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Ian Hall
President
Wedge Island Protection Association, and

Peter Sheppard
President
Grey Conservation and Community Association

Dear Ian and Peter,

It is with some sadness that I have to inform you that I have resigned from my position as Project Manager with the Department.

After doing the job for nearly 22 years I think that it is time for me to have a sea change and look to do other things in my life. I have found the shack work over the years to be both interesting and fulfilling, if somewhat challenging at times.

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to you, the shack associations WIPA and GCCA and all of the shack community for the co-operation and kindness that you have shown to me over the years. I will remember the friendship and bond that I have formed with many of the shack families and have especially enjoyed their fond stories about how the shack got there and family life around the shack. If there is one person in government who understands the sense of community and the close attachment that shack owners have to their shacks, then it is probably me. I trust that I have been a reasonable person to deal with for all of you, and have been a conduit of goodwill and professionalism between the government and the shack community.

My work contract with Parks and Wildlife finishes on 30 September 2016. My office and contact with the shack community will close on this date. I understand that because of my departure, the person that replaces me will be based in Jurien Bay.

I wish you and the shack community all the best in your negotiations with government, as you move towards a mutually agreed outcome for the shacks at Wedge and Grey.

Best Regards,

Steve Meyerkort
Project Manager
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