



# PERON NATURALISTE POST

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*News and Events from Peron Naturaliste Partnership in the South West of Australia*

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## Spring news

### **Our recent Peron Naturaliste Partnership (PNP) Annual General Meeting**

The Peron Naturaliste Partnership (PNP) held our Annual General Meeting on the 14th September at 11am, at the Shire of Harvey, Australind Council Chambers. At the meeting, amongst other general business, the PNP endorsed the Coastal Values Project 2016-2018 Report, the report has since been uploaded to the PNP website ([www.peronnaturaliste.org.au](http://www.peronnaturaliste.org.au)) and distributed to those involved.

### **City of Rockingham Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Planning**

The City of Rockingham held its CHRMAP community workshop from 5 – 7 pm, 15th August. City of Rockingham staff have reported that the workshop went well with about 30 attending. 'All in attendance were really balanced and engaged positively in the discussion'. reports Natalie Elliott. 'The majority in attendance felt that a mix of protection and managed retreat would be needed, but that managed retreat would need to be the long term option to maintain a natural beach (provided owners are fairly compensated when their land is acquired)'. There was pretty much universal support for starting to build a cash reserve fund now so the City of Rockingham is in a position to respond when it needs to. A Summary Report was circulated to workshop attendees for feedback, to ensure all views have been captured.

# Coastal Values Project Report

## Involving communities in developing coastal risk management frameworks in Western Australia

Local Governments are required to make informed coastal planning and management decisions that need to consider often competing values in areas at current risk or projected to be at risk in the future. In order to effectively address current and future coastal hazards and risks, coastal planning in Western Australia (State Planning Policy 2.6 – State Coastal Planning [SPP2.6]) requires that a risk management approach be adopted. A fundamental component of SPP2.6 is to consult with the community throughout the Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Planning (CHRMAP) process which includes the identification and assessment of community values.

This Project adopted proven engagement methods such as community surveys, public information sessions and facilitated workshops to provide a robust approach(s) to gather accurate and reliable community data.

The study focused on three locations identified in the Developing Flexible Adaptation Options for the Peron Naturaliste Coastal Region of Western Australia Reports [ii] as coastal hotspots in the PNP region.

- Back Beach, City of Bunbury
- Old Dunsborough Foreshore, City of Busselton
- Waikiki Beach, City of Rockingham

The final Report is now available here ([www.peronnaturaliste.org.au/projects/values-project/](http://www.peronnaturaliste.org.au/projects/values-project/)).

The PNP endorsed the Coastal Values Project 2016-2018 Report at or 2018 AGM, and the report has since been uploaded to the PNP website ([www.peronnaturaliste.org.au](http://www.peronnaturaliste.org.au)) and is being distributed to those involved via this spring edition newsletter!

**Peron Naturaliste Partnership Video - have you seen our Video with Coast Adapt**

# Regional Coastal Monitoring Program

## Winter and early spring coastal monitoring in the region

Council officers have been busy over the winter/ early spring months monitoring our beaches. There has been some significant seasonal changes to some of our beaches this past winter, particularly at the Shire of Harvey (see photos). This information is building our knowledge of how the coast changes over the year and will help us to better manage our coasts in the future. The latest oblique aerial photos were taken in October and can be found on the website; <http://wacoastline.org/> that is a joint initiative between PNP and UWA.

\* Shire of Harvey /  
PNP Monitoring June 2018

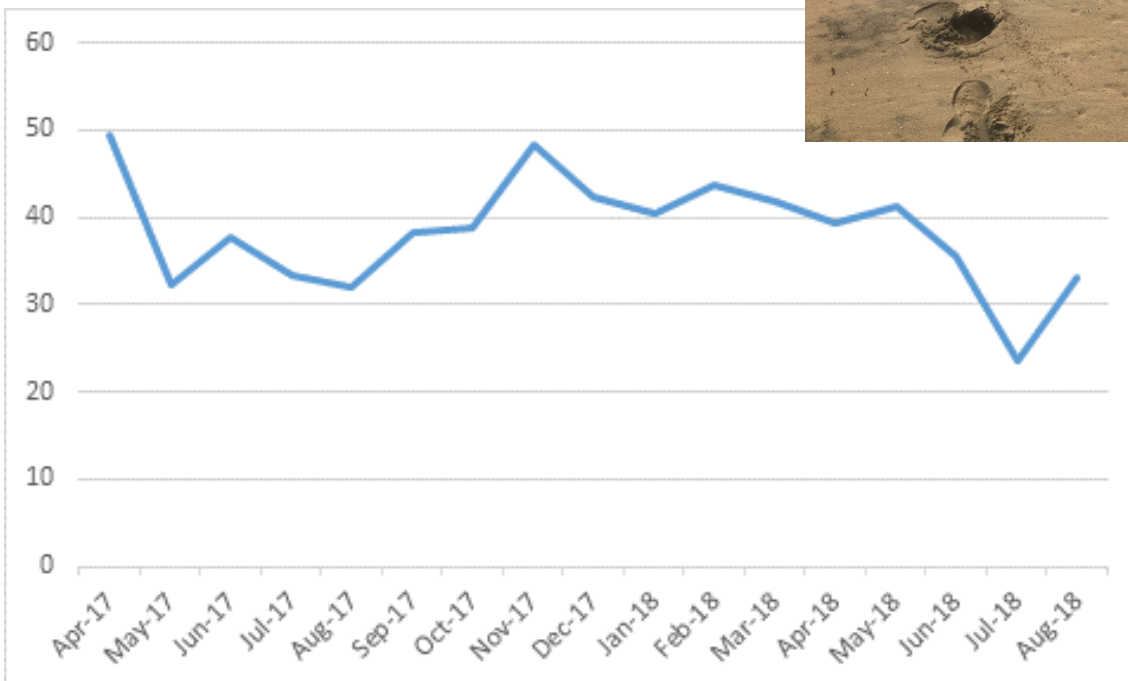


Figure: Shire of Harvey average beach width (metres)

## Upcoming events and opportunities

### **Climate Change Forum: Renewable Technologies**

WALGA will be hosting a full-day event on Renewable Technologies on Thursday, 29 November in Perth. If you are interested in being involved in this Forum please email [environment@walga.asn.au](mailto:environment@walga.asn.au) or call (08) 9213 2049.

### **Local Government Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaptation Planning (CHRMAP) Forum.**

The Local Government Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaptation Planning (CHRMAP) Forum is a collaboration of coastal Local Governments who meet 3 – 4 times a year. Officers can share information, challenges and experiences in relation to coastal hazard risk management adaptation planning and coastal adaptation in general. If you are interested in being involved in this Forum please email [environment@walga.asn.au](mailto:environment@walga.asn.au) or call (08) 9213 2049.

WALGA will cover climate change issues at SONG meetings and no longer will have separate Climate Change Collaborators (C3) meetings. Join SONG The aim of the SONG website and meetings is to facilitate communication and networking between Local Government officers working in sustainability roles.

We encourage anyone who is not already involved, to join SONG please email [environment@walga.asn.au](mailto:environment@walga.asn.au) or call (08) 9213 2049.

### **National Committee for Coastal and Ocean Engineering, Engineers**

**Australia, PIANC Australia and Engineering New Zealand invite you to**

**Australasian Coasts and Ports 2019** : <https://coastsandports2019.com.au>

**2019 WA Wetland Management Conference - Call for Plenary, Poster and Workshop Presentations** : [denise@cockburnwetlands.org.au](mailto:denise@cockburnwetlands.org.au)

**Australian Coastal Society : Coast to Coast Conference 2020 announced to occur in Cairns, 2020.**

## **Links to articles and blogs (click on articles)**

**Beresford coastal protection preserves foreshore for generations**

**Some reflections, Australian Coastal Society Patron, Prof Bruce Thom 'Bruces Blog'.**

**Among the Ruins of Mexico Beach Stands One House, Built 'For the Big One'**

**U.S. Supreme Court declines to take Martins Beach case – a win for California's landmark coastal access law.**

**A small Western Australian community working together with local and state government partners to help the Australian Government meet its commitment to take strong action on climate change, as set out in the Paris Agreement 2015.**

**Western Australia's changing coastline over 125,000 years revealed with new mapping**

**Louisiana is disappearing under water - can oysters save it?**

**Global Coastal Resilience Online Decision Support Tool**

## **PNP Upcoming Meetings**

**Executive Committee on 9th November 2018**

**Coastal Planning and Management Group on the 22nd November 2018**

**PNP Board on 30th November 2018**



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