

Interim Management Guidelines for Roebuck Bay

The Workshop hosted by the Roebuck Bay Working Group (RBWG) and facilitated by Community Solutions built on previous work carried out by RBWG. The intention was to identify a vision for future management and use of Roebuck Bay that would protect its outstanding natural and cultural values. Using consensus decision making to look at a desired Management Framework and Interim Management Guidelines and to ensure ongoing community participation in Management Planning.

A group of about 30 people from various Government Agencies, Non-Government Agencies and community participants took part in the discussions.

The most encouraging outcome was the general consensus on most issues concerning management of the Bay and the vision for the future.

The group came up with a Vision Statement using the words of Nabberu Tarran (with her permission), "We want to see and make sure our Bay is looked after for all time".

The Mission Statement "That Roebuck Bay is a place where the natural, cultural, social and economic values are understood and respected by all people for all time".

Concerns were expressed about getting funding to develop a Management Plan which is estimated will take over 12 months to produce.

The Roebuck Bay Working Group was seen as an important Forum for discussion, where new proposals could be discussed in a spirit of co-operation rather than confrontation.