

## **WORKSHOP SUMMARY**

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### **COORDINATOR PARKS, POLICY & SERVICES**

Jim Sharp sends his apologies for not being able to provide a wrap up of the last 3 days due to an untimely death in his family.

The PVS games have provided a comprehensive wrap up of the last few days to a large degree. They provided a bit of fun and at the same time crystallizes and enhances the memory. A big thankyou to Gil, Lorna, Shaun, Karen and their helpers for their huge amount of effort put into the PVS games. It certainly made all the difference. Also many thanks to 'The Band'; no PVS workshop is complete without their musical input.

The workshop emphasized the following key issues:

- CALM's current budget use, capital budget and other initiatives. Revenue should be operated in a business like approach.
- Further training requirements for staff.
- Review of business plans for operations as well as financial management.
- Imperative that staff is aware of the triple bottom line and take accountability for purchasing.
- Encouraging joint management with indigenous people and communities internally and externally of CALM
- Building a consistent and strong relationship through community involvement with volunteers, indigenous groups, local Shire and Council members and various recreational and tourism groups. The only way to build support is to get out there and start talking to these groups in order to remain relevant to the community about what we are doing and what we want to do together.

Since 2002 and 2003 CALM has made substantial progress in the areas of the Revenue Incentive Scheme, Department of Housing and Works, camping issues, integration of Nature Conservation and indigenous issues.

Many thanks go out to:

- Jim Sharp for his continued support of the annual PVS Workshop
- Wayne Smidt for the original PVS program
- Karen Abel for coordination of this years workshop
- All the presenters. It would not be successful without your time and effort.
  
- Session chair holders over the past 3 days
- Matt Cavana for visual and audio support
- Sarah Melville for compilation of this year's PVS CD
- Greg, Glenn and the team here at Wollaston Conference Centre.

Lastly a big thank you to everyone that attended this year's Parks and Visitor Services Workshop. I wish you all a safe trip home and I hope to see you back here next year. Don't forget: The only way to get home is to "fly by ya pants!"