economic and social values. A document "creating a marine park values statement-notes for LAG members" was provided to each member. Phil is to provide by email to members the "local input into value statements" form which is to be returned by the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010. LAG and community members are encouraged to provide input and contribute to this values statement.

#### **6.5. Communication Plan**

Some discussion was held regarding a Communication Plan and the need for the LAG to ensure that they maintain network connections outside of the current membership

A "social interaction" web site for this LAG only is available for members.

Phil will advise members of the link to this site

There is a range of other community type groups that are not represented by this LAG who should be kept informed, or that the LAG has interaction with at times. Phil will prepare a list of such groups and suggest a LAG member that could have the task of keeping the various groups advised. This communication is about ensuring the LAGs are connecting with the community, that all groups are updated and kept informed and encouraging them to update SAMPIT.

Due to the shortage of time it was agreed that Phil develop a draft LSE Communication Plan for distribution to members for both comment and additional information.

#### **7. Record of meeting**

While formal meeting minutes are compiled this "record of meeting" highlights a few key points/issues that are discussed to assist DEH staff to inform its management of the progress of the LAG, provide meeting highlights for the Marine Park web site and assist the Chair in speaking to the media. Phil and Grant will prepare this record for this meeting.

**Meeting Closed at 7.15pm**

#### **Future Meetings**

**Thursday 29th April 2010** from 5 – 9pm at the Wattle Range Council office, Millicent.

**NB** The date has been changed from April 15<sup>th</sup>

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Chair

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ACTION ITEMS – as at 16 February 2010

**Action Items as at 16 February 2010**

<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	S Bignell	Arrange an open session/s to assist communities/individuals to provide data for SAMPIT.		
1	All Members	Provide data, and encourage other people to provide data, into SAMPIT.		
1	All Members	Provide input , and encourage other people to provide input, into the Marine Park Values statement.		
1	Phil	prepare a draft Communication Plan for comment		
1	Phil	advise members of the link to the social interaction website		