

## Port Kennedy

Port Kennedy is located within the City of Rockingham. Its postcode is 6172. It is a proposed recreational/tourist complex and commercial area approximately 8km south of Rockingham.

Port Kennedy is built on Becher Point and because of its geomorphological history it is home to an unusual wetland formation, called the Becher Wetland Suite. These wetlands are linear in form rather than circular and have formed in dune swales parallel to the coast. Some wetlands have been absorbed into the Port Kennedy golf course and the remainder are protected in the Port Kennedy Scientific Park. The Threatened Ecological Community FCT19, Sedgeland in Holocene Dune Swales, is known to occur in these wetlands.

Source

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port\\_Kennedy,\\_Western\\_Australia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Kennedy,_Western_Australia)

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## The Golf Club Kennedy Bay

1991 British Open champion Ian Baker-Finch collaborated with architects Michael Coate and Roger Mackay to route 18 exquisite holes between 10,000-year old sand dunes and natural bushland. The par 72, 6420-metre course has won numerous accolades since it opened in 1999, including Australia's Number One Public Access Course 2003 & 2004 in the Golf Course Guide.

Source

<http://www.golftourismwa.asn.au/kennedybay.htm>

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## The Golf Club Kennedy Bay

### Development

### Overview

60 new self-contained golf course apartments are soon to be released. A limited number of apartments come with a 6%pa leaseback guarantee and will be utilised as holiday accommodation for the stay & play market. Expressions of interest are now being sought.

Kennedy Bay is set to experience rapid growth in the coming years as Mirvac Fini embarks on the development of approximately 700 new homes adjacent to the golf course. The \$400m development will enhance amenities in the area and include new walking & cycling paths, a public jetty, boat moorings & launching facilities, town centre and eco-tourism site.



**Golf Australia** 25 Best Public Access Courses 2007 (February 2007)

The Golf Club Kennedy Bay has once again ranked as Western Australia's #1 Best Course and reclaimed the #2 spot in Australia's Best Public Access Courses behind Barnbougles Dunes in Tasmania. Golf Australia says "while the 'Tassie wonder course' may have grabbed top spot overall, Kennedy Bay finished half a point in front

of Barnbougale in the conditioning category. Most reader judges made particular mention of the quality of the playing surfaces at Kennedy Bay."

"The greens are easily some of the best to putt on in Western Australia, I can't imagine there being few better anywhere else in the country."

Source:

<http://www.kennedybay.com.au>

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## Kennedy Bay

Kennedy Bay, formerly known as the Port Kennedy project, is located on the southern extent of Warnbro Sound, in the City of Rockingham.

The project is designed as an integrated coastal holiday development, providing a range of high quality tourism, commercial, residential and recreational opportunities, that will be accessible to the community.

### Current Situation

The State has assigned project development rights to Western Australian Beach and Golf Resort Pty Ltd (WABGR).

WABGR has appointed Mirvac Fini as project manager and detailed planning is under way for the first stage of the development.

Stage 1 works are anticipated to be completed by 2007 and will include the following:

- Upgrade to Long Beach Estate, including beautification of verges and public areas and the improvement of the existing roads and street finishes
- Establishment of new public open space (west of Longbeach Estate)
- An environmental interpretive centre
- Improvements to the Scientific Park
- Western foreshore park network
- Investigation of the potential to base the development on Integrated Water Management principles, involving water-recycling concepts
- Public boat launching ramp

The project is programmed for completion in 2014.

Further information on the project to date can be found in the Port Kennedy Activity Report 2003-2005:

- [pdf format](#) (984kb)
- [text only](#) (258kb Rich Text Format).

### Background

In March 1986, the State Government called for expressions of interest to develop a marina harbour and tourist development on Crown land at Port Kennedy.

In 1992, the State entered into an Agreement with Fleuris Pty Ltd for the purposes of developing the project. With the consent of the then Minister for Planning, the rights and interests under the Agreement were assigned to Port Kennedy Resorts Pty Ltd (the Company) in 1995.

The Company proceeded to fulfil its obligations under the Agreement, and by 1998 had substantially completed the main access road to the development, the first of two proposed 18 hole golf courses, the first stage of freehold development (Longbeach Estate) and servicing and infrastructure headworks.

However, due to financial and contractual constraints, the Company was unable to complete the project and subsequently entered voluntary administration. In 2002, the State assigned the project development rights to Western Australian Beach and Golf Resort Pty Ltd (WABGR).

Since that time WABGR, in conjunction with the Port Kennedy Management Board and the State Government, has undertaken a complete review of the project.

## Revised Development Plan

In November 2004, a Deed of Variation to the Port Kennedy Development Project Agreement passed through both Houses of Parliament in accordance with the *Port Kennedy Development Agreement Act 1992*. Copies of the Act can be obtained from the State Law publisher on the following website [www.slp.wa.gov.au](http://www.slp.wa.gov.au).

The Deed included a [revised development plan](#) (454kb pdf) for Kennedy Bay as an integrated coastal tourism development comprising the following elements:

- Mixed use town centre including tourism, retail, recreation and public facilities
- Boat launching ramp, public jetty and short stay swing moorings
- Protected wetlands and conservation areas
- 18 hole championship standard golf course
- 9 hole public golf course
- Golf course hotel and self-contained golf course villas
- Eco-tourism facility and beachfront serviced apartments
- A 1.5 hectare site for possible future tourism development
- Residential development in various locations throughout the project area, including within the proposed nine-hole public golf course.

The revised plan represents the culmination of an extensive process of project review and community consultation carried out by the Company, WABGR and the State.

## Port Kennedy Management Board

The Port Kennedy Management Board, which meets bi-monthly, or more regularly if required, is responsible for:

- The continuous management of Kennedy Bay
- Overseeing the development including compliance with environmental conditions
- Provision of advice to the Minister
- Undertaking public consultation initiatives

The nine-member Board includes representation from the local community and nominees from WABGR, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, City of Rockingham, Conservation and Land Management, and Conservation Council WA.

Further information on the Board's role can be found in the Port Kennedy Activity Report 2003-2005. The report is available here in [pdf format](#) (984kb) or as [text only](#) (258kb Rich Text Format).

Source:

<http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/cityregionalplanning/1759.asp>

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## House: Legislative Council- QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, 6 November 2001

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Member: STEPHENS; SCOTT MR J

Subject: PORT KENNEDY RESORT DEVELOPMENT, COSTS

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### PORT KENNEDY RESORT DEVELOPMENT, COSTS

220. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Further to Question on Notice No. 117 of Tuesday, July 31 2001 -

- (1) Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the \$17585 salaried costs with hours, other on-costs and how they were allocated?
- (2) Will the Minister give a breakdown of the \$2710 vehicle running costs for facility maintenance?
- (3) Will the Minister specify how the \$6756 dedicated to fire vehicle lease costs was spent?
- (4) The Port Kennedy Resort Developers donated two fire vehicles, one to CALM and one to Fire and Emergency Services (FES). Will the Minister explain where this CALM vehicle is housed, for what periods, and who operates this vehicle?
- (5) Will the Minister explain why is it was necessary to lease a fire vehicle if one was donated to CALM, and one to FES?
- (6) Will the Minister indicate whether the Interpretive Shelter and Panels had been installed by the end of August, as promised, and if so, on which date?
- (7) Will the Minister provide a map or otherwise identify the locations of these signs?
- (8) Will the Minister provide a map or identify what fences installed by the LCDC are patrolled and maintained?
- (9) Will the Minister identify any fences that have not been maintained or have been removed from the site and give reasons why?
- (10) Will the Minister explain where the Port Kennedy Development Agreement Act 1992 requires the developer to provide the final three kilometres of fencing to agreed standards?
- (11) Will the Minister explain what has been done to get the previous developers to replace the section of fence built by them, which was substandard?
- (12) Will the Minister indicate whether the inaction on pursuing the previous developers to replace the substandard section of fence now places a financial burden on CALM?
- (13) Is the Minister and CALM aware of the federal conditions requiring the feral-baiting program previously carried out by the LCDC to be continued?
- (14) Will the Minister detail the liabilities that federal conditions have on either the State Government or to CALM?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

1. The breakdown of the \$17,585 salary costs is as follows:

Officer Salary Salary Overhead

Hours \$ \$

Weed management 4 67.47 23.62

Rehabilitation 138.2 2331.75 818.02

Community involvement 64.9 1094.99 381.24

Threatened flora management 81 1621.43 587.02

Public information/interpretation 99.2 1676.49 584.74

Patrol and general management including

'work for the dole' supervision 319.9 6214.94 2183.42

Total 707.2 13007.07 4578.06

2. Vehicle running costs are not broken down to the same level of job detail as that for salary allocation. Costs are a combination of lease charges and running costs.

3. \$6756 was spent on lease charges for the provision of a dedicated fire vehicle for Port Kennedy at \$563 per month. The lease agreement also covers scheduled maintenance and insurance. It does not cover the day to day vehicle running costs.

4. The Department of Conservation and Land Management currently houses the Port Kennedy fire vehicle at the Port Kennedy Golf Course all year round. It is available for use for fire control purposes within Port Kennedy Scientific Park or where a wildfire burning outside the park has the potential to spread into the park. The vehicle is operated by the Department, Rockingham Fire and Rescue brigades, Secret Harbour Volunteer Fire Service and the Port Kennedy Golf Course Manager.

5. The Port Kennedy Developers provided funding for the supply of a fire vehicle for use at Port Kennedy Scientific Park. This funding is held in trust by the Department. Fire vehicle lease fees are paid from the trust account.

6. The information shelter and panels have not been installed due to vandalism problems within the park in recent months.

7. The shelter will be installed on the northern end of Rostellifera break, accessible via a pedestrian access gate on Port Kennedy Drive.

8. I now table maps of the Port Kennedy Scientific Park that show all fire access tracks, fencing and public access gates are printed in the Department of Conservation and Land Management's information brochure on Port Kennedy Scientific Park. Copies of the brochure are free and available from numerous locations in the area. Departmental staff also distribute copies of the brochure during patrols of the park. [See paper No 851.]

The map in the brochure shows the location of vermin-proof fencing within the Scientific Park, including those sections completed by the LCDC. All fencing is patrolled and maintained.

9. Only internal fencing, not considered essential in defining the reserve boundary or restricting feral animals from entering the reserve, has been removed. Where possible, this material has been reused elsewhere in the park.

10. Schedule 2 - Development Plan Text

#### Section 5.2 Boundaries, Fences, Paths and Protective Boundaries

11. The section of vermin-proof fencing within the Scientific Park constructed by the original developer was built to a design that was considered adequate at the time. The fence construction has since been redesigned to ensure that it effectively excludes climbing predators such as cats. This design variation is not the responsibility of the original developer.

12. The upgrading of the substandard section of fencing will not be a significant financial burden for the Department.

13. No.

14. The Minister is unaware of any 'liabilities' created by 'federal conditions' in regard to Port Kennedy Scientific Park.

Source:

<http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/hansard/hans35.nsf/451a59fb51257dd248256c85002bc738/f812e6ef8443210b48256aff007cf09e?OpenDocument>

### 1.1.1 WESTERN AUSTRALIA UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTINGS (WABN 103)

Email Frank O'Connor ([sightings@inet.net.au](mailto:sightings@inet.net.au)) with details of your sightings.

The sightings highlighted in **red** will be included in the WA Bird Notes Issue 103 (September 2002). The sightings highlighted in **bold red** are the most unusual sightings and usually require some notes supporting the sightings. [Click here for the sightings included in the WA Bird Notes 102 \(June 2002\).](#)

**Perth & Mandurah (within UBD Street Directory) (Suburbs in parentheses)**

<b>02/06/2002</b>	<b>David Secomb</b>
Sanderling (1) Caspian Tern (38)	Becher Point (Port Kennedy) Becher Point (Port Kennedy)

Source:

[http://birdswa.inet.net.au/sightings/sightings\\_103.htm](http://birdswa.inet.net.au/sightings/sightings_103.htm)

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## Perth Coastal Planning Strategy

### Extracy from: Summary Paper – Southern Sector

#### Planning activities – revitalisation projects

##### Port Kennedy project

Following a comprehensive review of the troubled Port Kennedy project the State Government has approved a revised development plan for the project. The revised plan represents a new start for a project that has performed well below expectations and failed to deliver long-awaited community infrastructure and facilities at Port Kennedy.

Rebadged 'Kennedy Bay', the project will remain a high quality holiday destination with a full range of tourist, leisure and recreation opportunities, but will be more responsive to the environment and more accessible to the broader community than the five star tourist resort model that it replaced.

The new plan will deliver significant environmental improvements over its predecessor. The deletion of the marina will help to protect the important fish and little penguin habitats in Warnbro Sound. The reduction of the proposed second 18-hole golf course to nine holes will allow for the retention and preservation of important wetlands and ecological communities.



The introduction of some permanent residential development is necessary to establish the viability of the project and new local businesses; however, it will also provide a sense of activity, vibrancy and security outside of peak tourism periods. This plan is designed to deliver a more integrated seaside holiday experience - an experience that provides a range of amenity and activity that would be expected of a regional holiday destination, but in a way that does not segregate holidaymakers from the surrounding community. This type of tourism experience has proven to be popular in similar coastal holiday destinations around Australia and throughout the world.

Key changes under the new plan include:

- deletion of the proposed marina and introduction of a boat ramp and public jetty;
- deletion of the proposed five-star beachside hotel and introduction of high quality golfcourse-based hotel and villas;
- deletion of proposed harbour and beach rental units and introduction of an eco-tourism facility and beachfront serviced apartments;
- setting aside a 1.5ha premium site for possible future tourism development;
- reduction of the proposed 18-hole public golf course to nine holes;
- introduction of residential development in various locations throughout the project area, including within the proposed nine-hole public golf course;
- protection of significant wetlands and flora;
- relocation and reconfiguration of the proposed town centre; and

- environmental assessments will be required for various marine elements such as the boat ramp and the public jetty.

Public response to the new plan has been overwhelmingly positive, and the clear message from the community is that it is now time to get on with it. Considerable community consultation has already been undertaken for this project, so the merits of this proposal will not be considered in this forum.

Source:

<http://www.wapc.wa.gov.au/Coast/Perth+coastal+planning+strategy/south%20low%20res.pdf?id=1257>

## **Desalination Plant in Port Kennedy**

Posted March 5, 2006

As a long time resident of Golden Bay, a one hours drive south of Perth Western Australia I have watched these once secluded pristine beaches gradually become more & more developed to the extent that "Surf Beach" at Secret Harbour is now the Perth metropolitan area's second most crowded surf spot after Trigg Point with sometimes close to a thousand surfers using the beach on any hot summers day.

In the old days 10 or so years ago we would drive our 4wd's along the deserted "surf beach", pull up at an empty peak & surf perfect waves all day long. When the Secret Harbour developers came along we surfers watched them bulldoze the huge 60 - 70 ft sand dunes right down to the water to provide a nice view for the future residents & for the car parks & surf club. We didnt know it at the time but by flattening the dunes they also destroyed the natural sand flow, hence ruining the waves for many years to come.

Now the Water Corporation of WA proposes to build a desalination plant at Port Kennedy & run intake & outlet pipes either at Secret Harbour( surf beach) or at Golden Bay. The obvious question that must be asked is why would you ruin these pristine beaches & upset their delicate ecosystem of seagrass, fish, penguins dolphins & sharks, by putting in an environmentally destructive desalination plant when there are already areas of coastal land which have been totally ruined up in the Rockingham/Kwinana industrial strip that you could use instead?

To voice your official protest , contact Toni Cowell - Project Environmental Officer via email at: [toni.cowell@watercorporation.com.au](mailto:toni.cowell@watercorporation.com.au) or phone her on 08 9420 3253.

To email more WA government ministers go here:

<http://www.srosurf.com/gennews/desal.html>

For more information email: [desalination@watercorporation.com.au](mailto:desalination@watercorporation.com.au)

or go to: <http://www.watercorporation.com.au>

Source:

<http://coolstuff.wordpress.com/2006/03/05/desalination-plant-in-port-kennedy/>

See also [http://www.watercorporation.com.au/D/desalination\\_plant2.cfm](http://www.watercorporation.com.au/D/desalination_plant2.cfm)

## Wetlands nominations of international significance: Minister

Wednesday, 15 November 2000

### NEW RAMSAR WETLANDS

#### Becher Point

Becher Point Wetlands, 9 km south of Rockingham, comprise a large number of very small seasonal wetlands spread over 677 hectares. The area is known as the Port Kennedy Scientific Park and is part of the Rockingham Lakes Regional Park.

They show a range of development in geomorphology, hydrology and vegetation and are considered to be a unique system in Western Australia. This is also one of the youngest wetland systems on the Swan Coastal Plain, having been formed during the past 4500 years. Consequently, the site is internationally significant in terms of research interest in the evolution of wetlands.

The swamps support sedgeland, tall open shrubland and low open forest. These sedgelands are included in the national list of threatened ecological communities.

Notable fauna include quenda (southern brown bandicoot), carpet python, black striped snake and Perth lined lerista (a small burrowing skink). Overall, 21 species of reptiles and four amphibians have been recorded.

Source:

<http://www.naturebase.net/content/view/1553/770/>

## Western Australian wetlands listed under international convention: Minister

Friday, 02 February 2001

Three sites in Western Australia nominated for listing as wetlands of significance under the international Convention on Wetlands - the Ramsar Convention - have been accepted.

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Environment Minister Cheryl Edwardes today said the Government had been advised that the Ramsar Secretariat in Switzerland had accepted the Government's nomination of the three sites along with additions to four existing Ramsar sites.

Listing the sites means Western Australia has more Ramsar Convention wetland sites than any other Australian State or Territory.

The new sites are the Becher Point wetlands near Rockingham, Lake Gore near Esperance and the Muir-Byenup complex east of Manjimup. The additions are to the Ord River Floodplain, the Peel-Yalgorup system, Toolibin Lake east of Narrogin and the Vasse-Wonnerup system near Busselton.

Source:

<http://www.naturebase.net/content/view/1574/770/>