

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

**19 October 2022, AQWA at Hillarys Boat Harbour**

### **MEETING FOUR COMMUNIQUE**

The Community Reference Committee (CRC) for the review and proposed expansion of Marmion Marine Park (MMP) held its fourth meeting on 19 October 2022 at AQWA, Hillarys Boat Harbour.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Whadjuk Noongar Traditional Owners, the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, staff from the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), as well as Sector Advisory Group (SAG) Chairs.

The meeting commenced with a Welcome to Country by Whadjuk Noongar Traditional Owners Glenys Yarran and Geri Hayden.

The aim of the meeting was for CRC, SAGs and Whadjuk Noongar representatives to provide advice on the candidate areas for possible inclusion in sanctuary zones. The candidate areas were identified based on advice received at CRC Meeting 4 from CRC, SAGs and Whadjuk Noongar representatives. Ecological, cultural and socio-economic spatial datasets, as well as scientific design principles for effective sanctuary zone design, were also taken into account.

The candidate areas, together with an evidence-based rationale, were shared with all attendees for consideration prior to the meeting.

The CRC:

- noted the CRC Meeting 4 Overview;
- noted the Whadjuk Noongar joint management update; and
- advised on their evaluation of candidate areas for possible inclusion in sanctuary zones, including key issues and identified amendments, with consideration of SAG presentations and comments.

The CRC will commence the final step in the zoning process at the next meeting. This will include consideration of a first-cut draft zoning scheme. The draft zoning scheme will be based on the CRC's advice and seek to provide a balance between conserving cultural and ecological values for future generations, while providing for ongoing sustainable uses in appropriate zones.

The next CRC meeting is scheduled for 7 December 2022.

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Chair, Community Reference Committee