

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

## **MINUTES**

The second meeting of the Lower South East Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 5pm on 26 May 2010 in the Diplomat Motel Conference Room, 51 Mt Gambier Road, Millicent.

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose lands we are meeting upon today. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to country. We also pay respect to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia present here.*

**Members Present:** Grant King (Chair person), Ruth Beach, Lionel Carrison, Maureen Christie, Garry Clifford, Jim Godden, Ken Jones, Richard Sage,

**DEH staff:** Karen Heaver (Minute taker), Phil Hollow, Sarah Bignell, Andrew Burnell, Steve Bourne.

**Proxies:** Garry Clarke for Bob Oliver, David Manser for Joel Redman.

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

### **1. Welcome**

Grant welcomed members, DEH staff and members of the public to the meeting.

**2. Apologies:** Peter Whitehead, Bob Oliver, Joel Redman.

**3. Absent:** Biddie Tietz, Peter Dunicliff.

### **4. Correspondence**

Letters received from SARLAC and Wildcatch Fisheries SA. Copies of the letters were provided to members. The Chair asked for comment or feedback. He will then respond to the letters as noting receipt of them. David Manser advised that the letters indicate where the commercial fishing industry is coming from with regard to marine parks. Phil commented that DEH will also provide MPLAG members with a response to the letters.

### **5. Actions arising**

Minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were accepted.

Lionel raised the discussion held at the February meeting regarding the boundary at Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park and how it extends into the sea. The marine park boundary overlays the Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park boundary. There are several areas within SA where marine park boundaries will overlap or abut terrestrial park boundaries and there are also several parks across the State which extend into the sea.

A new management plan will be prepared covering Piccaninnie Ponds and the newly acquired Picks Swamp land.

**Action:** Phil to ask DEH for a brief report of the "state of play" of the zones in this area and the impact, if any, on activities enjoyed by the public. The report is to include when the land was proclaimed, why it was proclaimed and future management planning. Report to then be distributed to members.

## Action Items from 16 February 2010 meeting

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Comment
1	<i>S Bignell</i>	Arrange an open session/s to assist communities/individuals to provide data for SAMPIT	Completed	Several sessions held
1	<i>All Members</i>	Provide data, and encourage other people to provide data, into SAMPIT.	Undertaken but ongoing	272 users USE 195 users LSE
1	<i>All Members</i>	Provide input, and encourage other people to provide input, into the Marine Park Values statement.	Completed	Nine parks received comments from 15 individuals

### 6. Community feedback

**Ken** – Underlining tone is still mistrust of the intentions of the process.

**Maureen** – As above. Sarah has been helpful in assisting people with data input. Criticism that the outer boundaries were reduced.

**Garry Clifford** – Handed out 100's of SAMPIT forms, held a public meeting, advertised the public meeting but disappointing as only 30 people attended. Need to mark areas on the map so marine parks are not in the fishing areas.

**Jim** – Waiting on sanctuary zones to be announced.

**Ruth** – Information is out there and is being heard.

**David** – General mistrust.

**Garry Clarke** – General mistrust. Concern a spot on the map will be targeted. Reluctance to provide information.

**Lionel** – News item from Queensland indicates marine parks are a "shamble" there, will be a shamble in SA as well.

**Grant** – Very little response from anyone. A lack of understanding of the process.

**Richard** – Little bit of concern where the process is going, but minimal comment.

### 7. Sharing SAMPIT information

- Phil provided some statistics on SAMPIT use:
  - 272 individual users in Upper SE, 195 in Lower SE have sent in or recorded their information.
  - Statewide nearly half a million cells have had data entered into them. Information, defined by postcode where data has been entered, was shown.
- Phil congratulated those LSE MPLAG members who had organised meetings and

opportunities for members of the public to get involved in the program. This effort was evident by the amount of data provided in the South East.

- Phil also commented that if a group representative provides data it can be entered on the map as a group view and not as an individual's. How it is entered depends whether the application lists individuals or just a group name. The maps include all data that was made available whether it came from the commercial or recreational sector.
- The role of the MPLAG members at this meeting is to provide comment on the accuracy of the data entered, gaps in known information and priority areas based on local knowledge.
- Time was spent at the meeting reviewing the maps and checking the accuracy of the data. Comments and notes were made on the maps and Phil's task following the meeting will be to list these items and circulate them to members for information.
- General feedback was that the maps are a good representation of recreational fishing.
- Richard asked if it was possible to obtain a copy of the maps with the comments electronically recorded on them. Discussion was held about this but there is concern about how the maps will be used and need to consider any risks associated with the distribution of the maps before they are completed.
- Information can still be entered on SAMPIT.
- Phil advised that he will review how many SAMPIT forms were provided to the community and of those how many were completed and returned.
- Next step is to consider areas for zoning. Phil confirmed that DEH has no preliminary lines drawn on the maps except the outer boundaries.
- All data (including SAMPIT information), issues raised from the working groups and scientific data will be recorded on the maps to assist MPLAG members when considering preliminary zoning scenarios at Meeting 3.

## 8. Identifying local management issues

The *Marine Parks Act 2007* says that a management plan will be developed for all marine parks. It must be consistent with the objectives of the Act and contain various types of zones and strategic directions. Management plans will need to ensure that economics, society and conservation are all considered.

Operational plans will be developed for the day to day management of local issues.

DEH will produce a user guide indicating zones and allowable uses and activities.

A impact statement is to be developed and released with the draft management plan. It will look at economic, environmental and social issues.

These worksheets are aimed at identifying local management issues that are relevant to each marine park. Members sought more information.

**Action:** Phil to distribute worksheets electronically along with more examples of the type of issues that might be included.

Action Worksheets were distributed and these are to be returned to the Coast and Marine Conservation Branch by the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

## 9. Preparing for zoning presented by Andrew Burnell

Andy discussed what the group will be focussing on in upcoming meetings.

From the next meeting (3) MPLAGs will begin the design phase. It is important to refer to the design principles, hard copies were provided to ensure members have the opportunity to consider them. Need to assess threats and avoid them if possible when selecting areas for high-level protection (sanctuary zones). Then manage and respond to threats across the whole of the marine park, with the assistance of partner agencies and legislation.

Members were introduced to the checklist and other tools being developed to assist them with considering zoning by applying the design principles.

The group then discussed design principles and the fact that there may be a range of zoning scenarios. The task is to develop the best option.

Question was raised if Native Title has been included in any discussions? There are no Indigenous Land Use Agreements in this area. Native Title rights do take precedence.

**Action:** Phil to follow up if it is worth putting in more information for this.

There are a number of steps to this whole process and it is challenging to people. It was suggested that handouts, or items that need commenting on at these meetings, be distributed with the agenda to give members time to consider the papers.

Garry Clifford indicated that members were lacking in scientific information and evidence. Phil commented that the maps that will be available at the next MPLAG meeting will reflect this information.

It was suggested that an out-of-session meeting be held to view updated maps and to work on the *Identifying Management Strategies* worksheets. This will be a discussion-only meeting, with no firm commitments or decisions, but may assist members to be better informed and prepared for the next official meeting.

**Action:** Grant to speak with Phil about an out of session meeting.

## 10. Ongoing communications

- Letter from Wildcatch Fisheries SA
- Letter from SARLAC Inc

## 11. Questions from the gallery – Nil.

## 12. Other business

- Membership – are there gaps in the membership? If anyone has an interest in joining this group they need to lodge a CV with Phil or Grant expressing interest in the MPLAG and advising what it is that they can add to the process.

## 13. Next meeting: Date to be advised (end July/early August) in Mt Gambier from 5-9pm.

Meeting closed at 9pm

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Chair

## Action Items as at 26 May 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
2	<i>P Hollow</i>	"State of Play" regarding Piccaninnie Ponds CP and the boundary.	<b>Reply from Steve Bourne</b>	
2	<i>P Hollow</i>	Collate MPLAG members comments on SAMPIT maps and provide feedback to members.	<b>Completed</b>	
2	<i>Members</i>	Complete worksheets with regard to identifying management issues.	<b>ongoing</b>	
2	<i>P Hollow</i>	Follow up status of Values Statement.	<b>To be presented at MPLAG # 3</b>	
2	<i>G King</i>	Speak with Phil about an out of session meeting.	<b>Ongoing</b>	