



Temperate East Marine Parks Advisory Committee

Meeting 11 Communiqué

Videoconference link via MS Teams 19 November 2024

Meeting Overview

The eleventh meeting of the Temperate East Marine Parks Advisory Committee was held via MS Teams on 19 November 2024.

The Chair gave an Acknowledgement of Country and thanked attendees for joining the meeting remotely via MS Teams.

Reports to the Committee included an executive update from Parks Australia, an update about the Parks Science and Management effectiveness approach, a report on the RV Investigator voyage in Central Eastern Marine Park and the Gumbaynggirr Traditional Knowledges Seasonal Calendar.

Executive update

Shaun Barclay, Branch Head for Marine and Island Parks Branch within Parks Australia

- Executive changes, Shaun recently appointed as Branch Head for Islands and Marine Parks Branch, a new Strategy and Co-ordination Branch established led by Barbarra Musso, Parks Conservation Science Branch established including Marine and Terrestrial Science. Jason Mundy has

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Member attendance:

Brian Busteed, John Burgess, Rob Briggs, Roberta Dixon-Valk, Andrew Carroll, Jessica Leck, Kate Davey, Kellie Pendoley, Chris Frid, Brendan Kelaher

Observers:

James McLeod– Manager, Port Stephens, Hunter Marine Park, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development NSW (NSW DPIRD)

- a new role leading Climate Policy; Rob Hanlon joins in new role as Chief Operating Officer for Parks Australia.
- Indigenous Protected Areas grant managers moved back into Parks Australia.
- Management plan reviews: South-east Network public comment period on draft plan just completed; Indian Ocean territories marine park plans public comment period also finalised; the remaining networks due for review by April 2028. the network team is starting preparation of information to inform the review
- Combined AMPACs meeting is planned for May 2025. We will be in touch in early 2025 to finalise plans and socialise the agenda.

Presentations

Presentations were intended to support members with understanding the Temperate East Network and current and emerging management priorities

Science and Management effectiveness:

Dr Chloe Sato – Director, Conservation Science, Parks Australia

- Developing a Knowledge and Science Strategy for Parks Australia
- Intent is to reset vision for knowledge building and science across Parks Australia.
- Elevation of science functions across Parks Australia with three teams - Park Science, Marine Science and National Seedbank.

Steffan Howe – Assistant Director, Conservation Science, Parks Australia

- Management effectiveness aims for a holistic approach across terrestrial and marine parks linking to other national monitoring and reporting evaluation systems.
- Opportunity for further discussion and TEMPAC input into the development of Science and Management effectiveness at the combined AMPAC meeting

CSIRO survey of North Solitary canyon in the Central Eastern Marine Park on the RV Investigator

Dr Bernadette Sloyan & Dr Chris Chapman (CSIRO)

Presentation outlining the preliminary findings from the recent voyage to Central Eastern Marine Park.

Gumbaynggirr Traditional Knowledges Seasonal Calendar

Nathan Brennan Director, Ngiyambandigay Wajaarr Aboriginal Corporation (NWAC).

Nathan introduced the Calendar and the guide and curriculum material that supports the use of the Calendar for education. The project was funded by a Our Marine Parks Grant. When the material has been launched with the Community copies will be provided to Committee members.

Member updates

Committee members and the NSW DPIRD Observer gave updates on their relevant activities since the last meeting

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is an All AMPACs meeting planned for May 2025.

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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