



PERON NATURALISTE POST

The latest news and updates from Peron Naturaliste Partnership in the South West of Australia

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LATEST NEWS

In 2018, Autumn proves to be the season for events and conferences. The Peron Naturaliste Partnership (PNP) has run three Coastal Values Workshops and presented at three key national conferences between March and May.

PNP Officers and Executive Committee Members have continued to provide presentations to each of our member councils and key stakeholders upon request. The MOU has been signed by all 9 councils and budget has been endorsed and approved by the Board.

The PNP received correspondence from the Office of State Government Minister for Transport; Planning and Lands - Minister Saffioti MLA, we received and accepted a request to meet with the Ministers Chief of Staff. PNP Executive Members and Officers met with the Ministers Chief of Staff in February and presented on the partnership and key positions on policy matters related to coastal risk management and adaptation planning.

The PNP has also been involved in the following:

- **Shire of Murray Photo Point Monitoring Project**
- presentation to Shire of Augusta Margaret River

NCCARF Coast Adapt new Video - we received funding to make a followup Video with the latest information on our partnership

LATEST NEWS

Australian Coastal Councils Conference, Summary from March 2018.

About the Conference

The annual Conference is a highlight of the year for representatives of Australia's coastal councils with a stake in the future of the Australian coast and its communities. Coastal stakeholders gathered to discuss important shared challenges and opportunities with industry and policy makers from all Australian states. PNP Officer Jo Ludbrook in Geelong spoke about the PNP and how councils can collaborate on tackling shared challenges, share learning and taking advantage of the opportunities in working together to .

For more information about the Conference outputs and published presentations – <https://coastalcouncils.org.au>



Coast to Coast Conference occurred at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart, 16 - 20 April 2018.(<http://coasttocoast2018.org>).

One of our officers Jo Ludbrook attended and spoke on the PNP and presented a poster co tutored with Craig Perry and Dr.Laura Stocker. The highlights of the recent C2C conference in Hobart was the discussion and agreement on 10 guiding principles for marine and coastal management. The Australian Coastal Society and City of Hobart have already lead the way and endorsed and adopted the ten principles. Members of the Australian Coastal Society have access to conference papers and publications.

Climate Adaptation 2018

NCCARF and Engineers Australia joined in Melbourne from 8 -10 May 2018 at the Crown Conference Centre for the sixth national Climate Adaptation Conference. The 2018 conference also incorporates Engineers Australia's meeting "Practical responses to climate change", Craig Perry attended and presented a Masters paper on Involving Communities in Coastal Hazard and Risk Management and Adaptation Planning in WA.

OUR PROJECTS

Involving communities in developing coastal risk management frameworks in Western Australia

The Peron Naturaliste Partnership (PNP) has completed working on a local coastal community values study in partnership with Dr. Laura Stocker and Gary Burke (Production Function); Dr. Garry Middle (WA Planning Commission), Craig Perry (Masters at Curtin University) and member council staff at the Cities of Rockingham, Bunbury and Busselton; .

Over the past 18 months, our project team has continued to deliver the coastal Community Values Case Study. This study is in the final stages of delivery and has focused on key coastal sites in the southwest settlements of Waikiki Beach, Rockingham, Back Beach, Bunbury and Old Dunsborough. All together the project has seen three information sessions, several One on One Interviews, well over 200 Beach User Surveys and online Surveys, Information Booths and three Coastal Values Project Sustainability Mapping Workshops.

The project explored how social learning can enhance understanding and knowledge uptake of coastal climate change in the community. The report is currently being finalised and research results will be included in a full project report on the PNP website, in the next newsletter and in a Masters paper. The PNP will make recommendations as to inform community consultation in the development of a coastal hazard risk management and adaptation planning framework to better plan and manage current and future coastal risks.



OUR PROJECTS CONTINUED..

Year 2 of our Regional Coastal Monitoring Program

PNP and nine partner council officers are well into Year 2 of undertaking coastal erosion and inundation monitoring our coastal and estuary areas. After receiving initial state government funding in 2014-15, the PNP engaged Damara WA provide support, guidance tools and a 10 year action plan for monitoring long term change of the coast. In 2016-2017, the University of Western Australia (UWA) undertook a one year contract to implement the first year of the ten year Regional Coastal Monitoring Program. Current monitoring in Year 2 includes implementing survey techniques, contributing to and managing a cloud based database, undertaking oblique aerial photos, facilitating monitoring of beaches, establishing dune profile locations and inundation sites and quality assurance analysis, reports can be found at www.peronnaturaliste.org.au/projects.

The officers at each of the member Councils have taken on board the important role of undertaking the monitoring with PNP support where required. This information will help us immensely in understanding coastal processes and will be invaluable in how we manage the coast into the future. The aerial oblique photography component of the project has been ongoing since 2014, with two photo sets being gathered annually, all data can be found at web site - www.wacoastline.org. This website allows the PNP and the public to look at all the photos along the coast, from 2014 til present. It will be an ongoing live asset to PNP and the community. This project received funding assistance from the Department of Transport.

Figure: Net shoreline movement.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

ICLEI Global Climate Summit - San Fransisco, 12-14th Sept 2018

State NRM Program Community Stewardship Grants 2018

Smart Cities and Suburbs Program - National Grants Program

LINKS AND ARTICLES

Climate change litigation rising with the seas as victims revert to 'Plan B'

Coastal hazards and climate change: Guidance for local government for New Zealand

Justice Preston on Climate Change litigation 'Using environmental rights to address climate change'.

'Valued at zero': WA coastal dwellers face financial ruin as sea rises, WA Today

Australian Coastal Society Patron Prof Bruce Thom 'Bruces Blog'.

UPCOMING PNP MEETINGS

31st May 2018

PNP Coastal Management and Planning Group Meeting (Bunbury Council Chambers)

29th June 2018

Executive Meeting (time and venue TBA)

27th July 2018

PNP Board Meeting (time and venue TBA)



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