

Meeting of The Middleton Beach Group held on Friday 5th March 2010 commencing at 5.00pm – at the Albany Port Authority , Albany.

Present – Jane Mouritz (chair), Barb Madden (recorder), Phillip Drage (Friends of Emu Point), Jeanette & Peter Woodhams, Murray Arnold, Suzie Potter, Patti Lock, Henry and Jeannie Reynolds, Nan Anderson, Andrew Wenzel, Pat & Ron Kerruish, Chris Henderer

Apologies; Cr Dot Price, Trish Flowers, Kay Geldard, John and Judy Palandri,

Correspondence; Outwards/Inwards

- Rob Broadfield – Inside Cover West Australian – Socks Fence in 23January'10
- Paul Mackey – Albany Port Authority – invitation to next meeting
- Kevin Ketterer – some maintenance matters
- Mayor Milton Evans – Dr Liz Constable in Albany – tourism consideration re the Esplanade site? Informed of public open space precedent in St Georges Tce
- City of Albany – support for Bay Merchant tavern license

Updates/Reports – largely in writing due to time constraints.

Umbrella Survey Results and What Next?; Barb Madden spoke to a summary of the survey analysis. Further discussion at next meeting **on Sunday 21st March 2010.**

Albany Surf Club plans - the toilets and canteen have been gutted and renovations are on target.

Report re Esplanade Site – the sock fence seems to have taken on a life of its own, and also generated positive community interest in doing something pro-active – eg a suggestion that there be a public campaign to buy the land? Is it for sale? Sunday Times had called Jane Mouritz for a comment 26th February, and she had informed them TMBG was pro development, supportive of the City in their quest to progress the site, and at this stage not the instigator for a cooperative purchase project.

Contact with Kevin Ketterer, Director of Works & Services, City of Albany.

Requested some maintenance on Middleton Beach gazebos, car parks and wishing well. A regular Works Order has now been set in place re cleaning the Wishing Well.

Feedback re both unsuccessful grant application; Have communicated with Christine Grogan at GSDC re reasons for refusal, and also learnt there are no more grant rounds in 2009/10. City of Albany just had insufficient funds, not opposed in principle. J Berry called but no additional explanation.

Grange Dredging Project Information Update – Albany Port Authority CEO Brad Williamson, Environmental Officer Paul Mackey

1. brief project overview
2. questions / discussion

Information about this project can be found on www.albanyport.com.au

Next Meeting;

5pm Sunday 21st March at Liberté (Old London Hotel), Stirling Tce. All people with an interest in Middleton Beach and surrounds are welcome

Meeting closed at 6.00pm