



## **PRESS RELEASE: Seabins Clean Mandurah Marina**

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Two Seabins that are designed to collect floating plastic, oil and rubbish have recently been installed in the Mandurah Ocean Marina by Peel Preservation Group (PPG). They are among the first to be commercially installed in Australia.

Seabins are trash collectors that work like swimming pool skimmer boxes, pumping 25,000L of water per hour through a mesh bag. Attached to a floating dock they move up and down with the tide. PPG became interested in these devices due to the growing amount of waste ending up in our precious local waterways. Each Seabin has the capacity to catch half a tonne of waste annually, equal to: 90,000 plastic bags or 35,700 disposable coffee cups or 16,500 plastic bottles.

Andrew Turton and Pete Ceglinski are two Australian boat builders who realised that human over-consumption and poor waste management was killing the oceans. They teamed up in 2013 to pursue the idea that we had rubbish bins on land, so why not in the ocean? Seabins Australia Pty Ltd was launched in 2015. The technology has since been developed overseas and placed in 23 countries all over the world. PPG is proud to be part of bringing Seabins back to their home country.

“Seabins are great environmental education tools and PPG hopes to engage local schools via an education program. Analysing the waste collected by the Seabins will highlight the impact of single use plastics on marine life and its potential impacts on human health” said PPG project leader Stewart Godden. “Seabins can also increase public awareness of the need for waste reduction and for good waste management systems to be in place”.

PPG gratefully acknowledges funding from David Templeman MLA, Member for Mandurah and The McGowan Government. Mr Templeman said “this is another local election commitment of mine delivered. Congratulations to the Peel Preservation Group and all those involved. This initiative reflects the community's desire to work together to reduce the significant impact of plastic bags and other waste and litter on our environment.” PPG also appreciates the generous support of the City of Mandurah including their assistance with the installation.

A launch event to officially switch on the Mandurah Seabins is being held on Friday 8th of February at 8am at Mandurah Ocean Marina offices – Fathom Turn, Dolphin Quay. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Peel Preservation Group is a not-for-profit community group that has been dedicated to protecting the local environment for over 40 years.

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