



Preserving Wedge and Grey for WA

Introduction - why are we getting involved in the election campaign?

In a nutshell, unless the bureaucrats are directed to change their current path, the shack communities will be decimated – you will lose your shack or access to it!

The only way to avoid mass shack removal is by Ministerial intervention and for that to happen in the next Parliament, we need to get written commitments from political parties before the election.

What you need to do

Shack owners, association members and friends of Wedge and Grey need to actively lobby their local State politicians (existing members and those nominating as candidates in the upcoming election).

Unless large numbers of people make contact with politicians and raise common concerns, parties are unlikely to respond positively to our requests for action. It is important that a consistent message is relayed to the politicians.

Things you can do include:

- Send a Facebook message to your local member and opposition candidates, and tag them in a status update on your own Facebook page. This is the quickest way to get their attention. Full instructions on how to do so included on the next page.
- Phone your local member and opposition candidates and ask them to support the Associations' position. A personal phone call is a powerful message, as politicians' offices get surprisingly few of these, so they take note when it happens.
- Write a personal email or letter to your local member and opposition candidates, outlining your views and seeking their support for the Associations' position. Follow and personalise the suggested talking points below.
- Make a time to meet with your local member and opposition candidates. At the meeting, follow and personalise the suggested talking points below.

What to write/say to the candidates

The objectives of your contact with any politician running in the upcoming March 11 state election should be to:

- Convince them there is a large and activated network of supporters of Wedge and Grey.
- Demonstrate that Wedge and Grey are unique communities that deserve protection and can create economic development through tourism.
- Explain that existing licence holders are committed to maintaining the unique heritage character and embracing tourism and recreation opportunities.
- Ask them to commit to the five commitments the Associations believe will deliver a sustainable solution.

If you aren't confident about saying or writing a lot of detail, simply tell the politician (or their office) that you are not happy with the current approach.

For Facebook users do the following (otherwise skip to the next section):

1. Go to the relevant politician's FB page and press the "Message" button (to find their page, look in the Information Kit, or simply search their name in Facebook). Say:

"I am asking for your support for Wedge Island and Grey shack communities. I would like you to make a commitment to preserve these heritage communities and give us a fair go to realise their unique tourism potential. Please know I will be sharing this request on my personal Facebook page".

2. Post a status update on your own Facebook page and "tag" the relevant politicians so they will sit up and take notice. Also, "tag" Preserving Wedge and Grey FB page. To tag a page, type '@' before typing the page name i.e. '@Preserving Wedge and Grey for WA.' This post could be the following status update (with a photo of Wedge or Grey if you have one):

"The unique shack communities of Wedge Island and Grey are under threat from bureaucrats and the Barnett Government. We need [tag Politician 1, 2, 3 as required] to make a commitment to preserve these heritage communities and give us a fair go. This is an issue that can influence the result of the State election on March 11. Together we can make politicians take notice and understand that Wedge Island and Grey are important parts of Western Australia's history.

If you are committed to @Preserving Wedge and Grey, COPY & PASTE this status on your own profile and be sure to tag your local politicians so they are notified and know we're serious about saving the shacks."

Talking points

We suggest that you follow the logic of the below talking points to make sure you address the objectives, but feel free to base them on your own personal experiences (or to simply say you want to register your disappointment and request a new approach).

1. Explain your own personal connection to Wedge/Grey, and how it has impacted your family and friends and why it is such a unique place.
2. Give an example of the amazing community culture that exists and explain why it is unique to this type of shack accommodation.
3. There are over 400 shacks in Wedge and Grey, with over 15,000 people connected to them as regular recreational visitors and users. This constitutes a large number of voters who could be reached. Mention the number of people who use your shack.
4. We think Wedge and Grey offer a unique opportunity for tourists to experience the special heritage of shack communities. There is a great opportunity to create jobs and economic development by protecting and maintaining these shacks.
5. However, the future of the communities is under threat because the Department of Parks and Wildlife wants as few shacks as possible and is not interested in their tourism potential.
6. The Government has said publicly that a significant portion of the shacks will stay – but all the information and evidence we've seen is pointing to the removal of the vast majority of shacks. We don't believe that the Government is going to deliver on its promises.
7. The Wedge and Grey Associations have put forward framework documents to demonstrate that we can find a balance between retaining the existing shack culture and embracing increased access by domestic and international tourism.
8. We believe the Government is being led by the nose by DPaW. If this process continues, there'll be no shacks and there'll be no tourism

What we are asking the politicians and candidates for

The Associations seek support for the following commitments:

- **Commitment 1 - Support the long-term evolution of Wedge and Grey settlements as unique tourist and recreation destinations that maintain and utilise the heritage character of existing shacks and cultural lifestyle.**
- **Commitment 2 - Appoint an independent Planning Project Manager to deliver a collaborative process to finalise master plans for implementation by 2020.**
- **Commitment 3 - Support formal listing of Wedge & Grey settlements on the State Register of heritage places.**
- **Commitment 4 - Retain the majority of the existing shack dwellings.**
- **Commitment 5 - Deliver existing shack owners universal lease tenure of 21 years with a 21 year renewal option.**

Feedback and further information

It is critical that we get feedback from all contact with, to help build momentum. So when you make contact, please let us know what you've done... and if you get feedback, please email us as soon as possible, so we can let everyone know.

To talk to someone about the campaign, offer your help or ideas, contact the following:

- Wedge Contact - Peter Marr mob 0419 003 213, email info@wedgewa.com.au
- Grey Contact – Peter Sheppard mob 0401 103 143, email P.Sheppard@curtin.edu.au

The Wedge website (www.wedgewa.com.au) with a link to the Grey website (www.grey.asn.au) is a great source of information on the history of Wedge and Grey. You will find all key documents and letters there.

How to find your electorate

Go to: www.elections.wa.gov.au/electorates/find-your-electorate.

Press link to: "Check your enrolment details". Enter your details (name; DOB; Address). You will be provided with confirmation you are on the electoral roll and in which electorate.

To find your local member of Parliament, Google search "Member for XX".

To find a candidate for another party in your electorate, Google search "YY party candidate for XX electorate".

Minor parties have not yet formally nominated candidates for most electorates, which will happen by 10 February (when nominations close).

Who to contact in your electorate

Action has already started in key marginal electorates and the following list of 8 electorates is the current priority. If you live in one of these electorates or have friends or family who do, we urge you to make contact with the relevant politicians/candidates and talk to them about Wedge and Grey.

If you are enrolled in electorates outside of this list, your advocacy is still important as it will put pressure on the parties to make the commitment, so please also make contact with your local member and opposition candidates. Follow instructions in the previous section "How to find your Electorate" to identify your local member and candidates.

Electorate	Sitting Government member	Main opposition candidate	Other Candidates (so far)
Bicton	Liberals - Matt Taylor MLA Email: Matt.Taylor@mp.wa.gov.au Phone: 9316 0666 Facebook: Matt Taylor MLA	WA Labor - Lisa O'Malley Email: bicton@walabor.org.au Phone: 0401 459 751 Facebook: Lisa O'Malley	Greens WA - Louise Dickmann Facebook: Louise Dickmann, Greens candidate for Bicton
Burns Beach	Liberals - The Hon Albert Jacob MLA Email: oceanreef@mp.wa.gov.au Phone: 9305 4099 Facebook: Albert Jacob MP	WA Labor - Mark Folkard Email: burns.beach@walabor.org.au Facebook: Mark Folkard for Burns Beach	Greens WA - Mark Cooper Facebook: Mark Cooper, Greens candidate for Burns Beach Julie Matheson for WA - Carl Maddox Facebook: Carl Maddox Candidate for Burns Beach
Jandakot	Liberals - Joe Francis MLA Email: joe.francis@mp.wa.gov.au Phone: 9310 8777 Facebook: Joe Francis MLA	WA Labor - Yaz Mubarakai Email: jandakot@walabor.org.au Facebook: Yaz Mubarakai for Jandakot	Pauline Hanson's One Nation - John Murphy
Joondalup	Liberals - Jan Norberger MLA Email: jan.norberger@mp.wa.gov.au Phone: 9300 3990 Facebook: Jan Norberger MLA	WA Labor - Emily Hamilton Email: emily.hamilton@walabor.org.au Facebook: Emily Hamilton	The Greens WA - Lisa Webb Facebook: Lisa Webb, Greens candidate for Joondalup Julie Matheson for WA - Aaron Malloy Facebook: Aaron Malloy candidate Julie Matheson for Western Australia Party
Moore	Nationals WA - Shane Love MLA Email: MooreElectorate@mp.wa.gov.au Phone: 9927 2333 Facebook: Shane Love MLA - The Member for Moore	Liberals - Darren Slyns Email: Darren.Slyns@wa.liberal.org.au Phone: 0407420126 Facebook: Darren Slyns: Liberal for Moore	Pauline Hanson's One Nation - Jim Kelly Facebook: Jim Kelly - Moore Candidate - Pauline Hanson's One Nation WA Labor - Barni Norton Facebook: Barni Norton for Moore Email: moore@walabor.org.au
North West Central	Nationals WA - Vince Catania MLA Email: northwest@mp.wa.gov.au Phone: 9941 2999 Facebook: Vince Catania MP Member for North West Central	Shane Hill Email: shane.hill@walabor.org.au Facebook: Shane Hill for North West Central	Pauline Hanson's One Nation - Dane Sorensen Facebook: not yet available The Greens WA - Carol Green Facebook: Carol Green, Greens candidate for North West Central
Southern River	Liberals - Peter Abetz Email: peter.abetz@mp.wa.gov.au Phone: 9256 4900 Facebook: Peter Abetz MLA	WA Labor - Terry Healy Email: terry.healy@walabor.org.au Phone: 0422369020 Facebook: Terry Healy for Southern River	Pauline Hanson's One Nation - Michelle Myers Facebook: not yet available Julie Matheson for WA - Ahutosh Srivastava Facebook: Ash Srivastava for Southern River
Wanneroo	Liberals - Paul Miles MLA Email: enquiry@paulmiles.com.au Phone: 9405 1244 Facebook: Paul Miles MLA	Sabine Winton Email: sabine.winton@walabor.org.au Phone: 0478 668 927 Facebook: Sabine Winton for Wanneroo	Pauline Hanson's One Nation - Joe Darcy Facebook: Joe Darcy Julie Matheson for WA - Paul Haase Facebook: not yet available