

## **Marmion Marine Park Community Reference Committee**

**3-4 May 2022, Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club**

### **MEETING ONE COMMUNIQUE**

The Community Reference Committee (CRC) for the review and proposed expansion of Marmion Marine Park (MMP) held its inaugural meeting on 3-4 May 2022 at the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, the City of Wanneroo and City of Joondalup and the Water Corporation, as well as Sector Advisory Group (SAG) Chairs and staff from the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). The CRC is chaired by Mr Noel Morich.

The meeting commenced with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony conducted by Nick Abraham.

Peter Dans, Deputy Director General DBCA, Nathan Harrison, Director Aquatic Resource Management DPIRD and John Keesing, Conservation and Parks Commissioner, each addressed the CRC. They emphasised the invaluable consultation and engagement process and thanked and congratulated the CRC and SAG Chairs for their nomination. They also acknowledged the significant ecological, cultural, social and economic values associated with Marmion Marine Park and its importance to both locals and visitors.

DCBA and DPIRD officers explained the roles of agencies under their respective legislation (*Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* and *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*), emphasising the collaborative approach to the planning process between the two agencies that also includes Whadjuk Noongar Traditional Owners as joint management partners.

The focus of discussion in the first meeting included:

- CRC familiarisation with one another and their experiences and backgrounds;
- Recognition of Whadjuk Noongar cultural values and proposed joint management;
- Background to the proposal and the marine park planning process;
- An overview of DBCA's marine science program and DPIRD's fisheries research;
- Potential vision statements and strategic objectives;
- Draft ecological, social and economic values; and
- Draft current and potential pressures on these values.

The CRC also heard from SAG Chairs about the nature and value of their industry or sector. This included recreational fishing, commercial fishing, tourism, windsurfing, conservation organisations and marine science/research.

The CRC will confirm its recommendation on the identified values and pressures in its second meeting, subject to amendments as discussed. The next CRC meeting is scheduled for June 2022.

Noel Morich

Chair, Community Reference Committee