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# Waters Edge

Welcome to the first edition of the Water's Edge for 2011. We hope that you all had a wonderful relaxing and safe Christmas and that the New Year holds positive and exciting times for all. As always I am happy to receive any emails/correspondence from members who wish to add news or information to the "Waters Edge" newsletter [mcclurgs@westnet.com.au](mailto:mcclurgs@westnet.com.au) or 8 Groyne Rd Geographe

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## PGLOA AGM

The PGLOA AGM was held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010. There was a good turn out with around 30 members attending. Several committee positions became vacant (chairperson vice chairperson and secretary) as members retired by rotation and offered themselves for re-election. We would like to sincerely thank Jane Sparkes for her commitment to the role of secretary for the past few years. The final committee is as follows:

## Committee Members

### The current committee members are:

Peter McClurg	Chairperson
Bob Godridge	Vice Chairperson
Simon Denney	Treasurer
	Secretary

Bruce Blundell  
Lynda McClurg  
John Valentine  
Dave Watts

Unfortunately the secretary's position remains vacant and we are keen to hear from any members that may be able to assist by taking on this role.

Contact details for committee members with specific roles are as follows:

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If you have concerns or questions, direct them to the appropriate committee member. As most of the committee work during the day, email is preferable. Leave a contact name, number or email, so that the committee member is able to contact you.

Alternatively you can send emails to the Association's email address:

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## What Do We Know? An Update...

**Seagrass study** The final report for the sediment study that was secondary to the 2010 seagrass study will hopefully be released in January 2011. It is anticipated that the results will confirm that the proposed option 5 for reconfiguring the groynes is still the most appropriate.

A public information day will again be held to advise the public of the results of this study, projections of the proposed solution and its effects on the coast in the Port Geographe/ Moonlight Bay/Wonnerup and canal areas.

It is expected that any groyne reconfiguration will need to be funded by the state government, shire and developer.

The reference group of all stake holders who may be affected by the groyne reconstruction held 3 meetings toward the end of 2010. The outcome was that there was a strong level of support for "option 5" groyne reconfiguration and recognition that more detailed planning is required to ensure that the amenity at Moonlight Bay is optimised.

**The Pedestrian Bridge:** As of December 2010 the shire's consultants had still not entirely identified all the issues that needed to be rectified with the bridge. Our chairperson will be meeting with shire representatives including the CEO and president early in February and we hope we will have more definitive answers to our questions.

**Seagrass/Sand bypassing 2010:** The 2010 summer bypassing program ran to schedule with no significant H2S, noise or dust issues. Approximately 90 000 cubic meters of seagrass and sediment was bypassed to Wonnerup by mid November. However, the outcomes for the beaches east, west and within the development are now seen to be less than ideal for the busy summer holiday period. Our representative will relay these concerns at the next PGCCF meeting at the end of January.

**Canals:** Following concerns raised in the last newsletter with regard to construction of jetties and pontoons we can now confirm, after consultation with representatives at the DOT, that the depth of the new canal areas is appropriate for jetties and pontoons.

**The Developer:** The association has still had no formal contact with the Developer since the last newsletter, nor has the Shire or DOT.

**New Developments:** We congratulate our local member Troy Buswell on his appointment as the new Minister for Transport. We look forward to working with the new minister in progressing the resolution of the seagrass issues.

## Membership

Renewal forms for the 2010- 2011 membership will be sent with this newsletter. Please continue to support your association. Membership fees have remained unchanged for 2011. Strong membership numbers gives the PGLOA a strong voice in negotiations regarding issues that impact on the Port Geographe area, so encourage your neighbours to join if they are not already members.

## Important Contact Details

Whilst the PGLOA continues to make representations to the relevant authorities on behalf of the residents of the Port Geographe Development, with regard to the seagrass wrack, canal safety, and a variety of other issues related to the Port Geographe development, we encourage you to individually voice your concerns to the shire, the state and the developer. To assist you, the following contacts may be useful:

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