MINUTES OF THE

BREMER BAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BREMER BAY TOWN HALL, BREMER BAY ON FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 2013 COMMENCING AT 9.45AM

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Cr Iffla declared the meeting at 9.45am.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members

Cr Joanne Iffla Priscilla Broadbent Barbara Miller - Hornsey

Nathan McQuoid Julie Leenhouwers Jerramungup Shire Council

Friends of Wellstead Estuary Group Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee Bremer Bay Design & Coordination Group Bremer Bay Community Resource Centre

Committee

Support Staff/Observers

Bill Parker

Charmaine Solomon

Karen Cotton

Chief Executive Officer

Coordinator of Governance & Land Administration

Observer

Apologies

Cr Robert Lester Mrs Anne Gadsby Mrs Rhonda Williams

Dr Ian Weir

Jerramungup Shire Council

Friends of Wellstead Estuary Group Friends of Wellstead Estuary Group

Bremer Bay Design & Coordination Group

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Bremer Bay Community Development Committee held 7th June 2013 be confirmed.

Moved: Julie Leenhouwers / Seconded: Barbara Miller Hornsey Minutes of the Bremer Bay Community Development Committee held 7th June 2013 be confirmed.

Carried

4. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Formally congratulate Mrs Priscilla Broadbent and Dr Ian Weir Mrs Priscilla Broadbent and Dr Ian Weir to be formally acknowledged by the Shire. Bill Parker advised that he will be sending out acknowledgements this afternoon.

4.2 Restrictors Fish Cleaning Station – Bremer Bay

\$1200 has been allocated in the Shire's 2013/14 budget to install water flow restrictors at the fish cleaning stations. This is anticipated to be completed prior to Summer commencing.

4.3 Angela Sanders Bird Report

A report will be presented at a later meeting.

5. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

- **5.1** That the Minutes of the Friends of Wellstead Estuary Group held 26th July 2013 be received.
- **5.2** That the Minutes of Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee held 25th July 2013 be received.

Moved: Julie Leenhouwers / Seconded: Priscilla Broadbent

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Carried

6. PROJECT UPDATE

6.1 Bremer Bay Town Centre

Bill Parker advised of the works on the Bremer Bay Town Centre and informed the group that clearing has been done to a minimum. Drainage works have now commenced. Bill Parker informed the group that the Contractors would continue working weekends it is anticipated works to be completed on the 20th November.

Bill Parker advised that a report will be presented to DEC with all the findings from the clearing undertaken. As the local Botanist Barbara Miller-Hornsey requested to be informed of the findings. Bill Parker will circulate the information when it is available.

Stage 2 is funding dependent.

6.2 National Park Projects

There is no further information on this matter.

6.3 Walk Trail Project

Bill Parker provided an update on the project. The Shire was successful obtaining a grant from the Department of Transport for \$12,500 to complete a master plan. The Shire has commissioned Nathan McQuoid to prepare the plan.

Nathan McQuoid advised he is currently sorting out alignments. Nathan will be developing a plan for a multi-use (non motorised) trail (loop) linking places around Bremer Bay taking advantage of our natural assets.

The draft will be available for community consultation.

7. CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS / GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 New proxy representative Friends of Wellstead Estuary Group
 Rhonda Williams provided changes made at their recent meeting to the
 BBCDC representation for Council endorsement;
 - BBCDC representative Rhonda Williams
 - Proxy 1 Karen Cotton
 - Proxy 2 Anne Gadsby

Moved: Julie Leenhouwers / Seconded: Priscilla Broadbent
That Council appoint one representative and two proxy representatives
to the BBCDC Committee for Council endorsement:

- BBCDC representative Rhonda Williams
- Proxy 1 Karen Cotton
- Proxy 2 Anne Gadsby

Carried

7.2 Council Item 10.4.2 July 2013 Council Agenda request to sublet 3000 on DP46739, Bremer Bay Sports Club – Friends of Wellstead Estuary Group

FOWEG have requested discussion on Council Item 10.4.2 Request to Sublet Lot 3000 on DP46739 at this meeting. This item was presented to Council at the meeting held on the 17th July however the item will lay on the table until the August Ordinary meeting due to a lack of quorum at the July meeting.

Council item 10.4.2 is attached to the agenda for your information

Moved: Barbara Miller-Hornsey / Seconded: Priscilla Broadbent That Council, based on water restrictions and recently introduced water wise programs decline the request from the Bremer Bay Caravan Park for a bore to be established on Reserve 511 for the purposes of irrigation.

Carried

Reason: Committee members were concerned about the repercussions of establishing a bore on Reserve 511 and the Committee would like to see the Bremer Bay Caravan Park become more proactive from a water wise perspective.

7.3 Cultural Values of Wellstead Estuary – Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee

Anne Sparrow provided the Committee with a copy of the South Coast NRM Indigenous survey report for the area between Bremer Bay Townsite and the Point Henry Peninsula for the Shire's reference. A copy is attached to the minutes.

7.4 Roadside Conservation Commission Project – Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee

Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee would like to know if the Shire would be willing to support this concept and if the Shire is able to provide financial or in-kind support for the project.

Bill Parker advised that the Shire adopted their budget on Monday, and the project suggested will involve HR & financial resources. The Committee should prepare a formal proposal for Council's consideration in the next financial year.

7.5 Master Trail Plan – Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee

Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee would like to recommend the Shire of Jerramungup consider seeking resources to compile a Shire wide Master Trail Plan including a review of current plans, locally identified informal trails, canoe trails, dive trails, drive trails and golf club.

As discussed earlier the Shire has just adopted their budget.

7.6 Storm clean up

Priscilla Broadbent praised Shire works crew for their quick clean up of the trees around town after the recent storm.

7.7 Tree Dump

Priscilla Broadbent queried the progress on the tree dump in Bremer Bay. Bill Parker advised he will be discussing with South Coast NRM.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Bremer Bay Community Development Committee meeting will be held on Friday 4th October 2013 commencing at 9.45am. Priscilla Broadbent and Barbara Miller – Hornsey are unable to attend this meeting.

9. CLOSURE

Cr Iffia declared the meeting closed at 10.45am.



Cultural Values of Wellstead Estuary



ABORIGINAL CULTURAL SITE IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN Shandell Cummings November 2012







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Contract code: 11SC-C110

Project Title: Wellstead Estuary Cultural Mapping Project

Project Officer: Shandell Cummings

Deliverable: To coordinate and deliver an Aboriginal community consultation regarding the

cultural values and significance of Wellstead Estuary

Timeframe: November 2012 - June 2013

Executive Summary

The Noongar name for Bremer Bay is "Banjelungup".

This project was designed to discover the values of the Wellstead Estuary to support current and future projects of the Fitzgerald Biosphere and the Bremer Bay community groups such as the Bremer Bay Trails Committee.

Throughout the 2 day workshop it was very evident that the Aboriginal participants did not see the Wellstead Estuary as a focal point but wanted to discuss values on a landscape scale of Bremer Bay as a lot of families identified having traditional ownership and historical connection with places and 'yarns' that linked everything.

In June 2013, Applied Archaeology Australia (AAA) was engaged by South Coast Natural Resource Management Incorporated (SCNRM) to undertake desktop research and an ethnographic survey in relation to Mount Lindesay between Denmark and Mount Barker. This resulting Cultural Connections Report is a component of the SCNRM's Aboriginal Cultural Connections Project (CCP).

South Coast NRM's Cultural Project Leader Shandell Cummings coordinated a 2 day workshop to be held on site with Elders participating in the consultation and field assessments. The consultation and assessments took place over two days on Wednesday, 14 November 2012, and Thursday, 15 November 2012. The first day consisted of the workshop being facilitated by South Coast NRM's Cultural Project Leader Shandell Cummings and identifying families connection to country and identifying areas of interest by Aboriginal people. The Traditional Owners also requested that further research should include Noongar persons who could speak for country and who were fit enough to explore the catchm,ent of and surrounding the Wellstead Estuary, including the proposed extension to the Yandil Walk Trail and others identified as they arise. The second day consisted of a presentation and field assessment of the Yandil Walk Trail by Anne Sparrow of Fitzgerlad Biosphere Group, in partnership with the Bremer Trails Committee members.

The recommendations from the consultation are:

Recommendation 1:

1a: That research is conducted on Barney Williams who was a Noongar that lived and worked here the longest at a property 3 to 4 km's out of town and also had a block on the farm called North Garnet which was owned by Max Wellstead.

1b: That a plaque is developed and erected at the property.

Recommendation 2:

That Dual Naming is considered for Bremer and locations if interest to Aboriginal people. All present agreed that this should be considered on a regional scale.

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Recommendation 5:

That research is conducted on registered and unregistered sites to ensure protection and registration.

Recommendation 6:

That surveys are undertaken for archaeological and ethnobotanical research, as well as longer-term archival and ethnographic research in order to develop a fuller understanding of the high value of the Estuary and surrounding areas of interest in Noongar cultural life.

Recommendation 7:

Conduct Boxthorn mapping and control throughout the Estuary.

Acknowledgements

South Coast NRM wishes to acknowledge Aboriginal participants throughout the 2 day process. They are as follows:

Lynette Knapp

Gillian Woods

Stanley Loo

Winnie Larsen

Mary Wynne

Shirlann Colbung

Treasy Woods

Steven Woods

South Coast NRM support staff:

Shandell Cummings

Joshua Woods

Micheal Simpson

Raymond Muir



Figure 1. Day 1 workshop with participants identifying family connection to country and cultural values of the Estuary

Background and supporting information

1950's onwards.

The Wellstead Estuary is located on the South Coast of Western Australia, 185km east by road from the city of Albany. Bremer Bay, a popular holiday location, is located on its western shore, and the Estuary forms the western boundary of the Fitzgerald River National Park. The Bremer River flows into the Estuary and the uppermost part of the catchment is a short distance south of the town of Jerramungup. The Estuary's name is derived from the earliest European settler in the area, Mr John Wellstead.

The Fitzgerald River National Park is one of the largest and most botanically significant national parks in Australia. More than 1800 species of flowering plants have been identified in its boundaries, some 20% of the total plant species of Western Australia, with many being confined to the park. The park and surrounds, of which the Estuary forms part, is in the process of relisting their international status as an International Biosphere Region.

Bremer Bay has a small but rapidly growing permanent population of 250 people, although at peak holiday times the population of the town can expand to 6500 people.

Wellstead Estuary has a shallow and wide basin in its lower reaches, but narrows to form the typical flooded river valley in its upper reaches. The lower basin is some 2.5 km2 in size, with the navigable length of the Estuary being some 13 km. The only river entering the Estuary is the Bremer River, some 70 km long and with a catchment area of 716 km2. It is estimated 80% of this catchment has been cleared for agricultural use, mainly from the

The Estuary is in many ways a typical South Coast Estuary, being separated from the Southern Ocean by a sandbar generated by wave action and other coastal processes. For Wellstead Estuary this sandbar is open every few years, and can often remain open for extended periods of time due to the protection offered by a granite headland at its mouth. This contrasts with the estuaries to the west that are generally either permanently open or open on an annual or frequent basis, due to their higher winter rainfall, and estuaries to the

east that are generally either permanently closed or infrequently open to the sea due to their lower rainfall.

Wellstead Estuary has important ecological values, in particular offering open water, sandbanks, shallow water margins and foreshore vegetation habitats for many species of birds.

An environmental concern for the Wellstead Estuary, as is normal with most estuaries, is shallowing as a consequence of sediment introduced by its inflowing river. Estuaries are constantly changing, and have a relatively short lifespan in comparison with many other landforms.

Previous studies have indicated sediment depths of over five metres in the Estuary, a consequence of sediment inputs from the catchment and decaying vegetation within the Estuary. However, it is not known whether this sedimentation process has recently increased as a result of European settlement and the clearing of the catchment. As the catchment largely contains easily weathered sandstone, high sedimentation rates in the Estuary could be natural. However, anecdotal information from Indigenous people and long-term residents suggests the Estuary has shallowed greatly in the past 20- 30 years, and catchment clearing could be a contributing factor.

With the increase in population of Bremer Bay, and increasing tourism and use of off road vehicles, comes other environmental pressure. Increased vehicle and pedestrian access has caused some degree of damage to foreshore vegetation, as has the introduction of weeds. South Coast NRM has a good working relationship with the FBG and this has developed over the last few years. This year we worked on another project in partnership with the FBG BIG group which was around exploring and applying for the biosphere relisting process. Within this process we supported the consultant with delivering indigenous consultation regarding cultural values in and around the biosphere, explained the relisting process and identified opportunities for future projects.

These projects ensure inclusion of cultural values within community groups delivering on ground works.

Supporting Information:

The Wellstead Estuary Management Plan developed in 2006 by the Department of Environment was developed to gauge the values of the Estuary by surveying the local community and conducting a desktop analysis of available reports or other information at the time.

Within the 2006 plan an action was identified and is as follows:

Strategy 2: Managing recreational and commercial use of the estuary.

Action: R7: Undertake a survey of culturally significant sites in Wellstead Estuary.

Priority: 2

Lead Agency: Shire of Jerramungup.

Time Period: Begun by 2006 and ongoing.

Explanation: Very little information exists on culturally significant (both early European settlement and indigenous people) sites for Wellstead Estuary. The available information needs to be brought together and new information needs collecting, through interviews with appropriate people. The information needs documenting so knowledge is not lost, and important sites can be protected and, if appropriate, enhanced.

Reference: Department of Environment - Wellstead Estuary Management Plan 2006, page 15

Strategy 4: Managing for the Future.

Action: M1: That a joint agency and local community group be continued to oversee implementation of the Wellstead estuary management plan.

Priority: 1

Lead Agency: Fitzgerald Biosphere Group.

Time Period: Ongoing.

Explanation: Responses from the community survey highlighted many people see the continuation of a small group of people dedicated to the management of the estuary and its foreshore as essential if its condition is to be protected. This group should contain technical expertise and local community representatives. The group would oversee implementation of this plan, prepare annual programs of work, lobby for funding, guide research and ensure information about the estuary is disseminated to the local community. Consultation with local indigenous people highlighted the need for representation on any management group. An invitation to participate in any management group should be made to the local indigenous community. Wellstead estuary has extremely important values to indigenous people, and more information on these values and how to protect and enhance these values is required.

Reference: Department of Environment - Wellstead Estuary Management Plan 2006, page 18

have been identified by the community and key stakeholders have been managed and credit must be given to the FBG on the important work they have supported surrounding the Wellstead Estuary.

This plan had also identified some recommendations as follows. The Indigenous related action is highlighted in yellow:

Bennet St

I have been approached from some community members regarding the reveg on Bennet St and the retention of the Buffalo Grass from Muir's Point to Margaret St. This goes against the recommendations of Wellstead Estuary Foreshore Assessment.

- Undertake rehabilitation using indigenous flora with weed eradication, direct seeding, tube stock and brush mulching.
- Rehabilitate areas severely affected by weeds between LS1 and LS10.

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Reference: Fitzgerald Biosphere Group — Wellstead Estuary Project Managers Report June 2009, page 2

Stakeholders:

There are also groups that have an interest in the location that support some type of management in one way or another of the Estuary. These groups and their knowledge and expert advice would be essential to the overall management now and in the future.

These key stakeholders are:

Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC)

Friends of Fitzgerald National Park (FoFNP)

Friends of the Wellstead Estuary (FoWE)

Birds Australia – Hooded Plovers nesting areas

Jerramungup Shire - Wellstead Estuary Advisory Committee

Fitzgerald Biosphere Group (FBG)

Bremer Bay community

Aboriginal community

Bremer Bay Trails Committee

Other possible stakeholders:

Department of Fisheries

Centre of Excellence in NRM (CENRM)

Department of Water (DoW)

Discussion

The first day workshop consisted of participants filling in an 'Expression of Interest' template that is used by Cultural Connections projects. This gives people an opportunity to identify areas of connection and demonstrate how they are connected and through what family group without doing it in a public setting.

Discussion after lunch led to the group agreeing that they could not focus on the Estuary as a separate entity to identify values as all areas are connected and should be inclusive of the area as a whole known as "Banjelungup" (Bremer Bay). After this discussion it was evident that people wanted to identify areas of interest and provide advice on future actions for those particular areas. These areas and key points of discussion are listed as follows:

1. Peters Creek

Fishing

Camping - old

Historical

Initiation stages

Land Trust purchase near Peters Creek

Came from Peter Woods living here cutting wood

- Winnie Grandfather
- Steven Grandfather
- Gillian Grandfather

Samuel Woods and Bertha Loo; Johns Cove

2. Doubtful Island

Sam Woods reared his kids at Doubtful Island and had land (any records?) Knapp family camped at Doubtful Island Swamp grows a species of waterlily that is nowhere else Ernie Coyne – Fisherman, Ron Heberle crew

3. Dillon Bay

Stanley Loo – Fisherman 64 & 65

4. Fosters Beach

3 members of the same family drowned;

- Edny Woods (father)
- Dorothy Woods (mother) (Innal)
- Sheila Woods

(camping Minarup right thru coastal)

5. Bog Arm

Land Swap- Gnowangerup Shire (no Jerramungup Shire at time) Families that camped there:

- Humphrey Woods
- Knapps
- Haywards

Original discussions were swap cemetery camping ground for Bog Arm to be redeveloped – before land councils; white trail road camping, discussions with Glenys Garnett for clearing and clean up (letter with Eliza)

6. Quaalup (Noongar name)

Camping along river (Gairdner)

Fishing

Meeting place (corroboree)

Ochre

Old stock route for noongar shepherds

Ethel McGlade (nee Bateman-Williams) daughter (May) buried at Quaalup, made her coffin out of cupboard door (documented at Quaalup museum)

- Chase fish due to so many on banks
- Alfred Knapp dingo hunting found oil coming out of ground
- Mingli (McGlade, Beryl for more information)
 Grandfather was a tracker (Policeman) lived at Quaalup Homestead
- Opal has been found here; traditional area

7. Point Anne

Key camping and food source for Aboriginal people

8. Chittinup

One side is Ravensthorpe Shire and the other side is Jerramungup Shire Mt Maxwell is a travel point Marnung / Chirininup (?) Chimney Creek (stonework – 3 chimneys)

9. Yentiyerup

Old camping ground
Used to be an old swamp
"farm" all families used this area
Old Lookout – registered (?)
Grave there

Recommendation:

Plaque for Barney Williams at the property?

Noongar lived and worked here the longest
Kids covered sheep in phosphorus
3 to 4 km's out of town

Used to catch brumbies for farmer to sell but never got anything for it
Research

Had a block on the farm — North Garnet? Max Wellstead

10. Dual Naming - on a regional scale

11. Access

- Hunting, fishing, camping
- To DEC agreement
- Land vesting research
- Invites to community group
- Engagement protocols for Shires
 - redevelopment
 - major works
 - community projects
- Engagement protocols for community groups

12. Designated camping grounds

- Where are they
- What are they
- Facilities (ablutions etc)

13. Registered and unregistered sites

- Protection
- Registration

Recommendations and Actions

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Conclusions

It has been quite evident throughout this process that Aboriginal people find it hard to focus on one area of interest when conducting workshops etc. to identify the cultural values. They link one place to several others and this is evident through the discussion notes. Aboriginal people consider all waterways to be of high significance and maintained a distance when camping nearby to ensure water maintained its values and is left pristine. Wellstead Estuary is evidently a waterway that runs through agricultural land so the contamination to some extent would be high through chemical application etc but Aboriginal people still consider this particular Estuary to be an area of high priority for camping and food sources. So in conclusion the Wellstead Estuary clearly has traditional, historical and contemporary significance to the Noongar peoples of the South Coast of Western Australia

Given the plethora of food, medicine and shelter discussed within the workshop, the participants would like to encourage South Coast NRM, and made it well known there is a need, to undertake archaeological and ethnobotanical research, as well as longer-term archival and ethnographic research in order to develop a fuller understanding of the high value of the Estuary and surrounding areas of interest in Noongar cultural life.

Site Results

- Registered sites see Table 1 for registered sites within Bremer Bay (attached in excel spreadsheet titled Appendix B). Also see Appendix A for Department of Aboriginal Affairs registered sites for the Jerramungup Shire (excel spreadsheet).
- New/Non registered sites see Table 2

Tables

Table 1. Registered Sites within Bremer Bay

ID	Number	Name	Status	Access Type	Restriction	Site type	Reliability
4629	S02364	Bremer Bay burial	Registered	Open	No gender restrictions	Skeletal material/burial	Reliable
4947	S01651	Bremer Bay 2	Registered	Open	No gender restrictions	Quarry	Reliable
4980	S01630	Wellstead Estuary	Registered	Open	No gender restrictions	Artefacts/scatter	Reliable
22705		Bremer Bay Lizard Traps	Registered	Open	No gender restrictions	Man-made structure/ hunting place	Reliable
22706		Bremer Bay Artefact Scatter 1	Registered	Open	No gender restrictions	Artefacts/scatter	Reliable
22708		Bremer Bay Artefact Scatter 2	Registered	Open	No gender restrictions	Artefacts/scatter and Man-made structure	Reliable
22709		Bremer Bay Artefact Scatter 3	Registered	Open	No gender restrictions	Artefacts/scatter	Reliable

Table 2. New/unregistered sites identified

The total of unregistered sites that are known within the Jerramungup Shire are quite high. This means there was not sufficient information for these areas to be assessed and registered. The total number of these sites are 116, and they are listed as an excel spreadsheet titled Appendix C.

Table 3. Recommendations/Actions

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Site Location Map

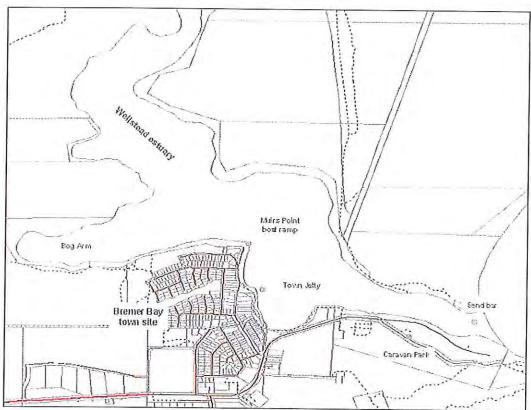


Figure 2. Site map of Bremer Bay

References

Reference: Department of Environment - Wellstead Estuary Management Plan 2006, page 15.

Reference: Department of Environment - Wellstead Estuary Management Plan 2006, page 18.

Reference: Fitzgerald Biosphere Group – Wellstead Estuary Project Managers Report June 2009, page 2.

Department of Aboriginal Affairs Sites Register.



Figure 3. Presentation and discussion regarding Bremer Bay Trails Committee and planned projects.

Appendix A

Registered Sites_Jerramungup Shire_Dept of Aboriginal Affairs Database

Appendix B

Registered Sites_Bremer Bay_Dept of Aboriginal Affairs Database

Appendix C

Other Heritage Places_Shire of Jerramungup_Dept of Aboriginal Affairs Database

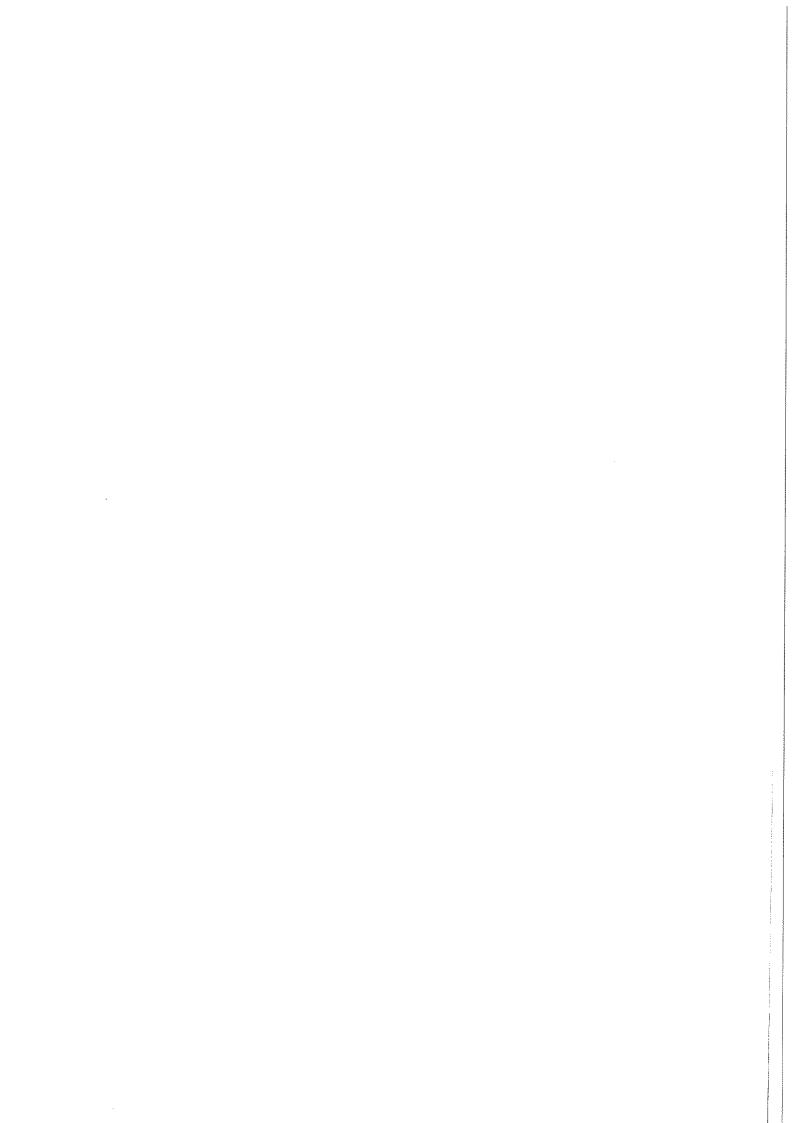
Photos



Figure 4. Boxthorn

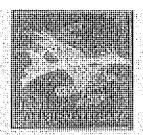


Figure 5. Bushtucker



28 July 2013

Mr Bill Parker CEO Shire of Jerramungup PO Box 92 JERRAMUNGUP WA 6337



Dear Bill.

Request to Sublet Lot 3000 on DP46739, Bremer Bay Sports Club Item 10.4.2 - July 2013 Council Meeting Agenda

For many years, Friends of the Wellstead Estuary +, and the earlier Wellstead Estuary Advisory Committee, have been concerned with the quality of water run-off into the estuary.

Prior to construction of the adjacent new housing development, stringent regulations for the management of run-off from the granite outcrops and street drainage were required, and deep sewerage has been installed.

At this time, when there is a request for a bore to be put in place at the Sports Club for water to be used at the caravan park, our concern is that no such safeguards are currently in place at the Caravan Park and there is no deep sewerage.

Unlike water used at the Sports Club, excess water used at the Caravan Park will not return to the aquifer. As we are unsure, exactly, of where the Caravan Park intends to use the water and how much there will be, there is a chance that water could run off into the estuary.

We do understand how important it is for the Caravan Park, as a business, to be green and well maintained and to provide services to its users. With the latest efforts of community members and businesses in Bremer to prepare for the Tidy Towns judging and using the slogan: *looking after our environment - naturally*, we believe management should be encouraged to consider alternatives, or choose to rely on rainfall like the Paperbarks picnic area until such time there is deep drainage installed, and there is assurance that there will be no run-off into the estuary.

In a town which is relatively short of water, is increasing in population, and at a time when the residents of Bremer Bay have been encouraged by the Water Corporation to use less water, we believe that allowing the Caravan Park to access a bore at the Sports Club, is not appropriate at this point in time.

Yours sincerely

RA Williamo

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