

Summary of Port Adelaide Environment Forum workshop, June 2023

INTRODUCTION

The Port Adelaide Environment Forum (the Forum) is a community led initiative, commencing 30 years ago. The Forum meets monthly 9-10 times per year and is supported by the City of Port Adelaide Enfield, with meetings held in the Town Hall. Community members meet and plan the annual program, then topics and speakers are organised.

As Universities and stakeholders are proposing a long-term restoration plan for the Port River & Barker Inlet Estuary, and the Estuary Care Foundation is developing its final vision statement, it was decided to hold a Forum on the Port River Estuary with a short presentation, by Catherine McMahon of the Estuary Care Foundation, followed by a workshop.

The Forum, entitled **Port River Estuary: Ideas for the future**, was held on Thursday June 15th, 2023. (See flyer below)

Catherine McMahon then wrote up the workshop's responses and prepared this document, for distribution.

WHAT IS OUR VISION FOR THE PORT RIVER & BARKER INLET ESTUARY

WHAT DO WE WANT TO SEE

Healthy Estuary

Living Environment – natural/birds

Access for the Community e.g. walks, mental health

Dolphin Safety

Reduced Pollution

Suggestions for How

Creating biodiverse natural shorelines

Living Shorelines – sections?

BiOLink along Estuary with public accessibility

Stormwater

Swimming facilities at various locations, water activities (non noisy)

Native oyster beds extended

Decide where/how in inner estuary

? Industry on Port River vs creating wetlands/shorelines

Flushing of the estuary – research needed – behind Torren Island – how to ensure health

Restoring salt pans to samphires – how to reduce the salinity; cancel mining lease of salt pans

Introduced 'Pest Species' addressed – identification and control

Expand seagrasses along Port River; seagrass restoration

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Tourism that is 'soft' on the environment

Snowden Beach (Renewal SA land) and old Penrice site – create wetlands for stormwater, microplastics clean?? Identify 'areas for stormwater that can be 'tucked into places'.

No racing boats/jet skis

More mangroves by new developments of Port River

Move ABC

Control development on Port River, north and south

Rebuild offshore reefs for fish

Put more pressure on government for positive action

Provide more shorebird habitat restoration

Raise political awareness

Total protection of mangroves

Restore mangroves for fish

Map viable areas

Raise awareness – positive appreciation

Stormwater – cleaner water – better regulation of industry and businesses to keep storm water cleaner

Concerns

Reduced accessibility including Mutton Cove

Recognise Salisbury wetland and allow more access (Barker Inlet)

Stop fishing or heavy tackle, racing and jet skis

HOW DO WE WANT TO FEEL

Understand Estuary how used to be

More local knowledge of the Past

To Connect the Estuary for the People

Have more knowledge of the Coastal/River link/vegetation

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Below - Flyer distributed through the Port Adelaide Environment Forum email list, Port Environment Centre mailing list, PAREPG mailing list and through other local groups networks. (This is final draft without graphics)

PORT ADELAIDE ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Thursday 15 June 2023

7pm to 8.30pm

Port River Estuary: Ideas for the future

Universities and stakeholders are proposing a long-term restoration plan for the Port River & Barker Inlet Estuary. What might that plan include?

Estuary Care Foundation (ECF) is developing its final vision statement and seeking community input.

Come share your ideas.

*Port Adelaide Environment Forum - meeting on Kurna Land for
30 years*