

Temperate East Marine Parks Advisory Committee

Meeting 10 Communiqué

18-19 March 2024, Sydney

Meeting Overview

The tenth meeting of the Temperate East Marine Parks Advisory Committee was held in Sydney on 18 and 19 March 2024.

The Chair paid respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the meeting was taking place, the People of the Eora Nation who have a close spiritual connection to country, the land and sea, their community and Elders, past, present and future.

The Chair thanked attendees for joining the meeting in person and remotely via MS Teams and welcomed nine new members to the Committee.

The main objectives of the meeting were:

1. to welcome the nine new members and get to know their areas of expertise.
2. provide them with an overview of the Temperate East Network and last six years of management activities by Parks Australia, and
3. identify how the Committee can assist Parks Australia implement the *Temperate East Management Plan 2018 – 2028*.

Member attendance:

Rosemary Black, Brian Busteed, John Burgess, Rob Briggs, Roberta Dixon-Valk, Andrew Carroll, Kate Davey, Chris Frid, Matthew Hayes, Kellie Pendoley, Jessica Leck.

Brendan Kelaher (MS Teams)

Observers:

Justin Gilligan – Manager, Lord Howe Island Marine Park, NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI)

Executive welcome

Dr Barbara Musso, Branch Head of the Marine and Island Parks Branch in Parks Australia welcomed the new Committee members on behalf of the Director of National Parks, Ricky Archer and Parks Australia's Executive team.

Australian Marine Parks Advisory Committees (AMPACs) play a crucial role in providing advice on implementation and prioritisation of management actions and helping keep Parks Australia accountable for its actions.

Dr Musso also provided an outline of national priorities within the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment

and Water (DCCEEW) and Parks Australia

Presentations

Presentations designed to give members an understanding of the Temperate East Network and current and emerging management priorities included:

Overview of the Temperate East Network:

- **Temperate East Management Plan 2018 – 2018**
- Activities undertaken by Parks Australia to implement the Management Plan over the last six years of active management.
- Upcoming review of the Management Plan and development of a new plan.
- **Parks Australia's Compliance Management Program**
- **Park's Australia's Authorisations and Assessments Program.**
- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.
- Marine Heatwaves.

Lord Howe Marine Park:

- **Observer report** from the Manager of the Lord Howe Island Marine Park (NSW).
- **Research report** from Dr Jonathon Mitchell (University of Western Australia) who has been leading Galapagos Shark research in the Lord Howe Marine Park in collaboration with Parks Australia and NSW DPI since 2017 (more info at: [Galapagos shark movement patterns and interactions with fishing vessels in the marine parks surrounding Howe Island | Australian Marine Parks \(parksaustralia.gov.au\)](https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/parks/temperate-east/)).

Norfolk Marine Park Research:

- Presentation by Associate Professor Bill Leggat, University of Newcastle on the monitoring undertaken on Norfolk Island predominately in Emily and Slaughter Bays that has been underway in collaboration with Parks Australia since 2020.
- Presentation by Dr Kellie Pendoley, Pendoley Environmental on creating a marine habitat map for Norfolk Island Project funded by Parks Australia's Our Marine Parks Grant.

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is planned for late 2024.

For more information about the Temperate East Network or the Committee, visit:

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/parks/temperate-east/> and

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/management/partnerships/temperate-east-advisory-committee/>

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