### SOUTH WEST WETLANDS MONITORING PROGRAM REPORT 1977 – 2014



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#### Cover photograph

The Australasian Bittern *Botaurus poiciloptilus* is listed by Australian State and Commonwealth governments as Threatened and in Western Australia is considered to be facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild<sup>1</sup>. This individual was photographed (© AG Clarke) by remote sensor camera in a *Baumea* swamp near the southern coast of WA. The water levels, salinities and pH of this and other wetlands important for the Australasian Bittern are monitored under SWWMP.

Use of remote sensor cameras on some SWWMP wetlands to record depth gauge readings for calibration of continuous water level recordings also enables the presence and behaviours of other creatures such as Rakali *Hydromys chrysogaster*, feral cats *Felix domesticus*, feral pigs *Sus scrofa* and introduced foxes *Vulpes vulpes* to be captured.

1 http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/images/documents/plants-animals/threatened-species/Listings/Threatened\_and\_Priority\_Fauna\_Rankings.pdf

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#### **SUMMARY**

This report presents 1977–2014 data from SWWMP, the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program conducted by the Western Australian Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW). Since 1997, this program has been funded under the WA Salinity Action Plan / Salinity Strategy as updated by the Government's response to the Salinity Taskforce report. In recent times SWWMP has become increasingly significant in the context of climate change. Rainfall is declining over much of the south-west and this is affecting many wetlands.

In this report we present all routinely-collected September and November water level, salinity and pH data to 2014. These data are presented in graphical form for all 104 currently-monitored SWWMP wetlands. Data concerning nutrients (not monitored beyond 2007) in these wetlands, and concerning water level, salinity, pH and nutrient concentrations in other, historically-monitored wetlands, may be found in Lane *et al.* (2009a). Administrative information concerning all 157 SWWMP wetlands, their map coordinates, the periods during which each has been monitored, their locations in terms of DPaW Regions and Districts and Local Government Authorities (LGA's), and their tenure, is also presented.

This report provides an up-to-date overview of the data that have been collected over the past thirty-seven years and ready-reference lists of the wetlands. This information will be useful for those with a responsibility or interest in the conservation and management of these and other wetlands in south-western Australia. Most of the monitored wetlands are within Nature Reserves or National Parks and DPaW is responsible for their management. Some are also within Natural Diversity Recovery Catchments and 'Ramsar' Sites and many are 'Directory' (nationally significant) Sites.

Researchers will also find the report useful as it identifies wetlands that have long periods of systematic monitoring of physico-chemical attributes, knowledge which will assist in the selection of most-suitable wetlands for study. Pronounced year-to-year or longer-term variations or trends are readily apparent in the graphs of some wetlands, as is the absence of pronounced variations or trends in others. Thus the wetlands of SWWMP demonstrate a wide variety of hydrological responses to landscape setting, surface and groundwater catchment characteristics, local climates and, in some cases, management interventions.

Attention is drawn to a number of wetlands of particular interest or concern. These are Bambun, Bennetts, Broadwater, Bryde, Byenup, Chandala, Clifton, Corrigin 12900 ('Paperbark Swamp'), Crackers, Davies, Dobaderry, Dumbleyung, Egret, Esperance 26410, Forrestdale, Gore, Guraga, Harvey 12632, Hinds, Jandabup, Jasper, Jerdacuttup, Joondalup, Logue, Maringup, McLarty, Muir, Nine Mile, Noobijup, Noonying, Pillenorup, Pleasant View, Powell, Range Road Yate, Shark, Taarblin, Thomsons, Toolibin, Tordit-Gurrup, Towerrinning, Unicup, Walbyring, Wannamal, Warden, Warrinup, Wheatfield, White (Narrogin), White Water, Yarnup, Yeagarup and Yellilup. Regional, District and specialist branch staff of DPaW are encouraged to examine the data for all wetlands in their respective areas of responsibility as other wetlands may also show changes of interest or management concern.

2014 was a year of mainly below average to very much below average rainfall in south-western Australia. As a consequence, water levels in many SWWMP wetlands were low and salinities at some were elevated. pH values of several wetlands, including Ramsar-listed Tordit-Gurrup, remained at or near historically low levels.

Between 1997 and 2009, detailed bathymetries (lakebed and shoreline contours and inflow and outflow channels) of 19 monitored wetlands were mapped under SWWMP, with Department of Environment and Conservation (now DPaW) Regional and District funding support. This work enables water surface areas, water volumes and salt loads to be calculated from SWWMP water level and salinity data. This permits modelling of water and salt balances and will facilitate assessments of likely hydrological and ecological impacts of drainage, diversion, pumping and storage proposals, proposed land use changes and predicted climate change. All 39 SWWMP wetlands known by the authors to have been bathymetrically-mapped are listed in this report, together with the years of mapping, methods employed, products and custodians / sources.

High resolution, low altitude, aerial oblique photography is useful for mapping wetland vegetation, monitoring vegetation condition, planning and conducting biological surveys, planning recreational activities and facilities, and in interpretation and extension. During the period 2008–2012, 152 of the 157 SWWMP wetlands were flown and photographed and a sample of these photographs and enlargements is presented in this report. Copies of the original, high resolution photographs in digital format may be obtained on request.

During the period 2009–2012, continuous water level recorders and tipping-bucket rainfall gauges were installed on 14 SWWMP wetlands between Cataby and Esperance. This equipment is being kept in place for several years and then moved

to other high conservation value wetlands of special interest (e.g. for the specially-protected Australasian Bittern *Botaurus poiciloptilus*) and/or under threat. Collection of continuous water level and rainfall data will enable salt and water balance models to be developed for these and other south-western Australian wetlands and will thereby assist in their conservation management. The data will also assist in development of an improved understanding of the likely consequences of predicted climate change, particularly rainfall decline, on the wetlands of south-western Australia. In 2013 the water level recorders and rainfall gauges were removed from the five northern-most (Cataby to Busselton) of the 14 wetlands.

Facilitation of appropriate recreational activities in natural areas managed by DPaW is a primary focus of the new agency. In this report we detail some past and present activities as a first step in identifying future possibilities. Some existing forms of recreational use could be expanded and other, new activities could be introduced. With appropriate planning and guidance, enhanced recreational benefits could be achieved with limited disturbance of wildlife.

In this report we also detail the occurrence of threatened vertebrate fauna on SWWMP wetlands. Notable is the Australasian Bittern or 'Bunyip Bird'. This large, superbly camouflaged bird with a booming voice is now largely confined in Western Australia to the rushbeds of a relatively small number of wetlands, mostly SWWMP wetlands, on and near the south coast.

This report is the eighth in a series of annual reports aimed at putting most-recent SWWMP data in front of readers as soon as possible after data collection.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents 1977–2014 data and other information from SWWMP, the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program conducted by the Western Australian Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW)<sup>1</sup> and its predecessors over more than three decades. Since 1997, this program has been funded under the Western Australian Salinity Action Plan (Government of Western Australia 1996a) and State Salinity Strategy (State Salinity Council 2000a,b) as updated by the Government's response (Government of Western Australia 2002) to the Salinity Taskforce report (Frost *et al.* 2001). A detailed account of SWWMP, including analyses of data to 2000, may be found in Lane *et al.* (2004). Reviews of this and other programs under the Salinity Action Plan have been published (Wallace 2001, Wallace *et al.* 2011, CCWA 2014).

In this report we present, in graphical form, all September and November<sup>2</sup> water depth, salinity and pH data routinely collected from 104 currently-monitored<sup>3</sup> SWWMP wetlands. Data concerning nutrient concentrations<sup>4</sup> in most of these wetlands, and concerning water level, salinity, pH and nutrient concentrations in other, historically-monitored SWWMP wetlands, may be found in Lane *et al.* (2009a) and are not repeated here. The locations of all 157 current and historically-monitored SWWMP wetlands are shown in Figure 1. Administrative information concerning these wetlands, their map coordinates, the periods during which each has been monitored, their locations in terms of DPaW Regions and Districts and Local Government Authorities (LGA's), and their tenure, is also presented (Tables 1–3).

The main purposes of this report are to provide an up-to-date visual overview of data that have been collected over the past thirty-seven years and ready-reference lists of the wetlands. This information will be useful for those with a responsibility or interest in the conservation and management of these and other wetlands in south-western Australia. Most of the monitored wetlands are within National Parks and Nature Reserves vested in the Conservation Commission<sup>5</sup> of Western Australia and DPaW is responsible for their management. Some are within Natural Diversity Recovery Catchments (Government of Western Australia 1996a; Wallace & Lloyd 2008) and Ramsar Sites (Government of Western Australia 1990, 2000; Ramsar Secretariat 2013, AGWA 2006) and many are Directory Sites (ANCA 1996, Environment Australia 2001) (Tables 4 & 5).

Researchers will also find the report useful as it identifies those wetlands that have long periods of systematic monitoring of physico-chemical attributes, knowledge which will assist in the selection of wetlands most-suitable for study. Pronounced year-to-year or longer-term variations or trends are readily apparent in the graphs of some wetlands, as is the absence of pronounced variations or trends in others. The wetlands of SWWMP demonstrate a wide variety of hydrological responses to landscape setting, surface and groundwater catchment characteristics, local climates and, in some cases, management interventions. Many are also exhibiting pronounced responses to the decline in annual rainfall that has occurred over much of south-western Australia from the 1970s (Hope *et al.* 2015).

Facilitation of appropriate recreational activities in natural areas managed by DPaW is a primary focus of the new agency. In this report (Appendices 2 & 3) we again detail some past and present activities on SWWMP and other wetlands as a first step in identifying future possibilities. Some existing forms of recreational use could be expanded and other, new activities could be introduced. With appropriate planning, guidance and management, increased and enhanced recreational benefits could be achieved with limited disturbance of wildlife.

The wetlands of south-western Australia provide essential habitat for a variety of threatened species of flora and fauna. In this report we also detail the occurrence of threatened vertebrate fauna on SWWMP wetlands (Appendix 4). Notable amongst these is the Australasian Bittern or 'Bunyip Bird' *Botaurus poiciloptilus*. This large, superbly camouflaged bird with a booming call is now largely confined in Western Australia to the rushbeds of a relatively small number of wetlands, mostly SWWMP wetlands, on and near the south coast.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> DPaW commenced operations on 1 July 2013 following the separation of the former Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) into DPaW and the Department of Environment Regulation. DEC's predecessors in regard to SWWMP were the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM; 1985-2006) and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (pre-1985).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Many SWWMP wetlands were monitored at two month intervals from May 1981 to May 1985 and, in some cases, prior to this. Some (depth and salinity only) of the collected data appear in graphical form in Jaensch *et al.* (1988).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Currently monitored as at Nov 2014. Monitoring was discontinued at two wetlands, Hebitons and Goorly, at the end of 2009, thereby reducing the number of 'current' SWWMP wetlands from 103 to 101 and increasing the number of 'historical' wetlands from 49 to 51. At the end of 2010, monitoring was also discontinued at Blue Gum, Frasers and 'Esperance 27985', but in 2011 was resumed at Eneminga and initiated at Yeagarup and Yeagarup South, thus maintaining the number of 'current' SWWMP wetlands at 101 while increasing the number of 'historical' wetlands to 53. In 2012 monitoring was initiated at Big Boom and Gingilup. No changes were made in 2013. Kulunilup was added in 2014, at the request of Birdlife Australia, due to its significance for the threatened Australasian Bittern. This addition increased the number of current SWWMP wetlands to 104 with the number of historical SWWMP wetlands unchanged at 53.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Total nitrogen and total phosphorus, both filtered and unfiltered. These parameters have not been monitored beyond 2007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> To be replaced by the Conservation and Parks Commission.

#### 2. RESULTS

In order to make this report available in a timely fashion, statistical trend analyses to 2014 have not been performed on the physico-chemical data presented here. Trends to 2000 of 41 SWWMP wetlands (those monitored for 20 or more years at that time) have previously been reported (Lane *et al.* 2004) and readers may find it useful to compare the latest data with the results of that earlier work. A report on depth trends of multiple groups of current and historical SWWMP wetlands over decadal and multi-decadal periods from 1981 to 2010 is in preparation and updates are proposed.

Without statistical analysis, it would be potentially misleading to present lists of wetlands that appear to show trends, as opposed to those that do not. On the other hand, it is considered useful to draw the reader's attention here to a number of wetlands of particular interest or concern. These wetlands follow below, with the relevant LGA's in brackets. The data referred to are presented in the relevant Graphs (page 69 onwards), which are also arranged alphabetically.

**Bambun** (Gingin): Bambun's salinities have risen in recent years. It is now fresh  $(1<3ppt)^1$  whereas throughout most of the preceding 24 years (1986–2009) it was very fresh (<1ppt). In the early 1980s it was slightly more saline than at present. In the early and mid-1980s, Bambun was a particularly important site for waterbirds, supporting 43 species and 12 breeding species and up to  $\approx$  1800 birds in a single survey (Feb 1985). A count of 302 Blue-billed Duck *Oxyura australis* in April 1983 and regular nesting by Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* were particularly noteworthy (Jaensch *et al.* 1988).

**Bennetts** (Lake Grace): Water-skiing at Bennetts Lake has official approval (see Appendix 2). However, since 2003, the water level has been too low for this recreational activity to be conducted.

A total of 25 waterbird species, including two breeding species (Australian Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides* and Grey Teal *Anas gracilis*), and a maximum count of 2364 individuals (spring 2003), were recorded during 14 surveys in 1998-2005. Species richness in individual surveys showed a strong negative correlation with salinity (Cale & Halse 2006c; see also 2004c). Thirty-nine Hooded Plover *Thinornis rubricollis* were counted in November 1998 (Cale *et al.* 2004). Bennetts Lake has been nominated (Elscot *et al.* 2009) for listing in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Broadwater** (**Busselton**): The September (4.5ppt) and November (8.4ppt) salinities of 2006 were markedly higher than those of all other monitoring years (1985–2014), including years of similar or lower depths (1987, 2001 & 2010). A probable explanation is that, sometime between November 2005 and September 2006, seawater was allowed to enter the Broadwater via the New River by unauthorised opening of a drainage structure connecting the Vasse River Diversion Drain (VRDD) to the New River. Seawater may enter the VRDD at any time when the sea level in Geographe Bay is high, but particularly during summer-autumn when freshwater flows through the VRDD cease.

Broadwater Lake is a key component of the Busselton wetlands system, supporting more than 46 species of waterbirds and up to ≈ 7800 individuals in a single survey. Maximum counts of 2445 Grey Teal, 2209 Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*, 657 Rednecked Avocet *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*, 607 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*, 519 Black Swan *Cygnus atratus* and 71 Yellow-billed Spoonbill *Platalea flavipes* are particularly noteworthy (Buchanan 2005).

**Bryde (Kent):** This wetland has now been dry in September and November each year for seven years (2008–2014). This is an exceptionally long period for Bryde, which has been monitored under SWWMP for 36 years. Lake Bryde and nearby East Lake Bryde (SWWMP wetland 'Kent 29020') support very rare occurrences of a critically endangered ecological community type referred to officially as 'Unwooded freshwater wetlands of the southern Wheatbelt of Western Australia, dominated by *Muehlenbeckia horrida subsp. abdita* and *Tecticornia verrucosa* across the lake floor'<sup>2</sup>. A total of 26 waterbird species, including four breeding species (Australian Shelduck, Grey Teal, Eurasian Coot and Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*), were recorded during 15 surveys in 1997-2005 (Cale & Halse 2006e; see also Cale & Halse 2004e and Cale *et al.* 2004).

In the mid 1990s, a waterway was constructed to prevent accumulation of surface water runoff at Lake Bryde and divert it into downstream wetlands. This was completed soon *after* a high rainfall event (≥88mm) in January 2006 that filled Lake Bryde, but well before a similar but smaller rainfall event partially filled the lake in December 2011. Water levels, water chemistry, aquatic invertebrates and waterbird communities soon after these events have been compared and the impacts of water diversion discussed (Cale 2013a). Bryde is part of the 'Lake Bryde – East Lake Bryde System' listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia* (ANCA 1996, Environment Australia 2001).

**Byenup** (Manjimup): As is the case with nearby (and hydrologically-connected) Tordit-Gurrup (see below), there is a pronounced inverse relationship between water levels and salinities in Byenup, with levels lowest and salinities generally

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In this report, the salinity categories 'very fresh' (<1ppt), 'fresh' (1<3ppt), 'brackish' (3<10ppt), 'saline' (10<50ppt) and 'hypersaline' (≥50ppt) are used, as in Lane *et al.* (2004). 'ppt' = parts per thousand.

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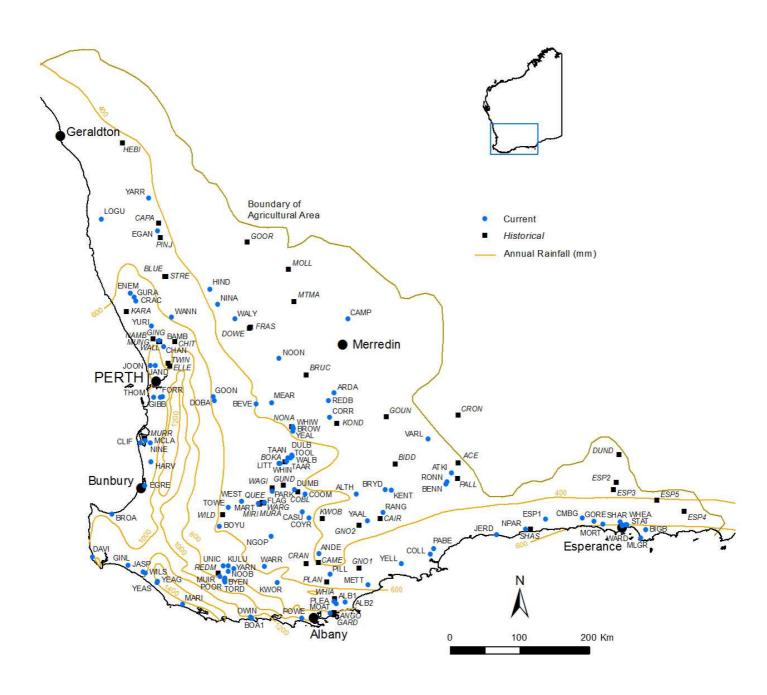


Figure 1. Wetlands currently (2014) and previously monitored under SWWMP.

highest in 1987, 1995, 2001, 2002, 2007 and 2010–2014. September and November salinities were lower in 2013 and 2014, after peaking in September (11.2ppt) and November (11.4ppt) 2012.

Surveys during 1981-85 revealed 31 waterbird species on Byenup Lagoon, including 20 Great Crested Grebe and the threatened Australasian Bittern *Botaurus poiciloptilus* (Jaensch *et al.* 1988, p.77). More surveys in 1986-87 increased the total number of species recorded to 39, with Australian Shelduck being the most numerous (1043 birds) (Jaensch & Vervest 1988a). Byenup is a component of the 'Muir-Byenup System', which is listed (Government of Western Australia 2000) as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' *Convention on Wetlands* (Ramsar Secretariat 2013) and is also part of the 'Byenup Lagoon System' listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia* (ANCA 1996, Environment Australia 2001).

Byenup and other peat-substrate wetlands in the Muir-Byenup system face a number of threats including declining rainfall, salinization, acidification and wildfires. In 2015 a three year investigation into the hydrodynamics and hydrogeochemistry of the Byenup, Tordit-Gurrup, Poorginup and Noobijup wetlands was initiated (Rockwater 2015; Rutherford, in prep.).

**Chandala (Chittering):** The September 2014 pH value (8.5) was the highest September value in more than 30 years of monitoring, however 2014 water levels and salinities were within their normal ranges.

This 120ha, spring-fed, melaleuca — eucalypt swamp previously supported thousands of nesting Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis* and was considered a candidate for listing as a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar *Convention on Wetlands* (Jaensch & Watkins 1999). Other waterbird species known to nest at Chandala include egret, spoonbill, herons, swan, ducks, coot, cormorants, grebes, moorhen and an additional two species of ibis (Jaensch *et al.* 1988). Chandala is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Clifton (Mandurah):** The trend of increasing salinities and salt loads in Lake Clifton from the early 1990s to 2000 (Knott *et al.* 2003; CCWA 2009) continued to 2010 and salinities have remained very high (50–60ppt) for the past five years.

In November 2008 the authors initiated routine sampling at three fixed sites extending from near the shoreline to the end of the boardwalk (jetty), rather than one non-fixed site in this general area, as previously. In November 2008 (at water level 4.24m) the salinity values at these three sites were fairly similar, however in September 2009 (water level 4.14m) and November 2009 (water level 4.02m) the values were very different, due to the influence of freshwater seepage near the shoreline. The influence of freshwater seepage on near-shore salinities has also been evident in subsequent years. The pattern of water level change at Clifton is similar in appearance to that of 'Harvey 12632' (≈ 20km SSE) and Nine Mile (12 km E), however the magnitude of decline has not been as great.

Comparison of 'recent' and historical data concerning the composition of the lake's internationally significant thrombolite community indicates a large reduction in relative abundance of cyanobacterial species believed to be fundamental for the thrombolite structure (Smith *et al.* 2010). The lake may be heading towards irreversible ecohydrological changes (Beggs 2014). Lake Clifton has been identified as a major moulting area for Australian Shelduck (≈ 13,800 birds in Nov 1986) and the most important drought refuge area for Musk Duck *Biziura lobata* (2302 birds in March 1987) in Western Australia. The lake is also important for other species such as Red-necked Avocet (2210 birds in March 1988) and Great Crested Grebe (190 birds in March 1988, DPaW unpublished data) (Jaensch *et al.* 1993; ANCA 1996). Lake Clifton is a component of the 'Peel-Yalgorup System', which is listed (Government of Western Australia 1990, 2000) as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' *Convention on Wetlands*. Clifton is also a component of the 'Yalgorup Lakes System', which is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

Corrigin 12900, also known as Paperbark Swamp (Corrigin): Water levels were high in September and November 2013 and 2014, after six years of continuous drought, and its waters are again very fresh (<1ppt). Vegetated (meleleuca) freshwater swamps such as 'Corrigin 12900' are now rare in the inland agricultural conservation estate. The extent and density of large canopies of *Melaleuca strobophylla* showed little change from 1962 to 2001 (Lyons *et al.* 2007).

A total of 13 waterbird species, including seven breeding species, were recorded during 11 surveys in 1999-2006. Breeding here is promoted by the melaleuca canopy and a high abundance of aquatic invertebrates (Cale & Halse 2006n; see also Cale & Halse 2004n and Cale *et al.* 2004). 'Corrigin 12900' has been nominated (Elscot *et al.* 2009) for listing in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

Crackers (Dandaragan): Crackers has become more saline, particularly since 2006. Salinities in recent years have been predominantly in the fresh (1<3ppt), rather than very fresh (<1ppt), category. Crackers' extensive lake floor vegetation could be under threat. For an account of the interesting hydrological history of this wetland, see Lane *et al.* (2004). Cryptic species recorded nesting at Crackers during 1981-85 included Buff-banded Rail *Gallirallus philipensis*, Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla* and Spotless Crake *Porzana tabuensis* (Jaensch *et al.* 1988, p.80).

**Davies (Augusta-Margaret River):** Salinities have risen since 2000, after a period of eight years (1993–2000) of little change preceded by an apparent rise in earlier years (monitoring began in 1991). This wetland is now at the high end of fresh (1<3ppt). The possible causes of this rise, and the impacts on flora and fauna, have been the subject of work by Davies

(2010), who concluded that decreased rainfall may be a factor and that saline groundwater may be intruding at the western (caravan park and ocean) end of the lake, possibly due to increased groundwater pumping in recent years. September and November 2014 salinities were at record levels (2.81 & 2.88ppt respectively).

For detailed accounts of the flora, vegetation, water chemistry, macroinvertebrates, fish, frogs and waterbirds of Lake Davies in the early 1990s, see Robinson (1992), ARL (1992) and Jaensch (1992a,b; 1993a,b).

**Dobaderry (Beverley):** Dobaderry was dry in both September and November of 2010. Much of the lake floor vegetation (≈ 1m tall *Melaleuca lateritia*) appeared severely stressed (compare Photos 52 & 51) and indications at the time were that this was due to drought. In 2011 the lake floor was inundated and by November 2011 the vegetation was recovering. In 2012 Dobaderry was dry again in both monitoring months and the lake floor vegetation was again severely stressed. In subsequent years the lake floor vegetation has alternated between appearing highly stressed and new growth indicating partial recovery (Photo 53).

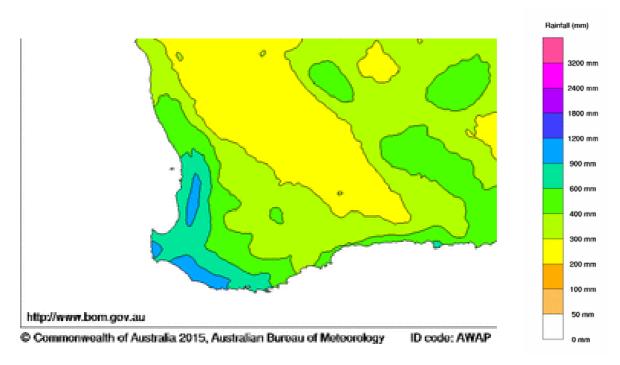


Figure 2. Rainfall (mm) recorded in the 12 month period from 01 Nov 2013 to 31 Oct 2014

**Dumbleyung (Dumbleyung / Wagin):** Dumbleyung last overflowed in 1983, following the post-cyclonic rains (Cyclone Bruno) of January 1982 and heavy winter rains the following year. Since 1983, there have been only three substantial filling events, in 1988, 1993 and 2005. In most years the waters of Dumbleyung are hypersaline (≥50ppt), but in years of major inflow, September and November salinities may fall as low as 13ppt. In 2014, September and November water levels were low (≤0.75m) and salinities were again hypersaline. Bathymetric surveys arranged and assisted by SWWMP staff in April 2001 indicate that Dumbleyung overflows at 4.42m (258.10mAHD), at which level the stored volume of the lake is ≈ 190 million cubic metres. It has been reported that floods in February 1995 'washed a metre or more off the bank on the Wagin [western] side' and that, as a consequence, Dumbleyung 'is no longer as deep as it used to be' (Anon. 1976). The same article also suggests that Dumbleyung was 'a rushy freshwater natural bird sanctuary at about ... [1900]'.

In March 1985,  $\approx$  24,800 waterbirds were counted on Dumbleyung, including 10,500 Eurasian Coot. The depth at the time was 2.75m and the salinity 40ppt (see also Appendix 3). A total of 20 waterbird species, including five breeding species, were recorded in 2005 after the lake partially filled. Grey Teal (2500 birds in autumn 2005), Hoary-headed Grebe *Poliocephalus poliocephalus* (809 birds) and Black Swan (479) were the most abundant species (Cale & Halse 2006j). Dumbleyung Lake is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Egret (Harvey):** Egret's pH values were exceptionally low ( $\approx$  3 pH units) from 1985 to 1989. From 1992 to 2007 they were mainly within the range 5–7. Since 2008 they have again been low, ranging from 3 to 4 pH units. Salinities were <1.5ppt in the 1980s and 1990s, but have been higher ( $\approx$  2–4ppt) in recent years. The causes of these changes have not been investigated.

This wetland, also known as Australind Egret Swamp, was a significant breeding site for Great Egret *Ardea modesta* (15–16 breeding pairs during 1986-88), Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* and Nankeen Night Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus* in the 1980s (Jaensch *et al.* 1988; Jaensch & Vervest 1989).

**Esperance 26410 (Esperance):** This Flat-topped Yate *Eucalyptus occidentalis* lake has previously been reported as having a narrow inner zone of dead trees, with some regeneration (Jaensch *et al.* 2009, Clarke *et al.* 2011). Those deaths could have been due to salinity or perhaps to prolonged inundation as occurred for example in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Salinities have been rising and similar-depth salinity comparisons (e.g. 2013 with 1989 and 2014 with several earlier years, see graphs) indicate a very substantial increase in salt load. Water levels have been exceptionally high over the past five years and it seems likely that further tree deaths are occurring.

**Forrestdale (Armadale):** September and November water levels have trended downwards since the early 1990s, however salinities have remained mainly fresh (1<3ppt). Lower water levels have facilitated the spread of bulrush *Typha orientalis* in shallow parts of the lake (Photo 37). The record high salinity in November 2012 was probably due to the very low water level (near 0.00m) at which the sample was taken, i.e. at maximum evapoconcentration.

Forrestdale Lake at times supports large numbers of waterbirds, e.g.  $\approx 22,200$  in Jan 1986 and  $\geq 1\%$  of the national populations of Red-capped Plover *Charadrius ruficapillus*, Black-winged Stilt, Red-necked Avocet, Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta* and Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* (ANCA 1996) and on this basis is jointly listed with Thomsons Lake (see below) as a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar *Convention on Wetlands*. Forrestdale Lake is also listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Gore** (**Esperance**): Gore's September and November water levels have been more consistent during the past 18 years (1997–2014 inclusive) than in the preceding 18 years (1979–1996 inclusive), whereas Mortijinup's (10 km east) water levels have declined since monitoring began in 2000. Gore's September and November salinities have been relatively stable and within a narrower range from 2002 onwards.

Lake Gore supports almost one third of the world population of Hooded Plover (1600 in Jan 1995) and is one of the most important moulting sites for Australian Shelduck in Western Australia (12,000 in Nov 1986) and a drought refuge for these and other waterbirds (≈ 29,300 birds in March 1988). A brief 'resource condition report', describing the location, water quality, biota and threats at Gore, has been prepared (DEC 2009a). Lake Gore is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' *Convention on Wetlands*. Gore is also a component of the 'Lake Gore System', which is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Guraga (Dandaragan):** September and November water levels have declined since their peak of  $\approx 3$ m in 1999 and 2000 and have been consistently low (0.65–0.00m) for the past eight years (2007-2014). This is the longest period of continuously low water levels since monitoring began more than three decades ago.

In the 1980s, Guraga was a particularly important site for waterbirds, with 27,700 birds of 22 species being counted in October 1985 (Jaensch *et al.* 1988, p.260). A 'resource condition report', describing the location, values, climate, geology, soils, hydrology, biota, ecological interactions, threats and knowledge gaps at Guraga, has been prepared (DEC 2009b). Guraga is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Harvey 12632 (Harvey):** Water levels have trended downwards from a peak of  $\approx 1.6$ m in the early 1990s, and in 2010 'Harvey 12632' was dry in September and November for the first time since monitoring began in 1980. Salinities rose over the same period. In September 2011 a marked change in vegetation was evident. Much of the fringing vegetation was stressed, dying or dead, however there were many well-established young shrubs growing on the shallowly-inundated, peaty lake floor (see Photo 54). These shrubs have since flourished (Photo 55).

The pattern of water level change at 'Harvey 12632' since the early 1990s is similar in appearance to that of Clifton ( $\approx$  20km NNW). Nine Mile (28 km N) has shown a similar downward trend over a longer period (1983–2014).

**Hinds (Wongan-Ballidu):** There was an exceptional filling event (to >4m) in 1999 and it took 2–3 years for water levels to decline to 'normal' (for the period 1979–2014). There have been no major filling events since 1999. Note that this wetland was not monitored from 1992 (when recreational duck hunting in Western Australia was banned) to 1996 (when the WA Salinity Action Plan was launched) (See Section 2 of Lane *et al.* 2004 for the relevant history). The 2009–2011 September and November salinities of  $\approx$  335ppt were far above those of the flood year of 1999 ( $\approx$  16ppt). Samples of the still-hypersaline waters were not taken during 2012–2014 due to the treacherous nature of the shallowly-inundated mud.

Hinds does not need to be near-full to support many waterbirds. Comprehensive surveys during 1981-85 produced a maximum count of  $\approx$  9600 waterbirds (Oct 1983), including 8000 Banded Stilt *Cladorhynchus leucocephalus* and 1502 Red-necked Avocet. There were also 31 Gull-billed Terns *Gelochelidon nilotica* with 21 nests and eggs. This species rarely breeds in the south-west (Jaensch *et al.* 1988).

**Jandabup (Wanneroo):** September and November pH values returned to 'normal' (for the periods 1983–1997 and 2000–2014) following their fall to low levels (pH 4–5) in 1998 and 1999. This temporary acidification initially followed (lag of

one year) and then coincided with a period of 2–3 years of lower water levels and prolonged drying of the lake bed and is thought to have possibly been due to the oxidation of sulfur compounds from one or more sources (Sommer & Horwitz 2001). Pumping of groundwater was recommenced in summer 1999/2000 (it had ceased in autumn 1996) because minimum water level criteria were not reached during the preceding two summers. This prevented the wetland from drying in summer 1999/2000 (Sommer & Horwitz *op. cit.*). Recent advice from Water Corporation is that the Lake Jandabup recharge scheme began in April 1989 and that recharge in each of the years 1994/95-2013/14 ranged  $0.4-1.6GL^1$  (except in 1996/97-1998/99 when there was no recharge), with recharge usually timed to occur from early summer to early winter (J. Miotti, pers. comm., 03/06/2015). Assuming a near-full lake surface area of  $\approx 2 \text{km}^2$ , these recharge volumes are roughly equivalent to lake water level increments of 0.2 m or more, with the maximum theoretical increment being 0.8 m (1.6 GL) in 2010/11 (Nov-Jul), 2010 being a year of exceptionally low rainfall.

Since 2000, September and November pH values have generally been within the normal range, despite water levels in several years being at or below those of 1997–1999. This wetland has remained very fresh (<1ppt) throughout the entire period of monitoring.

Lake Jandabup was surveyed for waterbirds on 43 occasions during 1981-85. A total of 43 species were recorded, including seven breeding species. The highest single count was  $\approx 4400$  birds in March 1983. Particularly noteworthy were two records of the threatened (and cryptic) Australasian Bittern, breeding by the Australian Little Bittern *Ixobrychus dubius* and a count of  $\approx 3000$  Red-capped Plover in March 1983 (Jaensch *et al.* 1988).

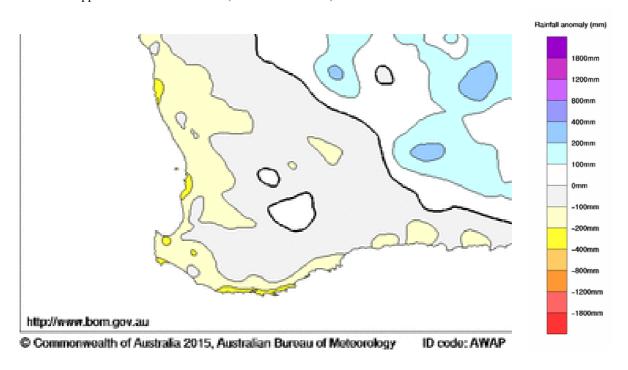


Figure 3. Rainfall anomalies (mm above or below average) in the 12 month period from 01 Nov 2013 to 31 Oct 2014

**Jasper** (Nannup): Jasper's salinities have ranged 0.15–0.25ppt from 1985 to 2002 and 0.25–0.35ppt from 2006 to 2014. Similar-depth salinity comparisons (2009 with 1999 & 2000, 2011 with 2002, 2012 with 1987, 2013 with 1988 and 2014 with 1985, 2001 & 2008, see graphs) strongly suggest that Jasper's salt load has also increased.

Our measurements at Jasper indicate that, at 9–10m, this is the second-deepest of all SWWMP wetlands, with Yeagarup, at >10m, being the deepest. This comparison is complicated however, by the fact that probing of a peat deposit in the southeast corner of Jasper in 1995 by divers with steel rods resulted in an alternative depth estimation of 16m (Dortch 1996).

For detailed accounts of the flora, vegetation, water chemistry, macroinvertebrates, fish, frogs and waterbirds of Lake Jasper in the early 1990s, see Robinson (1992), ARL (1992), Jaensch (1992a,b; 1993a,b). Jasper is a component of the 'Gingilup-Jasper Wetland System', which is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 1GL = 1 gigalitre = 1 billion litres = 1 million cubic metres.

**Jerdacuttup** (**Ravensthorpe**): Water levels (0.0–4.5m) and salinities (5–250ppt) of Jerdacuttup continue to oscillate markedly over 5–15 year time periods, there being a strong inverse relationship between these two parameters in this wetland. Changes as great as these have profound effects on usage by waterbirds. During the period 1981-85, when water levels were mainly <1.0m, the highest number of birds counted was 429 (in Sept 1983). In 1986-87, when the water level was ≈ 3.0m, many additional species and breeding species were recorded and some counts of individual species, e.g. Eurasian Coot (2500), Grey Teal (650) and Black Swan (600), were higher than the previous maximum count for all species combined. A count of 100 Crested Grebe, with some breeding, was also particularly noteworthy (Jaensch *et al.* 1988, p.273).

**Joondalup** (**Joondalup**): September and November water levels have been fairly stable around 2.5–2.7m since 1998, following earlier periods at  $\approx 3.0$ m (1981–1990 and 1995 & 1996) and  $\approx 3.5$ m (1992 & 1993). September and November salinities remain very fresh (<1ppt) in most years.

During 1981-85, Lake Joondalup supported very high numbers of waterbird species (51) and breeding species (17), and a high number of individuals (≈ 6600 in March 1984). The most abundant species were Eurasian Coot (4436), Red-necked Avocet (1200) and Black Swan (961 birds) (Jaensch *et al.* 1988). Joondalup is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Logue (Carnamah):** This wetland was dry in September and November 2014 and has been dry / near dry for 10 of the past 11 years (there was sufficient water in September 2009 to support many birds). This is an exceptionally long period for Logue, which has been monitored under SWWMP for 35 years. There has been no major input of water to this wetland since 1999, when it filled to  $\approx 4.0$ m. Healthy *Casuarina* (predominantly) and *Melaleuca* trees and saplings, previously restricted to the lake margins, are now encroaching and scattered in low numbers on small areas of the lake floor (Photos 56–59). A count in March 1989 revealed 6420 waterbirds (Halse *et al.* 1990). The depth at that time is estimated (on the basis of Sept & Nov 1998 depths and monitoring at two month intervals from May 1979 to May 1985, J. Lane unpublished data) to have been  $\approx 0.85$ m, a level not reached since early 2002.

Forty-five waterbird species were recorded on Logue during 15 surveys in 1997-2005, the highest number of species for any of the 25 wetlands in the State Salinity Strategy biological monitoring program (Cale & Halse 2006m; see also Cale *et al.* 2004). Abundance is also, at times, high, with more than 20,000 waterbirds being recorded in 2002 (Cale & Halse 2004l). A 'resource condition report', describing the location, values, climate, geology, soils, hydrology, biota, ecological interactions, threats and knowledge gaps at Logue, has been prepared (DEC 2009c). Logue is a component of the 'Lake Logue-Indoon System', which is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Maringup** (Manjimup): During the past two decades of monitoring, September and November salinities of this deep (>6m), very fresh (<1ppt) wetland have varied within a narrow range ( $\approx 0.2$ –0.3ppt). Prior to 2013, September and November depths oscillated between 6.0m and 6.6m, with no clear trend. In September 2013 the water level was at a 20 year maximum (6.83m) and flooding of the access track prevented collection of water samples. The 2013 water levels were determined by later download from a continuous recorder installed in April 2012.

For detailed accounts of the flora, vegetation, water chemistry, macroinvertebrates, fish, frogs and waterbirds of Maringup in the early 1990s, see Robinson (1992), ARL (1992) and Jaensch (1992a,b; 1993a,b). Maringup is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**McLarty** (**Murray**): September and November water levels have fluctuated markedly during the period of monitoring (1993–2014) with the long term trend being downwards. Salinities are mainly <4ppt, with occasional values approaching 12ppt when water levels are lowest. The water supplementation referred to in DEC (2008) is apparently of nearby Lake Mealup, not McLarty (Alan Wright, pers. comm., 12/3/2015).

Burbidge & Craig (1996) assessed Lake McLarty as meeting several criteria for listing as a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention in its own right (it is currently listed as part of the Peel-Yalgorup System) on the basis of a total count of  $\approx 27,700$  waterbirds in February 1996 and internationally significant numbers of four species of shorebirds. McLarty is a component of the 'Lake McLarty System' listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Muir** (Manjimup): September ( $\approx 0.4$ m) and November ( $\approx 0.2$ m) 2010 water levels were the lowest in at least 35 years and far below the level ( $\approx 4.0$ m) at which this 4600 ha lake would overflow into the Deep River, an event that is thought to have last occurred around 1900–1901 (pers. comm. Ash Muir via Roger Hearn, 07 August 2009). During the past four years water levels have recovered somewhat, to  $\approx 0.6$ m in 2014. As previously noted (Lane *et al.* 2004), from 1979 to 1989 SWWMP monitoring of Muir was undertaken at the northern end of the lake, near the discharge point of a seasonally-inflowing drain. From 1990 onwards all monitoring has been undertaken at a more satisfactory, deeper-water location near the eastern shoreline, away from surface drainage discharge points.

In March 1989,  $\approx$  52,000 waterbirds were counted on Lake Muir (Halse *et al.* 1990), a number rarely surpassed at other wetlands (very few) in south-western Australia. The water level four months previously was 1.31m, the highest September

or November water level recorded in any of the past 35 years. Lake Muir is a component of the 'Muir-Byenup System', which is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' *Convention on Wetlands*. Lake Muir is also listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

Nine Mile (Murray): The pronounced downward trend in water levels, which began at a peak of  $\approx 2.0$ m in 1983, has perhaps 'stabilised' at around  $\approx 0.3$ m in recent years. Salinities have remained mainly within the range 0.2–0.5ppt over the entire period of monitoring and are 'very fresh'. 'Harvey 12632' (28 km south) has shown a similar downward trend in water levels since 1991 but, unlike Nine Mile, its salinities have been rising. The decline in water levels at Nine Mile has resulted in the spread of bulrush *Typha orientalis* and the consequent loss of most of the lake's open water area and changes in use by waterbirds (Jaensch *et al.* 2009; Clarke *et al.* 2011).

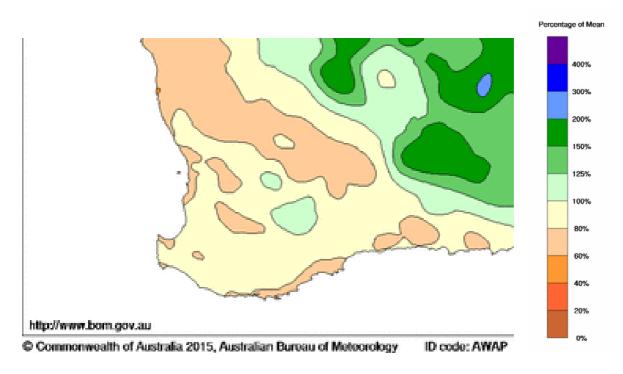


Figure 4. Rainfall percentages for the 12 month period from 01 Nov 2013 to 31 Oct 2014.

**Noobijup** (**Cranbrook**): September and November depths (0.35m) and pH values  $(\approx 4.5)$  remained low in 2014. Similar declines (and recoveries) in pH have been observed at nearby Unicup and Yarnup (see below) and also at distant Jandabup (see above). Recent hydrogeological investigation and modelling indicates that the lake bed sediments of Noobijup are particularly vulnerable to drying out under predicted drying climate scenarios. Removal of blue gum *Eucalyptus globulus* plantations is also likely to impact the lake's hydrology (Wroe 2011). In January 2015, Noobijup was burnt by a 200ha wildfire, thought to have been caused by a lightning strike. In 1998, this wetland had high invertebrate species richness, including a large suite of microcrustacean species with a preference for fresh to brackish water (Cale *et al.* 2004).

Noobijup and other peat-substrate wetlands in the Muir-Byenup system face a number of threats including declining rainfall, salinization, acidification and wildfires. In 2015 a three year investigation into the hydrodynamics and hydrogeochemistry of the Byenup, Tordit-Gurrup, Poorginup and Noobijup wetlands was initiated (Rockwater 2015, Rutherford, in prep.).

**Noonying (Tammin):** This wetland has been dry or very shallow (<0.2m) in most Septembers and Novembers for the past 14 years (2001–2014). This is an exceptionally long period for Noonying. From 1979 to 1990, and possibly to 1999 (there was a gap in monitoring from 1992 to 1996), Noonying water levels were often in the range 1.0–1.4m. In the early 1980s there were many living trees (casuarina) and low shrubs (melaleuca) in Noonying (Jaensch *et al.* 1988), however these have all since died (Halse *et al.* 1993), due to salinization and possibly waterlogging.

**Pillenorup** (**Plantagenet**): Water levels in this large and relatively pristine wetland on the south side of the Stirling Ranges fell from a flood level of  $\approx 2.7$ m in September-November 2005 to 0.0m (i.e. dry) in 2010. As the water levels fell, salinities rose, from 0.2ppt in 2005 to 2.6ppt in 2009. The four (2005–2009) or so years of continuous inundation resulted in

extensive death of tall and low sedges (*Baumea* spp.?) on the lake floor. In September 2010 some sedge regeneration was occurring, mainly on shallower parts of the floor. Most of the melaleucas and eucalypts on the lake floor and margins appeared to have survived the prolonged immersion, however some loss of vigour was apparent. In September 2012, melaleuca seedlings ( $\approx 0.1$ m tall) were noticeable over a large area of the central lake floor. Further changes have occurred since, however these have not been mapped. Use of Pillenorup by waterbirds and other aquatic fauna is largely unknown.

**Pleasant View (Albany):** September and November water levels of Pleasant View have oscillated between 0.1-2.2m and salinities have mainly been within the range 0.2-0.9ppt (exceptionally to 1.6ppt) over the past 35 years (monitoring began in 1979). In 2013 water levels were mid-range ( $\approx 1.1m$ ) and salinities were low ( $\approx 0.2ppt$ ). Similar-depth salinity comparisons (e.g. 2014 with 1996, 2004, 2007, 2011 & 2012, see graphs) show no evidence of a salt load increase.

This remains a very fresh (<1ppt) wetland and an important breeding location for the threatened Australasian Bittern (Clarke *et al.* 2011). Australian Little Bitterns and Swamp Harriers *Circus approximans* have also been recorded breeding at Pleasant View, in December 1981 (Jaensch *et al.* 1988). In autumn 1984, when the lake was dry, a major fire occurred at Pleasant View, burning some of the rushland that is favoured by bitterns (Jaensch *et al. ibid.*). A total of 18 waterbird species was recorded during 12 surveys in 1999-2006 (Cale & Halse 2006p; see also 2004p). In spring 1999, sampling indicated this lake had a particularly rich invertebrate fauna (136 species; Cale *et al.* 2004). Pleasant View is a component of the 'Lake Pleasant View System', which is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Powell (Albany):** Powell is unusual among SWWMP wetlands in that in most years (but not 2014) its water level is higher in November than September. This is presumably a consequence of management arrangements for the surface water drainage network that it lies within. The September 2014 salinity of 2.84ppt was the highest September salinity since monitoring began in 1981, the second highest being 1.13ppt in 2008.

In the early 1980s, Lake Powell, also known as Grasmere Lake, supported a very high number of waterbird species (51), a moderate number of breeding species (7) and a high number of individual waterbirds (up to 2736 in a single survey, March 1984) (Jaensch *et al.* 1988). For detailed accounts of the flora, vegetation, water chemistry, macroinvertebrates, fish, frogs and waterbirds of Lake Powell in the early 1990s, see Robinson (1992), ARL (1992) and Jaensch (1992a,b; 1993a,b).

Range Road Yate (Kent): Despite being located in the inland agricultural region, an area of widespread secondary salinisation, Range Road Yate remains fresh (1<3ppt) to very fresh (<1ppt) in most years of full or partial filling, with no evidence of September and November salinities trending upwards over the past 15 years of monitoring. Nearby Yaalup (20km SW) similarly remains very fresh in most years.

**Shark** (Esperance): In our 1977–2010 report we wrote: 'This lake's water levels exhibit an unusual pattern ... with considerable variation from 1979 (the start of monitoring) to 1999, and relatively little since'. This was true until 2011, when water levels returned to the lows of pre-1999. Salinities in recent years have been at or near the upper limit (3ppt) of fresh and in 2014 were at record levels (≈ 3.6ppt). Similar-depth salinity comparisons (e.g. 2014 with 1983, 1997 & 2012 and 2013 with 1985, 1988 & 1998, see graphs) indicate this wetland's salt load is increasing. At the time of the most recently reported assessments, this wetland was an important habitat for waterbirds, including species particularly sensitive to the loss of fringing and emergent vegetation (Jaensch *et al.* 2009, Clarke *et al.* 2011).

**Taarblin South and Taarblin North (Narrogin):** The 1983 filling (to 2.4m) of this large, formerly 'live-treed', now mainly 'dead-treed', lake near the northern (upper) end of the Blackwood River catchment was a 1 in 36 year — and possibly longer — event and was partly due to 'an artificial levee at the outlet creek' (Jaensch *et al.* 1988). For the remainder of the period 1979–2014, September and November water levels in the southern basin (Taarblin South) have mostly been within the range 0.0–0.5m, though they did reach  $\approx 0.9$ m in September 1996. High resolution, aerial oblique photography taken in 2010 (see Photo 35 & Table 8) shows long, narrow bands of living trees (Swamp Sheoak *Casuarina obesa*) on elevated ground within this basin. The same or similar clumps were present in the early 1980s (Jaensch *et al.*, *ibid.*). The northern basin (Taarblin North), which has only fringing casuarina, receives pumped saline groundwater from bores in the bed of Toolibin (Durell *et al.* 2010).

Taarblin supports large numbers of waterbirds when inundated (e.g.  $\approx$  4200 in Feb 1984, Jaensch *et al.*, *ibid.*) and in earlier times was popular for recreational duck-shooting.

**Thomsons (Cockburn):** Water supply to this Ramsar-listed wetland has been supplemented by diversion of surface drainage each winter-spring since and including 2004 (DEC 2009d). Supplementation is intended '... to help ensure that water levels remain adequate for the protection of the reserve's Ramsar values and water bird habitat, and to enable the fledgling cygnets to survive at the lake until they are able to fly' (CALM 2005) and is subject to a specific plan (CALM 2004). In years 2009–2014, supplementation was 15 July – 30 Nov, 14 July – 15 Sept, 18 July – 19 Sept, 11 July – 27 Sept, 17 July – 17 Sept and 15 July – 15 Sept respectively (DEC 2012; Anon. 2013, 2014; Catherine Prideaux, pers. comm., 13Mar2015). The level of public and private compliance with minimum water level criteria for Thomsons Lake, which is impacted by a variety of factors including rainfall, stormwater disposal and groundwater pumping from the Jandakot Mound, is reported annually by the Water Corporation to the EPA (CALM 2005).

Surveys in the 1980s revealed use by very large numbers of waterbirds, e.g. 5200 Eurasian Coot and 4500 Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*, with a total count of 14,700 birds in March 1985. The threatened Australasian Bittern was also regularly recorded (Jaensch *et al.* 1988). Thomsons is jointly listed with Forrestdale Lake (see above) as a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar *Convention on Wetlands*. Thomsons Lake is also listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Toolibin (Wickepin):** This iconic wetland (Hooper & Wallace 1994) has now been dry / near-dry in September and November each year for 15 years (2000–2014). This is an unusually long period for Toolibin (at least in the past 35 years) and is due to a combination of drier years and diversion of higher-salinity surface flows away from the lake (Jones *et al.* 2009). The recent slow spread of casuarinas and melaleucas onto the floor of the mainly fresh (1<3ppt) Lake Logue (Carnamah) makes an interesting comparison with their post-1960s decline on the floor of Toolibin.

In the 1980s, Lake Toolibin was a particularly important breeding site for waterbirds, with 22 breeding species recorded, including Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*, White-necked Heron *Ardea pacifica*, Great Egret *Ardea modesta*, Nankeen Night-Heron, Yellow-billed Spoonbill and Freckled Duck *Stictonetta naevosa* (Jaensch *et al.* 1988). Persistence of live trees and shrubs and periodic inundation are both essential for the maintenance of waterbird breeding species diversity at this site (Halse 1987), which was listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar *Convention on Wetlands* in 1990 (Government of Western Australia 1990, 2000). Toolibin is also listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

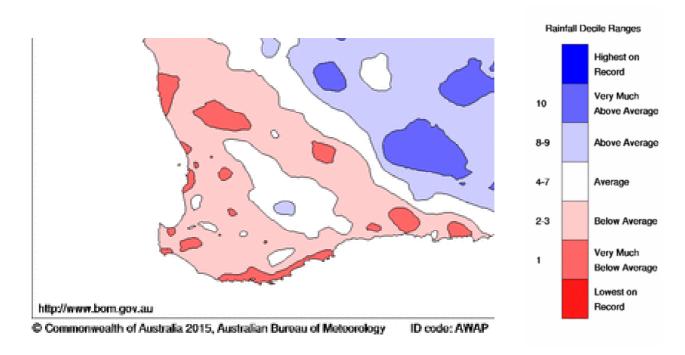


Figure 5. Rainfall deciles for the 12 month period from 01 Nov 2013 to 31 Oct 2014.

**Tordit-Gurrup** (Manjimup): As is the case with nearby (and hydrologically-connected) Byenup (see above), there is a pronounced inverse relationship between water levels and salinities of Tordit-Gurrup. Water levels and pH have plummeted to record lows ( $\approx 0.9$ m and  $\approx 3$  pH units) in recent years and salinities have risen dramatically (from  $\approx 1$ ppt to  $\approx 5.5$ ppt). The ecological values of this Ramsar-listed wetland are under threat. Peat fires have occurred at Tordit-Gurrup when water levels have been particularly low, e.g. in 1987-88 (Oct-Feb) and in 2013 (Nov-?).

In December 1982 there was an exceptionally large number (≈ 12,000) of Australian Shelduck on Tordit-Gurrup Lagoon and it was thought that this was due to nearby Lake Muir drying earlier than usual (Jaensch *et al.* 1988, p.77) (see graph elsewhere in this report of Muir's depth fluctuations over the past 35 years). The threatened Australasian Bittern was recorded at Tordit-Gurrup during the 1981-85 surveys and in 1986-87 (Jaensch *et al. ibid.;* Jaensch & Vervest 1988a). Tordit-Gurrup is a component of the 'Muir-Byenup System', which is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' *Convention on Wetlands*, and is also a component of the 'Byenup Lagoon System' listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

Tordit-Gurrup and other peat-substrate wetlands in the Muir-Byenup system face a number of threats including declining rainfall, salinization, acidification and wildfires. In 2015 a three year investigation into the hydrodynamics and hydrogeochemistry of the Byenup, Tordit-Gurrup, Poorginup and Noobijup wetlands was initiated (Rockwater 2015, Rutherford, in prep.).

**Towerrinning (West Arthur):** High water levels (3.0–3.5m) and relatively low salinities (5–10ppt) have been achieved in Towerrinning in most years since remedial engineering works were undertaken in 1993 and 1994 (see Lane *et al.* 2004, pp. 48–49 for more history).

This is a popular lake for water-based recreational activities, particularly water-skiing, and also supports significant waterbird populations (35 species, including 14 breeding species) and high numbers of Blue-billed Duck in particular (370 birds in July 1983) (Jaensch *et al.* 1988). A total of 38 waterbird species were recorded during 15 surveys in 1997-2006 (Cale & Halse 2006c). Cale (2013b) has since reported a peak count of 535 Blue-billed Ducks and a noteworthy 849 Hardhead *Aythya australis* (in Aug 1997, Cale *et al.* 2004). Water-skiing is currently restricted to part of the lake (Department of Transport<sup>1</sup> website, 08/06/2015) to reduce conflict with waterbirds.

Unicup (Cranbrook): pH values rose after the major filling event (to ≈ 2.1m) of 1988 and were consistently within the range 7–9 pH units from 1991 to 2012. Prior to 1988, values were generally within the range 4–6. Gibson *et al.* (2004) reported a 'major collapse' of Jointed Twig-rush *Baumea articulata* in a Unicup (and nearby Yarnup, see below) vegetation monitoring quadrat between October 1997 and October 2002, with cover abundance scores changing from 30–70% to 2–10%. These authors did not identify the cause of the collapse, but did point to 'a marked decline in water depth [to ≈ 1.0m] — and increase in salinity [to ≈ 10ppt] — of Lake Unicup in 2001 and 2002'. Water levels were ≈ 0.3m in September and November of 2012–2014. These are the lowest levels recorded since the major filling event of 1988. During the past five years Unicup's September and November salinities have ranged 9–22ppt and pH values have trended downwards from ≈ 8 to ≈ 6. Water-skiing was permitted in Unicup in the 1980s (Jaensch *et al.* 1988).

Unicup is a component of the 'Byenup Lagoon System', which is listed in the Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia.

**Walbyring (Wickepin):** This wetland has been dry in September and November each year for the past five years (2010–2014). This is the longest period of being continuously dry in these months in 36 years of monitoring. Encouragingly, recent high resolution, oblique aerial photography captured under SWWMP (see Table 8) shows many apparently-healthy casuarina trees growing at and near the middle of this secondarily-salinised lake.

Wannamal (Gingin): September and November water levels of this wetland are within the range 1.2–1.6m in most years and salinities are usually <15ppt. The 2010 recordings of  $\approx$  0.6–0.3m and 26–94ppt were the lowest and highest respectively since monitoring began in 1979. An appallingly nauseating odour encountered by JL while sampling Wannamal in November 2010 seemed to be coming from recently-exposed damp muds near the eastern shoreline. After returning to normal values in 2011, the September water level declined to a new record low (0.6m) in 2012 and the September salinity rose to a record high (34ppt), while pH values were at 25 year lows. All were normal / near normal in 2013 and 2014.

In the early 1980s, Wannamal supported a high number of waterbird species (45), a very high number of breeding species (17, including Freckled Duck *Stictonetta naevosa*) and a high number of individual waterbirds (up to 4200 in a single survey, Nov 1984) (Jaensch *et al.* 1988). Wannamal is a component of the 'Wannamal Lakes System', which is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

Warden (Esperance): 1999–2009 was an exceptionally long period of continuously high water levels ( $\approx 2.0$ –2.7m) for Warden and was due to a combination of catchment clearing (resulting in increased run-off and groundwater rise; Marimuthu *et al.* 2005) and extreme rainfall events (Kusumastuti 2006). Robertson & Massenbauer (2005) considered that rises in groundwater levels started directly impacting the wetlands by prolonging inundation from about 1986 onwards. Engineering works were considered essential to reduce Warden's water levels and thereby recover shorebird habitat and degraded riparian vegetation (Walshe & Massenbauer 2008). Water levels declined by  $\approx 0.6$ m from Nov 2009 to Nov 2010 and this was thought to be partly due to artificial lowering of water levels in Wheatfield (see below), to which Warden is hydrologically-connected via Windabout and Woody Lakes (pers. comm. J. Lizamore, 05 January 2011). In 2012 and 2014 September and November water levels declined to levels ( $\approx 0.75$ m) not seen since the late 1990s and salinities<sup>2</sup> rose to levels not seen since the early 1980s.

http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/marine/MAC-M-WaterSki\_InlandWaterDamsLakes4.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Salinities in this report have been determined by conversion from conductivity measurements, using the formula of Williams (1986) for samples or (for samples >100 mScm<sup>-1</sup>) diluted sub-samples with conductivities in the range 5–100 mScm<sup>-1</sup> at 25°C (equivalent to salinities 3–70 gL<sup>-1</sup>, expressed in this and previous reports as 'ppt'). In the case of Lake Warden, former Recovery Catchment Officer J. Lizamore has advised (pers. comm., June 2015) that much higher salinities (and TDS values) would have been obtained for at least hypersaline waters if alternative and/or enhanced methods of determination had been used. This may be addressed in a future report.

Recent publications relating to studies and management of Warden include Pinder & Lizamore (2012), Pinder *et al.* (2012, 2013), Lizamore *et al.* (2013) and Higbid *et al.* (2014). Warden is a component of the 'Lake Warden System', which is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' *Convention on Wetlands*. Warden is also a component of the 'Lake Warden System' listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Warrinup** (**Cranbrook**): In the eight years prior to the filling event (to  $\approx 1.1$ m) of 1988, September and November water levels did not exceed 0.3m. Post-1988, levels have generally been higher than 0.3m, frequently exceeding 0.4m and occasionally exceeding 0.8m, perhaps indicating a shift in the hydrological balance of this still 'very fresh' (<1ppt) swamp.

Wheatfield (Esperance): A gravitational pipeline constructed in February-March 2009 is being used to lower water levels in Wheatfield, which is hydrologically-connected (at various cease-to-flow levels) to Woody, Windabout and Warden Lakes. Since construction, this 850m long, 368mm ID pipeline has been open from Apr 2009 to Jan 2010, May-Dec 2010, May-Aug 2011, Sep 2011 to Feb 2012, Jun 2012 to Jan 2013 and Jun 2013 to Feb 2014. Estimated discharges to a nearby tidal creek in each of these periods ranged  $\approx 0.1$ –0.9GL (Lizamore 2015).

Cale *et al.* (2011) have reported results of biodiversity monitoring of Wheatfield from 1997–2009 under the State Salinity Strategy. Whereas Jaensch *et al.* (1988) had recorded 31 species (3 breeding) and a maximum count of  $\approx$  1200 birds during waterbird surveys of 1981-85, Cale *et al.* (ibid.) recorded 42 species (8 breeding) and a maximum count of  $\approx$  4500 birds (in autumn 1997). These increases may be due to a number of factors such as differences in survey methodologies, changes in water levels, movements of waterbirds between local waterbodies and regional changes in species distributions and abundances (Cale *et al.*, ibid.; see also Cale & Halse 2004t, 2006t and Cale *et al.* 2004). Wheatfield is part of the 'Lake Warden System' listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' *Convention on Wetlands* and is also part of the 'Lake Warden System' listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

White (Narrogin): The filling event (to  $\approx$  2m) of 1983 was perhaps a once in three decades event, like that of Taarblin, seven kilometers to the north-east. However, due to a gap in monitoring from 1985 to 1996, this is not known for certain. This lake has been dry / near dry every September and November for the past 15 years and possibly longer.

When inundated, White may support many waterbirds. In March 1984,  $\approx 8400$  individuals were counted, including 6000 Grey Teal. The depth at this time was  $\approx 1.2$ m and the salinity  $\approx 7$ ppt (Jaensch *et al.* 1988).

White Water (Corrigin): This wetland has been dry in September and November for the past seven years (2008–2014). This is the longest period of being continuously dry in at least these months in 34 years of monitoring.

In the early 1980s, White Water supported at least 32 species and seven breeding species of waterbirds, with a total of  $\approx$  3200 waterbirds being recorded in Sept 1982. A count of 150 Red-kneed Dotterel *Erythrogonys cinctus* in Nov 1984 and possible breeding by Freckled Duck in an area of flooded shrub thickets (melaleuca) and trees (casuarina) in spring 1983 (depth 2.0-1.7m, salinity  $\approx$  4ppt) were particularly noteworthy (Jaensch *et al.* 1988). White Water is a component of the 'Yealering Lakes System', which is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Yarnup** (Cranbrook): Yarnup's water levels and salinities reached their lowest ( $\approx 0.3$ –0.4m) and highest (8–13ppt) recorded values respectively in 2010 and since that year have shown limited improvement. Secondary salinisation of this formerly very fresh (<1ppt) wetland is evident from similar-depth salinity comparisons (e.g. 2012 & 2013 with 1987; 2009 with 1984, 1991 & 1996, and 2008 with 1985 & 1990, see graphs).

Yarnup's pH values, which are normally within the range 6–8 pH units, have been lower (3–5 pH units) during and immediately following some recent years (2001, 2007, 2010 and subsequently) of lower water levels. Despite record low water levels in 2010, pH values were within their usual range in spring of that year, but dropped to 3.8 in September 2011 and then partially recovered to 5.7 in November 2011 following unseasonal rains and a rise in water level. In 2013 pH values fell again to near-record (Sept) and record (Nov) levels (3.9 & 3.6 respectively) and in 2014 there was no improvement. Rising acid saline groundwater is a threat to this and other wetlands in the Muir-Unicup catchment (Smith & Hearn 2006).

In the 1980s, Yarnup supported the largest known breeding aggregation of Australian Little Bittern in south-western Australia (Jaensch *et al.* 1988). The species was not recorded during follow-up surveys in 2008/09, this change being attributed to major loss of suitable nesting vegetation (Jaensch *et al.* 2009). In 2009/10 there was some regeneration of sedge-infused, live shrub thicket *Melaleuca lateritia* and renewed nesting activity by Little Bitterns (Clarke *et al.* 2011), however the regeneration has not persisted and the renewed nesting activity has almost certainly ceased (ACl). Yarnup is a component of the 'Byenup Lagoon System', which is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

**Yeagarup** (Manjimup): Routine September and November monitoring of the depth, salinity and pH of Yeagarup began under SWWMP in 2011<sup>1</sup>. In March 2014, a bathymetric survey by authors AC and YW established that Yeagarup was

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The water level was measured relative to a fixed point on the boardwalk from 2011 until a bathymetric survey was conducted and depth gauge installed by AC and YW in March 2014.

>10m deep and therefore — peat deposits aside (see Jasper above) — the deepest of all SWWMP wetlands, both current and historical. September and November depths since 2011 have ranged 10.3–10.5m, somewhat less that the 10.8m measured two decades earlier by ARL (1992).

For detailed accounts of the flora, vegetation, water chemistry, macroinvertebrates, fish, frogs and waterbirds of Yeagarup in the early 1990s, see Robinson (1992), ARL (1992) and Jaensch (1992a,b; 1993a,b).

**Yellilup (Jerramungup):** Salinities have risen dramatically since the mid 1990s when water levels began to fall following the exceptional filling event (to >4m) of 1988. The waters of Yellilup Lake (not to be confused with nearby Yellilup Swamp) were predominantly fresh (1<3ppt) prior to 1992, but by 2008 were hypersaline ( $\ge$ 50ppt). Similar-depth salinity comparisons, e.g. 2013 ( $\approx$  34ppt) with 1987 ( $\approx$  4ppt), indicate a massive increase in this lake's salt load (tonnes).

Prolonged inundation (1988 to 1994 and beyond) is thought to have been the primary cause of the extensive death of Flattopped Yates *Eucalyptus occidentalis* and melaleucas that once extended over a large part of the lake floor. These changes have had major consequences for use by waterbirds. Yellilup once supported heron, spoonbill, cormorant and duck species that breed in fresh-brackish, periodically-inundated, live-wooded swamps. However, due to the higher salinities and death of emergent vegetation, these sensitive species have almost entirely ceased breeding here. (Jaensch *et al.* 2009, Clarke *et al.* 2011). Yellilup Lake is a component of the 'Yellilup Yate Swamp System', which is listed in the *Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia*.

#### Rainfalls in 2014

Rainfalls in south-western Australia in the 12 months to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 ranged from <400mm to >900mm, with the highest falls being recorded on (Leeuwin–Naturaliste Capes) and near (Darling Range) the lower west coast, and on the western south coast (Fig. 2). Falls near the coast and in some areas (particularly northern) extending inland were more than 100-200mm below the long term average (Fig. 3). Some parts of the south-west received only 60-80% of average (Fig. 4). Rainfalls over most of the south west were in the lowest 20-30% of recorded values (i.e. deciles 2-3), while rainfalls in some areas were in the lowest 10% (i.e. decile 1) (Fig. 5). Only a small area in the lower-central inland agricultural area received above average falls (Figs. 3-5)

#### 3. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Readers are encouraged to view all Graphs (Albany 26385 to Yurine) of this report for other changes of possible interest or concern and perhaps for reassurance that, 37 years since commencement of SWWMP, while many wetlands are being impacted by declining rainfall, some clearly remain in good condition, at least in terms of the monitored key parameters.

Regional, District and specialist branch staff of the Department of Parks and Wildlife may find it useful to refer to Table 2 in order to readily identify monitored wetlands in their areas of management responsibility. Requests for data should be directed to <a href="mailto:im.lane@dpaw.wa.gov.au">im.lane@dpaw.wa.gov.au</a>.

#### Historical SWWMP wetlands

SWWMP depth gauges at the 53 historically-monitored wetlands (monitored under SWWMP at some time in the past but not currently; see Tables 1–3) are not maintained and many are now illegible or missing. Readers with a need to resume monitoring at one or more of these wetlands, even for a short period, are encouraged to contact SWWMP staff for details of the legally-protected Landgate<sup>1</sup> Bench Marks (local survey datums) at each of these wetlands so that new depth gauges, if needed, can be installed to the same elevations as those previously installed. Water level data 'continuity' can thereby be maintained.

#### Bathymetric mapping

Between 1997 and 2009, SWWMP staff, working with Landgate and contract surveyors, and with significant funding support from several DPaW Regions and Districts, mapped the bathymetry (lakebed and shoreline contours and inflow and outflow channels) of 19 SWWMP wetlands. In 2014, the beds of two SWWMP wetlands (Yeagarup and Yeagarup South) were mapped by authors AC and YW. An additional 18 SWWMP wetlands are known to have been mapped by others, in two cases (Byenup in 2009 and Tordit-Gurrup in 2011) with field assistance from SWWMP staff. A list of all 39 wetlands, together with their years of mapping, methods employed, products and custodians/sources is provided in Table 6.

Bathymetric mapping enables water surface areas, water volumes and salt loads (tonnes) to be calculated from measured depths and salinities and thereby assists in water balance and salt balance modelling and the assessment of likely impacts on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Formerly known as the WA Department of Land Information.

specific wetlands of drainage, diversion, pumping and storage proposals, proposed land use changes and predicted climate change. Requests for bathymetric maps of SWWMP wetlands should be directed in the first instance to <a href="mailto:jim.lane@dpaw.wa.gov.au">jim.lane@dpaw.wa.gov.au</a>. Funded requests to map the bathymetry of additional SWWMP wetlands, particularly wetlands of high conservation value under threat, are welcome. SWWMP Senior Technical Officer Alan Clarke has considerable experience in organising, supervising and conducting bathymetric surveys.

#### Aerial photography

High resolution, low altitude, aerial oblique photography is useful for mapping wetland vegetation, monitoring vegetation condition, planning and conducting biological surveys, planning recreational activities and facilities, and in interpretation and extension. During the period 2008–2012, 152 of the 157 SWWMP wetlands were flown and photographed with specialised camera equipment to obtain photographs suitable for these purposes. A sample of low resolution prints and enlargements is presented in this report (photos 17–24 & 32–50). Digital copies of original, high resolution photographs of any of the 152 wetlands (see Table 8 for a list) may be obtained by directing requests to <a href="mailto:jim.lane@dpaw.wa.gov.au">jim.lane@dpaw.wa.gov.au</a>

#### Continuous water level and rainfall recording

Commencing in June 2009, authors Clarke and Winchcombe installed continuous water level recorders and tipping-bucket rainfall gauges on 14 SWWMP wetlands ('Albany 27157', Big Boom, Broadwater, Chandala, Crackers, Davies, 'Esperance 26410', Gingilup, Maringup, McLarty, Mettler, Nine Mile, Pillenorup, Pleasant View). This equipment is being kept in operation at these locations for several years and then moved to other high conservation value SWWMP wetlands of special interest (e.g. for the specially-protected Australasian Bittern, see Appendix 4) and/or under threat. Collection of continuous water level and rainfall data in this manner will enable salt and water balance models<sup>1</sup> to be developed for these and other south-western Australian wetlands and will thereby assist in their conservation management. The data will also assist in development of an improved understanding of the likely consequences of predicted climate change, particularly rainfall decline, on wetlands of south-western Australia. In 2013 the water level recorders and rainfall gauges were removed from the five northern-most (Broadwater, Chandala, Crackers, McLarty and Nine Mile) of the 14 wetlands, due to resource constraints.

#### Trend analyses

This report has been prepared as the eighth in a series of annual reports aimed at putting the most-recent SWWMP data in front of readers in un-analysed form as soon as possible after data collection. Results and interpretations of statistical trend analyses are to be presented in other, less-frequent reports covering the longer time periods required to assess such trends.

#### Biological monitoring

The authors would like to draw readers' attention to the numerous reports and publications (see these listed under authors Cale, Gibson, Halse, Lyons, Pinder and Walker in the Reference section and in Appendix 1) concerning the fringing and emergent vegetation, waterbirds, aquatic invertebrates, groundwater and detailed water chemistry of the 25 SWWMP wetlands (shown in bold in Tables 1, 2, 4–8) that have been intensively monitored by other DEC/DPaW scientists and collaborators under the State Salinity Strategy. *Inter alia*, these studies have provided a basis for trialling a framework and indicators for wetland extent, distribution and condition in Western Australia (Sim *et al.* 2008).

#### Recreation and Threatened Species & Communities

Readers' attention is also drawn to Appendices 2 & 3, which relate to recreational use of SWWMP wetlands, and Appendix 4, concerning threatened vertebrate fauna and SWWMP wetlands.

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## **PHOTOS**



**Photo 1:** DPaW depth gauge 'D' at Lake Muir on 18Sep2008 read 0.74m.



**Photo 2:** DPaW depth gauge 'E' at Thomsons Lake on 04Aug2008 read 0.70m.



**Photo 3:** DPaW depth gauge 'A' at Lake Wilson on 03Nov2008 read 3.85m.



**Photo 4:** DPaW depth gauge 'A' at Parkeyerring Lake on 18Jul2008 read 0.40m.



**Photo 5:** DPaW depth gauge 'C' at Lake Clifton on 13Sep2008 read 4.30m.



**Photo 6:** DoW water level gauge at Gibbs Road Swamp on 04Aug2008 read 24.59mAHD

**Photographs 1–6: SWWMP Depth Gauges**. Each depth gauge consists of one or more 1.00m metal or plastic gauge plates attached to a metal or wooden post. The gauge plate markings are in 0.01m increments, with labelling at 0.10m intervals. Labels 1, 2, 3, etc., at the top of each depth gauge indicate the height in metres (i.e. 1.00m, 2.00m, etc.) at the top of the uppermost gauge plate. Labels A, B, C, etc., where present, identify individual depth gauges at each wetland.

DPaW gauge readings indicate the water depth at the deepest location in the wetland, even though gauges are usually not at the deepest location, but instead are closer to the shore, to facilitate viewing.

Readings are taken from Department of Water (DoW) gauges at several metropolitan wetlands. These DoW gauges indicate height above Australian Height Datum (mean sea level), which SWWMP personnel convert to wetland water depth.

Since 2007, the standard practice of SWWMP personnel when taking gauge readings has been to take a digital photograph of the gauge at the time of reading, so that all records may be checked and verified or corrected back in the office.



Photo 7: 'Munro Datum' (3.00m) at Lake Logue in Sep 2008.



**Photo 8:** 'Landgate' Bench Mark HZ929 at Thomsons Lake in Aug 2008.



**Photo 9:** 'Landgate' Witness Plate at Goonaping Swamp in Sep 2008.



**Photo 10:** 'Landgate' Bench Mark and Witness Plate at 'Cranbrook 25812' in Nov 2008.

# Photographs 7–10: SWWMP Datums and Bench Marks. Depth gauges installed prior to 1997 were surveyed to a nearby 'Munro Datum'; a block of concrete installed by former SWWMP Senior Technical Officer Don Munro for data security. Numbers on top of these Datums indicate the height (m) above the deepest location in the wetland.

Since 1997, legally-protected 'Landgate' (WA Department of Land Information) Bench Marks (BM's) have been installed at all except seven SWWMP wetlands and the gauges and Munro Datums have been surveyed to them. The BM's have since been surveyed to Australian Height Datum (mean sea level). BM installation and survey was a cooperative program of CALM/DEC and Landgate.



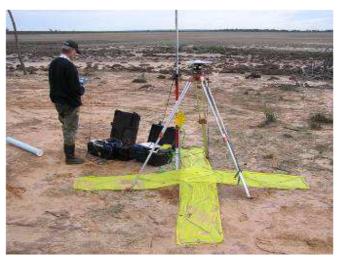
**Photo 11:** An amphibious vehicle is used to traverse the long distances involved in bathymetric survey of large dry or very shallow lakes. Steven Lowth, Lake Campion, 24May2004.



**Photo 12:** Vegetated lake beds and banks are traversed on foot. Brian Hugessen of Landgate, Byenup Lagoon, 26Mar2009.



**Photo 13:** Deeper wetlands are traversed by flat-bottomed punt. Lindsey Schuiling of Landgate, Byenup Lagoon, 22Mar2009.



**Photo 14:** Photogrammetric surveys require targets (e.g. yellow crosses) with accurately-known positions and elevations. Doug Hardman of Landgate, Mollerin Lake, 16Jun2004.



**Photo 15:** Thick vegetation may pose a challenge for surveyors. Brian Hugessen of Landgate, Byenup Lagoon, 30Mar2009.



**Photo 16:** Unconventional flotation devices may be needed to reach depth gauges at large flooded wetlands accessible only on foot. Alan Clarke, Pillenorup Swamp, 22Mar2007.



**Photo 17:** Lake Jasper (Nannup Shire) is the second-deepest of all SWWMP wetlands (Lake Yeagarup is the deepest). Photo 20May2008.



**Photo 18:** Yarnup Swamp (Cranbrook) values are being impacted by salinisation and acidification. Photo 24May2008.



**Photo 19:** 'Boat Harbour 1' (Denmark) water levels and salinities have been more variable since 2000. Photo 20May2008.



**Photo 20:** Lake Muir (Manjimup) is thought to have last overflowed into the Deep River around 1900. Photo 20May2008.



**Photo 21:** Yellilup Lake (Jerramungup) trees were killed by continuous flooding from 1988 to 1994. Photo 21May2008.



**Photo 22:** Nine Mile Swamp (Murray), once open water, is now covered by bulrush due to several decades of declining water levels. Photo 19May2008.



**Photo 23:** Lake Warden (Esperance) water levels were too high for shorebirds and fringing vegetation for more than a decade. Since 2009 they have been lowered by engineering. Photo 16May2009.



**Photo 24:** Jerdacuttup Lakes (Ravensthorpe) water levels and salinities oscillate markedly over 5–15 yr time periods. Photo 16May2009.



**Photo 25:** Depth gauge installation. Alan Clarke, Yurine Swamp, 02Jun2010.



**Photo 26:** Water level logger, with support tube and angle iron. Nine Mile Swamp, 04Aug2009.



**Photo 27:** Telemetric download of water level logger data to laptop. Alan Clarke, Lake Pleasant View, 10Aug2010.



**Photo 28:** Tipping bucket rainfall recorders have been installed on 14 wetlands. Lake McLarty, Alan Clarke, 02Apr2012.



**Photo 29:** Reading the gauge and collecting water samples. Volunteer John Winchcombe, 'Albany 26385', 07Nov2006.



**Photo 30:** A kayak is the most efficient method of accessing the water level logger at 'Albany 27157'. 09Aug2010.



**Photo 31:** Amphibious vehicle and laptop used for downloading data from the Crackers water level logger. 13Oct2009.



**Photo 32:** Lake Bambun (Gingin) salinities have been increasing for the past four years and have recently returned to early 1980s levels. It is now fresh rather than very fresh. Photo 06Jun2010.



**Photo 34:** Crackers Swamp (Dandaragan) salinities are trending upwards and its extensive lake floor vegetation could be under threat. Photo 07Jun2010.



**Photo 36:** Mortijinup Lake (Esperance) water levels fell and salinities rose from 2000 to 2011. Photo 16May2009.



**Photo 33:** Chandala Swamp (Chittering) is a freshwater, melaleuca – eucalypt swamp that used to support thousands of nesting Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis*. Photo 06Jun2010.



**Photo 35:** Taarblin Lake (Narrogin), though secondarily salinised, has bands of young, live Swamp Sheoak *Casuarina obesa* on elevated ground in the southern basin. Photo 26May2010.



**Photo 37:** Forrestdale Lake (Armadale) depths have trended lower since the early 1990s, facilitating the spread of the introduced bulrush *Typha orientalis*. Photo 06Jun2010.



**Photo 38:** High resolution aerial oblique photos, e.g. of Atkins Yate Swamp (Lake Grace) are suitable for enlargement. Photo 17May2009.



**Photo 39:** Enlarged section of Photo 38 (Atkins Yate Swamp), showing vegetation banding, structure, composition and vigour. Photo 17May2009.



**Photo 40:** Shallowly-inundated eastern floor and distant shoreline of Dumbleyung Lake (Dumbleyung / Wagin). Photo 26May2010.



**Photo 41:** Enlarged section of Photo 40 (Dumbleyung Lake), showing shoreline vegetation structure, composition and vigour. Photo 26May2010.



**Photo 42:** Dulbinning Lake (Wickepin) is immediately upstream of Toolibin and has also been affected by secondary salinisation. Photo 26May2010.



**Photo 43:** Enlarged section of Photo 42 (Dulbinning Lake), showing live *Casuarina obesa* on elevated banks of old dam and dead trees on lake floor. Photo 26May2010.



**Photo 44:** 'Harvey 12632' (Harvey Shire) water levels have trended lower since the early 1990s. Photo 19May2008.



**Photo 45:** Towerrinning (West Arthur) water levels have been higher and salinities lower since flow diversion and other works in the early 1990s. Photo 24May2008.



**Photo 46:** Egret (Harvey) is the rectangle of trees in foreground, adjacent to Leschenault Inlet. Egret's pH values have, at times, been very low ( $\approx 3$  pH units). Photo 19May2008.



**Photo 47:** Red (Bruce Rock) is usually dry or very shallow, hypersaline and acidic (pH 3–4). Photo 07Jun2010.



**Photo 48:** Joondalup (Joondalup) water levels have been consistently lower since the mid 1990s. Photo 06Jun2010.



**Photo 49:** Jandabup (Wanneroo) was temporarily acidic (pH  $\approx$  4) in the late 1990s. Photo 06Jun2010.



**Photo 50:** Wannamal (Gingin) produced a nauseating odour when the water level was exceptionally low in Nov 2010. Photo 06Jun2010.



Photo 51: Dobaderry (Beverley) lake floor vegetation (Melaleuca lateritia) appeared healthy in late 2009. Photo 13Nov2009.



Photo 52: Dobaderry vegetation (same photo site and direction as in Photo 51) was drought-stressed in 2010. Photo 16Sep2010.



**Photo 53:** Dobaderry vegetation (same photo site and direction as in Photos 51 & 52) partially recovered in 2011, was severely stressed again in 2012, and has alternated between these two states in 2013 and 2014. Photo 09Nov2014.



**Photo 54:** Shrubs are colonising the floor of 'Harvey 12632' following two decades of declining water levels. Photo 14Sep2011.



**Photo 55**: Same photo site and direction as in Photo 53. Two years on, the shrubs on the floor of 'Harvey 12632' are well-established. Photo 17Sep2013.



**Photo 56**: Casuarinas and melaleucas are advancing onto the floor of Logue (Carnamah) following a decade of drought. Photo 16Sep2011.



**Photo 57:** Same photo site and direction as in Photo 55. Two years on, the saplings are now small trees. Photo 20Sep2013.





Photos 58 & 59. Isolated casuarinas on the lake floor have also grown at a fast rate. Photos at 'P4' on 16Sep2011 and 21Sep2014.

# **TABLES**

Table 1. Monitored wetlands, codes, coordinates, tenure, Local Government Authorities and monitoring periods. This Table includes all wetlands ('current' and 'historical') regularly monitored at any time since commencement of the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program in 1977, sorted alphabetically by wetland name.

Wetland Name <sup>1</sup>	Code	Easting <sup>2</sup>	Northing <sup>2</sup>	Zone	Tenure <sup>3</sup>	Local Government Authority	Period monitored <sup>4,5,6</sup>
$Ace^7$	ACE	758029	6344741	50	CCWA	Lake Grace	7/80 - 5/85, 4/00
Albany 26385 <sup>8</sup>	ALB1	606041	6148594	50	CCWA	Albany	5/81 - 5/85, 9/98 onwards
Albany 27157 <sup>12</sup>	ALB2	618826	6147490	50	CCWA	Albany	3/80 - 5/85, 9/08, 9/09 onwards
Altham <sup>9</sup>	ALTH	634562	6302593	50	CCWA	Kent	7/80 - 11/91, 4/00 onwards
Anderson	ANDE	588666	6217158	50	CCWA	Tambellup	5/81 - 3/92, 9/00 onwards
Angove	ANGO	605850	6132590	50	CCWA	Albany	11/79 - 5/85, 9/90, 4/00
Ardath	ARDA	609068	6448377	50	CCWA	Bruce Rock	9/99 onwards
Atkins Yate	ATKI	750023	6330530	50	Private	Lake Grace	4/00 onwards
Bambun	BAMB	394880	6522829	50	CCWA	Gingin	5/79 onwards
Bennetts	BENN	742440	6314572	50	CCWA	Lake Grace	9/92 onwards
Beverley <sup>10</sup>	BEVE	514297	6432612	50	CCWA / LGA	Beverley / Brookton / Quairading	6/78 onwards
Biddy	BIDD	682152	6344888	50	CCWA	Lake Grace	7/82 - 5/85, 9/91 - 1/93, 4/00, 7/09
Big Boom <sup>12</sup>	BIGB				UCL	Esperance	9/12 onwards
Blue Gum	BLUE	401231	6615183	50	Private	Moora	11/99 – 11/10
Boat Harbour 1	BOA1	508245	6124962	50	CCWA	Denmark	8/91 onwards
Bokan	BOKA	549253	6349883	50	CCWA	Narrogin	7/79 - 5/85,11/08
Boyup Brook 18239 <sup>10</sup>	BOYU	469777	6257199	50	CCWA	Boyup Brook	9/80 onwards
Broadwater <sup>12</sup>	BROA	341176	6273426	50	CCWA	Busselton	11/85 onwards
Brown	BROW	559606	6397735	50	CCWA	Corrigin	7/79 - 11/91, 9/97 onwards
Bruce Rock 30969	BRUC	575133	6473941	50	CCWA	Bruce Rock	5/82 - 5/85
Bryde	BRYD	669625	6308051	50	MWR	Kent	6/79 onwards
Byenup	BYEN	476449	6182437	50	CCWA	Manjimup	6/77 onwards
Cairlocup	CAIR	662520	6266817	50	CCWA	Kent	9/80 - 5/85, 4/00, 5/09
Camel	CAME	588033	6204762	50	CCWA	Cranbrook	8/80 - 5/85, 4/00
Campion	CAMP	627676	6554227	50	CCWA	Nungarin / Merredin	3/79 - 11/91, 5/99 onwards
Capamaura	CAPA	393132	6691441	50	CCWA	Carnamah	7/80 - 5/85, 3/90, 11/09
Casuarina	CASU	569525	6277315	50	CCWA	Katanning	5/78 onwards
Chandala <sup>12</sup>	CHAN	400545	6514425	50	CCWA	Chittering	5/79 onwards
Chittering	CHIT	414089	6521328	50	CCWA	Chittering	4/78 - 11/86
Clifton	CLIF	374037	6376139	50	CCWA	Mandurah / Waroona	11/85 onwards
Coblinine	COBL	564476	6306117	50	CCWA	Dumbleyung	6/79 - 11/91
Collets Road	COLL			50	CCWA	Jerramungup	9/01 onwards
Coomalbidgup	CMBG	349163	6267892	51	LGA	Esperance	11/99 onwards
Coomelberrup	COOM	573060	6303130	50	CCWA	Dumbleyung	5/78 - 5/85, 3/93, 9/97 onwards
Corrigin 12900 <sup>10</sup>	CORR	603415	6413294	50	CCWA	Corrigin	7/82 onwards
Coyrecup	COYR	577072	6268374	50	CCWA	Katanning	5/78 onwards
Crackers <sup>12</sup>	CRAC	365586	6579519	50	CCWA	Dandaragan	7/80 onwards
Cranbrook 25812	CRAN	573707	6203482	50	CCWA	Cranbrook	8/80 - 8/85, 4/00, 11/08
Cronin	CRON	760036	6413700	50	CCWA	Kondinin	4/81 - 5/85, 11/95, 4/01, 07/09
Davies <sup>12</sup>	DAVI	318852	6211560	50	CCWA	Augusta-Margaret River	4/91 onwards
Dobaderry	DOBA	463077	6437224	50	CCWA	Beverley	9/80 onwards
Dowerin	DOWE	505689	6541494	50	LGA	Dowerin	6/79 - 5/81, 9/99
Dulbinning	DULB	557418	6359015	50	CCWA	Wickepin	7/79 onwards
Dumbleyung	DUMB	560071	6309876	50	CCWA / LGA	Dumbleyung / Wagin	6/79 onwards

# Table 1 continued.

Wetland Name	Code	Easting	Northing	Zone	Tenure	Local Government Authority	Period monitored
Dundas 33113	DUND	391998	6359382	51	CCWA	Dundas	11/79 – 11/91, 4/00
Eganu	EGAN	391567	6680556	50	CCWA	Coorow	7/78 onwards
Egret	EGRE	379666	6314855	50	CCWA	Harvey	5/85 onwards
Ellen Brook	ELLE	408758	6486521	50	CCWA	Swan	7/79 – 11/84
Eneminga	ENEM	358697	6590178	50	CCWA	Dandaragan	7/80 – 11/91, 09/08, 9/11 onwards
Esperance 26410 <sup>12</sup>	ESP1	304849	6265010	51	CCWA	Esperance	11/81 onwards
Esperance 27768	ESP2	388786	6319769	51	CCWA	Esperance	6/81 - 5/85, 4/00
Esperance 27985	ESP3	385963	6309342	51	CCWA	Esperance	6/81 – 11/91, 4/00 -11/10
Esperance 32128	ESP4	471180	6278570	51	CCWA	Esperance	7/82 - 5/85
Esperance 32776	ESP5	438274	6294596	51	CCWA	Esperance	6/81 - 5/85, 4/00
Flagstaff	FLAG	523642	6291467	50	CCWA	Woodanilling	6/79 – 11/91, 9/97 onwards
Forrestdale	FORR	400062	6442240	50	CCWA	Armadale	11/77 onwards
Frasers 10	FRAS	507236	6542443	50	Private	Dowerin	11/99 – 11/10
Gardner	GARD	605828	6129943	50	CCWA	Albany	5/81 - 5/85, 9/89, 9/90, 4/00, 9/08
Gibbs	GIBB	397627	6441667	50	CCWA	Armadale	9/92 onwards
Gingilup <sup>12</sup>	GINL				CCWA	Nannup	9/12 onwards
Gingin 31241	GING	387922	6525676	50	CCWA	Gingin	6/79 - 5/85, 9/08
Gnowangerup 26264	GNO1	636100	6196278	50	CCWA	Gnowangerup	3/80 – 11/91, 9/08
Gnowangerup 26569	GNO2	636830	6257497	50	CCWA	Gnowangerup	7/82 - 5/85, 4/00
Goonaping	GOON	461797	6443309	50	CCWA	Beverley	11/99 onwards
Goorly	GOOR	503350	6664801	50	UCL	Dalwallinu	9/00 – 11/09
Gore	GORE	363166	6263536	51	CCWA	Esperance	11/79 onwards
Gounter	GOUN	672878	6413022	50	CCWA	Kondinin	7/80 – 11/91, 5/98, 7/09
Gundaring	GUND	546974	6315587	50	CCWA	Wagin	5/78 – 11/91
Guraga	GURA	363476	6585412	50	LGA	Dandaragan	9/82 onwards
Harvey 12632	HARV	386550	6348919	50	CCWA	Harvey	8/80 onwards
Hebitons	HEBI	345831	6806160	50	Private	Mullewa	9/00 – 11/09
Hinds	HIND	456859	6596884	50	CCWA	Wongan-Ballidu	6/79 – 11/91, 9/97 onwards
Jandabup	JAND	390937	6486982	50	CCWA	Wanneroo	4/78 onwards
Jasper	JASP	379737	6190394	50	CCWA	Nannup	11/85 onwards
Jerdacuttup	JERD	246655	6241791	51	CCWA	Ravensthorpe	11/79 onwards
Joondalup	JOON	384352	6487435	50	CCWA	Joondalup	4/78 onwards
Karakin	KARA	354428	6563848	50	WRC	Gingin	5/79 - 5/85, 9/87
Kent 29020 <sup>10</sup>	KENT	676818	6307259	50	CCWA	Kent	9/80 - 5/85, 4/00 onwards
Kondinin	KOND	612045	6404006	50	CCWA	Kondinin	6/79 – 11/91, 4/00
Kulunilup	KULU				CCWA	Cranbrook	9/14 onwards
Kwobrup	KWOB	593500	6267648	50	Private	Kent	6/79 – 11/91, 4/00
Kwornicup	KWOR	538575	6176168	50	CCWA	Plantagenet	11/79 onwards
Little White	LITT	541357	6347281	50	CCWA	Narrogin	7/79 – 11/91, 9/97 onwards
Logue	LOGU	321114	6695888	50	CCWA	Carnamah	5/79 onwards
Maringup <sup>12</sup>	MARI	426553	6144690	50	CCWA	Manjimup	6/91 onwards
Martinup	MART	516363	6289934	50	CCWA	Woodanilling	6/79 – 11/91, 9/97 onwards
McLarty <sup>12</sup>	MCLA	379489	6379596	50	CCWA	Murray	11/93 - 11/94, 9/96 onwards
Mears	MEAR	533098	6433941	50	CCWA	Brookton	6/78 – 11/91, 9/97 onwards
Mettler <sup>12</sup>	METT	646369	6172015	50	CCWA	Albany	9/82 onwards
Miripin	MIRI	518066	6288832	50	CCWA	Woodanilling	6/81 - 5/85, 5/92, 9/09

# Table 1 continued.

Wetland Name	Code	Easting	Northing	Zone	Tenure	Local Government Authority	Period monitored
Moates	MOAT	600908	6131536	50	CCWA	Albany	11/79 onwards
Mollerin	MOLL	554214	6625482	50	CCWA	Koorda	7/80 – 5/85
Mortijinup	MORT	373710	6259469	51	CCWA	Esperance	4/00 onwards
Mount Le Grand	MLGR	419066	6240163	51	CCWA	Esperance	9/00 onwards
Mount Marshall 2668710	MTMA	560937	6579648	50	CCWA	Mt Marshall	7/81 – 11/91, 5/99
Muir	MUIR	471032	6185028	50	CCWA	Manjimup	11/79 onwards
Mungala	MUNG	395151	6521364	50	CCWA	Gingin	6/79 – 5/85
Murapin	MURA	517681	6289397	50	CCWA	Woodanilling	6/81 – 5/85
Murray 24739	MURR	378784	6382052	50	CCWA	Murray	9/80 – 5/85, 8/08
Nambung	NAMB	394607	6521821	50	CCWA	Gingin	6/79 – 5/85
Ngopitchup	NGOP	531747	6242644	50	WRC	Broomehill	4/00 onwards
Ninan	NINA	467029	6575597	50	CCWA	Wongan-Ballidu	7/78 – 11/91, 9/97 onwards
Nine Mile <sup>12</sup>	NINE	385536	6376505	50	CCWA	Murray	6/81 onwards
Nonalling	NONA	557243	6400132	50	CCWA	Corrigin	7/79 – 5/85
Noobijup	NOOB	480867	6192653	50	CCWA	Cranbrook	9/99 onwards
Noonying	NOON	542507	6497744	50	CCWA	Tammin	6/79 – 11/91, 9/97 onwards
North Parriup	NPAR	281562	6250268	51	CCWA	Ravensthorpe	4/00 onwards
Owingup	OWIN	507258	6126756	50	CCWA	Denmark	7/91 onwards
Pabelup South	PABE	725800	6222286	50	CCWA	Jerramungup	4/00 onwards
Pallarup	PALL	756890	6322416	50	CCWA	Lake Grace	7/80 – 11/91, 4/00, 11/08, 7/09
Parkeyerring	PARK	533156	6307263	50	CCWA	Wagin	5/78 – 11/91, 9/97 onwards
Pillenorup <sup>12</sup>	PILL	601412	6187773	50	CCWA	Plantagenet	4/00 onwards
Pinjarrega	PINJ	395416	6670552	50	CCWA	Coorow	5/79 – 11/91
Plantagenet 25386	PLAN	597710	6176617	50	CCWA	Plantagenet	11/79 – 5/85, 11/93 – 11/96, 6/98, 11/08
Pleasant View <sup>12</sup>	PLEA	608357	6145314	50	CCWA	Albany	11/79 onwards
Poorginup	POOR	476447	6177128	50	CCWA	Manjimup	6/77 onwards
Powell	POWE	567497	6125091	50	CCWA	Albany	6/81 onwards
Queerearrup	QUEE	521251	6291518	50	LGA	Woodanilling	10/78 – 5/85, 9/88, 11/08
Range Road Yate	RANG	666083	6275186	50	MWR	Kent	4/00 onwards
Red (Bruce Rock)	REDB	602548	6437065	50	CCWA	Bruce Rock	7/81 – 5/85, 9/00 onwards
Red (Manjimup)	REDM	468592	6189580	50	UCL	Manjimup	11/81 – 11/91, 4/00, 9/08
Ronnerup	RONN	744169	6317786	50	CCWA	Lake Grace	4/00 onwards
Shark	SHAR	394568	6263073	51	CCWA	Esperance	11/79 onwards
Shaster	SHAS	287219	6250710	51	CCWA	Ravensthorpe	11/79 – 11/91, 5/09
Station	STAT	402615	6259237	51	CCWA	Esperance	3/80 onwards
Streets	STRE	402493	6614985	50	Private	Moora	10/78 – 11/91, 9/08
Taarblin North <sup>11</sup>	TAAN			50	CCWA	Narrogin	9/04 onwards
Taarblin South <sup>11</sup>	TAAR	551258	6350395	50	CCWA	Narrogin	5/78 onwards
Thomsons	THOM	389516	6441482	50	CCWA	Cockburn	11/78 onwards
Toolibin	TOOL	557650	6357248	50	CCWA	Wickepin	5/78 onwards
Tordit-Gurrup	TORD	476135	6179406	50	CCWA	Manjimup	6/77 onwards
Towerrinning	TOWE	480708	6283950	50	CCWA	West Arthur	12/77 onwards
Twin Swamps N-W	TWIN	406579	6490175	50	CCWA	Swan	7/79 – 11/84, 7/09
Unicup	UNIC	474399	6200082	50	CCWA	Cranbrook	9/80 onwards
Varley	VARL	722520	6379843	50	CCWA	Kulin	9/81 – 11/91, 4/00 onwards

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Wetland Name	Code	Easting	Northing	Zone	Tenure	Local Government Authority	Period monitored
Wagin 2088	WAGI	533281	6311808	50	CCWA	Wagin	7/82 – 5/85
Walbyring	WALB	555534	6355214	50	CCWA	Wickepin	7/79 onwards
Wallering	WALL	395706	6521624	50	CCWA	Gingin	7/81 – 5/85, 9/08
Walyormouring	WALY	488021	6554454	50	CCWA	Goomalling	7/78 – 11/91, 9/97 onwards
Wannamal	WANN	409642	6556691	50	CCWA	Gingin	7/78 onwards
Warden	WARD	396947	6257428	51	CCWA	Esperance	11/79 onwards
Wardering	WARG	523381	6290253	50	CCWA	Woodanilling	5/78 – 11/91
Warrinup	WARR	523495	6199485	50	CCWA	Cranbrook	3/80 onwards
West Arthur 5456	WEST	496510	6293047	50	CCWA	West Arthur	8/80 – 11/91, 9/97 onwards
Wheatfield	WHEA	401069	6258818	51	CCWA	Esperance	11/99 onwards
White (Albany)	WHIA	606407	6152434	50	CCWA	Albany	6/81 - 5/85, 9/98, 9/08
White (Narrogin)	WHIN	542630	6347335	50	CCWA	Narrogin	6/81 - 5/85, 9/97 onwards
White Water	WHIW	558770	6399914	50	CCWA	Corrigin	6/81 - 11/91, 9/97 onwards
Wild Horse	WILD	473637	6273462	50	CCWA	West Arthur	6/81 - 5/85, 4/00, 9/09
Wilson	WILS	382325	6189429	50	CCWA	Manjimup	5/91 onwards
Yaalup	YAAL	647443	6263830	50	CCWA	Kent	7/82 onwards
Yarnup	YARN	487368	6196543	50	CCWA	Cranbrook	9/80 onwards
Yarra Yarra	YARR	379957	6726980	50	CCWA	Carnamah	7/81 - 5/85, 9/97 onwards
Yeagarup	YEAG			50	CCWA	Manjimup	9/11 onwards
Yeagarup South	YEAS			50	CCWA	Manjimup	9/11 onwards
Yealering	YEAL	558587	6393389	50	LGA	Wickepin	6/78 onwards
Yellilup	YELL	686899	6201353	50	Private	Jerramungup	11/85 onwards
Yurine	YURI	385171	6543598	50	CCWA	Gingin	5/79 - 11/91, 5/09 onwards

- Wetlands without official names at the commencement of monitoring are identified by Local Government Authority and Reserve Number (e.g. Albany 26385).
- 2. Coordinates (eastings and northings) are of depth gauge Bench Marks (local survey datums). These have been installed on higher ground at or near the edge of each monitored wetland, close to the depth gauge or gauge 'cluster' of that wetland. The accuracy of the coordinates of most (all coords except those highlighted in gray) has been improved from approx ±100m to approx ±5m in 2008-09 and subsequent years, principally by re-survey with hand-held GPS units (Garmin GPSmap 60Cx), using the WGS84 world datum, which for practical purposes equates to GDA94. Bench Marks have not yet been installed at Big Boom, Colletts Road, Gingilup, Kulunilup, Taarblin North, Yeagarup and Yeagarup South.
- CCWA (Conservation Commission of Western Australia); LGA (Local Government Authority); MWR (Minister for Water Resources); UCL (Unallocated Crown Land); WRC (Water & Rivers Commission). DPaW has management responsibility for wetlands vested in CCWA.
- 4. 'Period Monitored' is described by the first and last records, for any parameter, of discrete periods of monitoring.
- 5. Routine monitoring was conducted every second month (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov) from May 1981 to May 1985 and twice-yearly (Sep, Nov) prior to and after that four-year period and, in the case of the 104 'current' wetlands (i.e. those not shown in italics above), is ongoing. Some two month interval monitoring was also undertaken prior to May 1981.
- 6. A few wetlands (e.g. Forrestdale, Clifton) have been monitored more frequently (than at two-month intervals) for varying periods.
- 7. The 53 SWWMP wetlands shown in *italics* have been monitored under SWWMP at various times in the past, but are not currently monitored, not at least under SWWMP. They are additional to the 104 'current' wetlands.
- 8. Wetlands not shown in italics are the 104 'current' SWWMP wetlands being routinely monitored by the authors for surface water depth, salinity, pH and (until 2007) nutrients, under the State Salinity Strategy.
- Wetlands shown in **bold** are the 25 SWWMP wetlands that have been Intensively Monitored under the State Salinity Strategy by
  other DPaW scientific staff for potential changes in plant and animal communities, shallow groundwater levels and detailed water
  chemistry.
- 10. Beverley Lakes is also known as Yenyenning Lakes; Boyup Brook 18239 as Kulicup Swamp; Corrigin 12900 as Paperbark Swamp, Frasers Lake as Maisey's 1 or Maisey's A; Kent 29020 as East Lake Bryde and Mt Marshall 26687 as Wallambin North.

# Table 1 Notes continued.

- 11. Taarblin North and Taarblin South refer to the northern and southern basins respectively of one wetland (Taarblin).
- 12. Continuous rainfall and water level recorders have been in operation on 14 wetlands ('Albany 27157', Big Boom, Broadwater, Chandala, Crackers, Davies, 'Esperance 26410', Gingilup, Maringup, McLarty, Mettler, Nine Mile, Pillenorup, Pleasant View) for varying periods from June 2009 onwards.

Table 2. Monitored wetlands by DPaW Regions and Districts, with tenure, Reserve No. and Name. See Table 1 for the coordinates (eastings and northings) and other details of each wetland.

No.	DPaW Region	No.	DPaW District	No.	Wetland <sup>1</sup>	Tenure <sup>2</sup>	Reserve No. <sup>7</sup>	Reserve Name <sup>3, 7</sup>
1	Midwest	1	Geraldton	1	Hebitons	Private	-	-
2	Midwest	2	Moora	1	Blue Gum <sup>4</sup>	Private	-	-
3	Midwest	3	Moora	2	Capamaura <sup>5</sup>	CCWA	A 24618	Capamauro NR
4	Midwest	4	Moora	3	Crackers	CCWA	28558	Namming NR
5	Midwest	5	Moora	4	Eganu	CCWA	A 25210	Pimjarrega NR
6	Midwest	6	Moora	5	Eneminga	CCWA	A 27394	Eneminga NR
7	Midwest	7	Moora	6	Guraga	LGA	31223	-
8	Midwest	8	Moora	7	Logue	CCWA	29073	Lake Logue NR
9	Midwest	9	Moora	8	Pinjarrega	CCWA	A 25210	Pimjarrega NR
10	Midwest	10	Moora	9	Streets	Private	-	-
11	Midwest	11	Moora	10	Yarra Yarra	CCWA	A 26442	Yarra Yarra Lakes NR
12	South Coast	1	Albany	1	Albany 26385	CCWA	26385	-
13	South Coast	2	Albany	2	Albany 27157	CCWA	27157	Cheyne Road NR
14	South Coast	3	Albany	3	Angove	CCWA	A 27956	Two Peoples Bay NR
15	South Coast	4	Albany	4	Camel	CCWA	A 26161	Camel Lake NR
16	South Coast	5	Albany	5	Collets Road	CCWA	-	Fitzgerald River NP
17	South Coast	6	Albany	6	Cranbrook 25812	CCWA	A 25812	-
18	South Coast	7	Albany	7	Gardner	CCWA	A 27956	Two Peoples Bay NR
19	South Coast	8	Albany	8	Gnowangerup 26264	CCWA	26264	Mailalup NR
20	South Coast	9	Albany	9	Jerdacuttup	CCWA	A 40156	Jerdacuttup Lakes NR
21	South Coast	10	Albany	10	Mettler	CCWA	26894	Mettler Lake NR
22	South Coast	11	Albany	11	Moates	CCWA	A 27956	Two Peoples Bay NR
23	South Coast	12	Albany	12	Pabelup South	CCWA	-	Fitzgerald River NP
24	South Coast	13	Albany	13	Pillenorup	CCWA	-	Stirling Range NP
25	South Coast	14	Albany	14	Plantagenet 25386	CCWA	A 25386	Chillinup NR
26	South Coast	15	Albany	15	Pleasant View	CCWA	A 15107	Lake Pleasant View NR
27	South Coast	16	Albany	16	Powell	CCWA	A 25809	Lake Powell NR
28	South Coast	17	Albany	17	White (Albany)	CCWA	A 36550	North Sister NR
29	South Coast	18	Albany	18	Yellilup	Private	_	-
30	South Coast	19	Esperance	1	Big Boom	UCL		
31	South Coast	20	Esperance	2	Coomalbidgup	LGA	24633	_
32	South Coast	21	Esperance	3	Dundas 33113	CCWA	A 33113	-
33	South Coast	22	Esperance	4	Esperance 26410	CCWA	26410	_
34	South Coast	23	Esperance	5	Esperance 27768	CCWA	27768	-
35	South Coast	24	Esperance	6	Esperance 27985	CCWA	27985	-
36	South Coast	25	Esperance	7	Esperance 32128	CCWA	A 32128	_
37	South Coast	26	Esperance	8	Esperance 32776	CCWA	A 32776	_
38	South Coast	27	Esperance	9	Gore	CCWA	A 32419	Lake Gore NR
39	South Coast	28	Esperance	10	Mortijinup	CCWA	A 35557	Lake Mortijinup NR
40	South Coast	29	Esperance	1`	Mount Le Grand	CCWA	A 22795	Cape Le Grand NP
41	South Coast	30	Esperance	12	North Parriup	CCWA	A 32339	Lake Shaster NR
42	South Coast	31	Esperance	13	Shark	CCWA	A 31197	Shark Lake NR
43	South Coast	32	Esperance	14	Shaster	CCWA	A 32339	Lake Shaster NR
44	South Coast	33	Esperance	15	Station	CCWA	A 23825	Mullet Lake NR
45	South Coast	34	Esperance	16	Warden	CCWA	A 32257	Lake Warden NR
46	South Coast	35	Esperance	17	Wheatfield	CCWA	A 15231	Woody Lake NR
47	South West	1	Blackwood	1	Boyup Brook 18239 <sup>6</sup>	CCWA	18239	Kulicup NR
48	South West	2	Blackwood	2	Broadwater	CCWA	27080	r - W
49	South West	3	Blackwood	3	Davies	CCWA	30826	Leeuwin-Naturaliste NP
50	South West	4	Blackwood	4	Gingilup	CCWA	30626	Gingilup Swamps NR
	South West		Wellington		Egret	CCWA	38393	Morangel NR
51 52	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	5		1	Harvey 12632	<b>+</b>		
52 53	South West	6	Wellington	2		CCWA	12632	Riverdale NR
53	South West	7	Wellington	3	Towerrinning	CCWA	A 24917	Towerrinning NR
54	South West	8	Wellington	4	Wild Horse	CCWA	A 1740	Wild Horse Swamp NR

Table 2 continued.

No.	DPaW Region	No.	DPaW District	No.	Wetland	Tenure	Reserve No.	Reserve Name
55	Swan	1	Perth Hills	1	Chandala	CCWA	A 37060	Chandala NR
56	Swan	2	Perth Hills	2	Chittering	CCWA	A 29538	Chittering Lakes NR
57	Swan	3	Perth Hills	3	Dobaderry	CCWA	A 43281	Wandoo Cons. Park
58	Swan	4	Perth Hills	4	Goonaping	CCWA	A 43281	Wandoo Cons. Park
59	Swan	5	Swan Coastal	1	Bambun	CCWA	A 26756	Bambanup NR
60	Swan	6	Swan Coastal	2	Clifton	CCWA	1120,00	Yalgorup NP
61	Swan	7	Swan Coastal	3	Ellen Brook	CCWA	A 27620	Ellen Brook NR
62	Swan	8	Swan Coastal	4	Forrestdale	CCWA	A 24781	Forrestdale Lake NR
63	Swan	9	Swan Coastal	5	Gibbs	CCWA	48797	
64	Swan	10	Swan Coastal	6	Gingin 31241	CCWA	31241	
65	Swan	11	Swan Coastal	7	Jandabup	CCWA	7349	Jandabup NR
66	Swan	12	Swan Coastal	8	Joondalup	CCWA	A 31048	Lake Joondalup NR
67	Swan	13	Swan Coastal	9	Karakin	WRC	7504	-
68	Swan	14	Swan Coastal	10	McLarty	CCWA	A 39404	Lake McLarty NR
69	Swan	15	Swan Coastal	11	Mungala	CCWA	A 26756	Bambanup NR
70	Swan	16	Swan Coastal	12	Murray 24739	CCWA	A 24739	
71	Swan	17	Swan Coastal	13	Nambung	CCWA	A 26756	Bambanup NR
72	Swan	18	Swan Coastal	14	Nine Mile	CCWA	A 16907	Nine Mile Lake NR
73	Swan	19	Swan Coastal	15	Thomsons	CCWA	A 15556	Thomsons Lake NR
74	Swan	20	Swan Coastal	16	Twin Swamps N-W	CCWA	A 27621	Twin Swamps NR
75	Swan	21	Swan Coastal	17	Wallering	CCWA	A 26756	Bambanup NR
76	Swan	22	Swan Coastal	18	Wannamal	CCWA	A 9838	Lake Wannamal NR
77	Swan	23	Swan Coastal	19	Yurine	CCWA	A 9676	Yurine Swamp NR
78	Warren	1	Donnelly	1	Byenup	CCWA	A 31880	Lake Muir NR
79	Warren	2	Donnelly	2	Jasper	CCWA	36996	D'Entrecasteaux NP
80	Warren	3	Donnelly	3	Kulunilup	CCWA	A 26677	Kulunilup NR
81	Warren	4	Donnelly	4	Maringup	CCWA	36996	D'Entrecasteaux NP
82	Warren	5	Donnelly	5	Muir	CCWA	A 31880	Lake Muir NR
83	Warren	6	Donnelly	6	Noobijup	CCWA	A 26680	Noobijup NR
84	Warren	7	Donnelly	7	Poorginup	CCWA	A 31880	Lake Muir NR
85	Warren	8	Donnelly	8	Red (Manjimup)	UCL	1	
86	Warren	9	Donnelly	9	Tordit-Gurrup	CCWA	A 31880	Lake Muir NR
87	Warren	10	Donnelly	10	Unicup	CCWA	A 25798	Unicup NR
88	Warren	11	Donnelly	11	Wilson	CCWA	A 36996	D'Entrecasteaux NP
89	Warren	12	Donnelly	12	Yarnup	CCWA	29601	Yarnup NR
90	Warren	13	Donnelly	13	Yeagarup	CCWA	A 47878	Greater Hawke NP
91	Warren	14	Donnelly	14	Yeagarup South	CCWA	A 36996	D'Entrecasteaux NP
92	Warren	15	Frankland	1	Boat Harbour 1	CCWA	A 41010	Owingup NR
93	Warren	16	Frankland	2	Kwornicup	CCWA	32284	Kwornicup NR
94	Warren	17	Frankland	3	Owingup	CCWA	A 41010	Owingup NR
95	Wheatbelt	1	Central	1	Ardath	CCWA	A 25062	Seagroatt NR
96	Wheatbelt	2	Central	2	Beverley <sup>6</sup>	CCWA / LGA	31837	Yenyenning Lakes NR
97	Wheatbelt	3	Central	3	Bruce Rock 30969	CCWA/LGA	A 30969	Kwolyin NR
98	Wheatbelt	4	Central	4	Campion	CCWA	24789	Lake Campion NR
99	Wheatbelt	5	Central	5	Cronin	CCWA	A 36526	Lake Cronin NR
100	Wheatbelt	6	Central	6	Dowerin 6	LGA	4244	
101	Wheatbelt	7	Central	7	Frasers <sup>6</sup>	Private	-	-
102	Wheatbelt	8	Central	8	Goorly	UCL		-
103	Wheatbelt	9	Central	9	Hinds	CCWA	A 16305	Lake Hinds NR
104	Wheatbelt	10	Central	10	Mollerin	CCWA	A 14429	Mollerin NR
105	Wheatbelt	11	Central	11	Mt Marshall 26687 <sup>6</sup>	CCWA	A 26687	North Wallambin NR
106	Wheatbelt	12	Central	12	Ninan	CCWA	A 27026	Lake Ninan NR
107	Wheatbelt	13	Central	13	Noonying	CCWA	A 10313	Noonying NR
108	Wheatbelt	14	Central	14	Red (Bruce Rock)	CCWA	A 16493	Red Lake NR
109	Wheatbelt	15	Central	15	Walyormouring	CCWA	A 17186	Walyormouring NR
110	Wheatbelt	16	Great Southern <sup>8</sup>	1	Ace	CCWA	A 34522	Lake Ace NR
111	Wheatbelt	17	Great Southern	2	Altham	CCWA	A 28395	Chinocup NR

Table 2 continued.

No.	DPaW Region	No.	DPaW District	No.	Wetland	Tenure	Reserve No.	Reserve Name
112	Wheatbelt	18	Great Southern	3	Anderson	CCWA	A 25914	Anderson Lake NR
113	Wheatbelt	19	Great Southern	4	Atkins Yate	Private	-	-
114	Wheatbelt	20	Great Southern	5	Bennetts	CCWA	36445	Dunn Rock NR
115	Wheatbelt	21	Great Southern	6	Biddy	CCWA	17617	Lake Biddy NR
116	Wheatbelt	22	Great Southern	7	Bokan	CCWA	9628	Bokan NR
117	Wheatbelt	23	Great Southern	8	Brown	CCWA	A 24428	Nonalling NR
118	Wheatbelt	24	Great Southern	9	Bryde	MWR	28667	
119	Wheatbelt	25	Great Southern	10	Cairlocup	CCWA	28324	Cairlocup NR
120	Wheatbelt	26	Great Southern	11	Casuarina	CCWA	A 25136	Coblinine NR
121	Wheatbelt	27	Great Southern	12	Coblinine	CCWA	A 25133	Coblinine NR
122	Wheatbelt	28	Great Southern	13	Coomelberrup	CCWA	A 10472	Coomelberrup NR
123	Wheatbelt	29	Great Southern	14	Corrigin 12900 <sup>6</sup>	CCWA	12900	Paperbark NR
124	Wheatbelt	30	Great Southern	15	Coyrecup	CCWA	A 28552	Coyrecup NR
125	Wheatbelt	31	Great Southern	16	Dulbinning	CCWA	A 9617	
126	Wheatbelt	32	Great Southern	17	Dumbleyung	CCWA / LGA	26664	Dumbleyung Lake NR
127	Wheatbelt	33	Great Southern	18	Flagstaff	CCWA	A 27609	Flagstaff Lake NR
128	Wheatbelt	34	Great Southern	19	Gnowangerup 26569	CCWA	A 26569	riagstaii Lake ink
129	Wheatbelt	35	Great Southern	20	Gounter Gounter	CCWA	A 21253	Lake Gounter NR
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130	Wheatbelt	36	Great Southern	21	Gundaring	CCWA	A 24373	Gundaring Lake NR
131	Wheatbelt	37	Great Southern	22	Kent 29020 <sup>6</sup>	CCWA	A 29020	Lake Bryde NR
132	Wheatbelt	38	Great Southern	23	Kondinin	CCWA	A 22519	Kondinin Lake NR
133	Wheatbelt	39	Great Southern	24	Kwobrup	Private		-
134	Wheatbelt	40	Great Southern	25	Little White	CCWA	A 26786	Carmody NR
135	Wheatbelt	41	Great Southern	26	Martinup	CCWA	A 17055	Martinup NR
136	Wheatbelt	42	Great Southern	27	Mears	CCWA	A 12398	Lake Mears NR
137	Wheatbelt	43	Great Southern	28	Miripin	CCWA	A 24912	Miripin NR
138	Wheatbelt	44	Great Southern	29	Murapin	CCWA	A 17257	Murapin NR
139	Wheatbelt	45	Great Southern	30	Ngopitchup	WRC	2184	
140	Wheatbelt	46	Great Southern	31	Nonalling	CCWA	A 24428	Nonalling NR
141	Wheatbelt	47	Great Southern	32	Pallarup	CCWA	A 29860	Pallarup NR
142	Wheatbelt	48	Great Southern	33	Parkeyerring	CCWA	A 10733	Parkeyerring NR
143	Wheatbelt	49	Great Southern	34	Queerearrup	LGA	17255	***************************************
144	Wheatbelt	50	Great Southern	35	Range Road Yate	MWR	29124	***************************************
145	Wheatbelt	51	Great Southern	36	Ronnerup	CCWA	A 39422	Lake King NR
146a	Wheatbelt	52a	Great Southern	37a	Taarblin North	CCWA	A 9550	Taarblin Lake NR
146b	Wheatbelt	52b	Great Southern	38b	Taarblin South	CCWA	A 9550	Taarblin Lake NR
147	Wheatbelt	53	Great Southern	38	Toolibin	CCWA	A 24556	Toolibin NR
148	Wheatbelt	54	Great Southern	39	Varley	CCWA	A 27928	Lake Varley NR
149	Wheatbelt	55	Great Southern	40	Wagin 2088	CCWA	A 2088	Casuarina NR
150	Wheatbelt	56	Great Southern	41	Walbyring	CCWA	A 14398	Walbyring NR
151	Wheatbelt	57	Great Southern	42	Wardering	CCWA	A 17258	Wardering Lake NR
152	Wheatbelt	58	Great Southern	43	Warrinup	CCWA	A 1931	Warrenup NR
153	Wheatbelt	59	Great Southern	44	West Arthur 5456	CCWA	A 5456	Dead Mans Swamp NR
154	Wheatbelt	60	Great Southern	45	White (Narrogin)	CCWA	A 21284	Quongunnerunding NR
155	Wheatbelt	61	Great Southern	46	White Water	CCWA	A 24428	Nonalling NR
156	Wheatbelt	62	Great Southern	47	Yaalup	CCWA	A 36967	
157	Wheatbelt	63	Great Southern	48	Yealering	LGA	9610	

- 1. Wetlands without official names at the commencement of monitoring are identified by Local Government Authority and Reserve Number, e.g. Albany 26385.
- 2. CCWA (Conservation Commission of Western Australia); LGA (Local Government Authority); MWR (Minister for Water Resources); UCL (Unallocated Crown Land); WRC (Water & Rivers Commission). DPaW has management responsibility for wetlands vested in CCWA.
- 3. Entries in the 'Reserve No.' and 'Reserve Name' columns are incomplete and unchecked.
- 4. Wetlands shown in **bold** are in the group of 25 Intensively Monitored wetlands (see Note 9 of Table 1).

## Table 2 Notes continued.

- 5. In addition to the 104 SWWMP wetlands currently being monitored under the State Salinity Strategy there are 53 SWWMP wetlands that have been monitored at some time in the past, but are not currently being monitored under SWWMP. These 53 are shown above in *italics*.
- 6. Beverley Lakes is also known as Yenyenning Lakes, Boyup Brook 18239 as Kulicup Swamp; Corrigin 12900 as Paperbark Swamp, Frasers Lake as Maisey's 1 or Maisey's A; Kent 29020 as East Lake Bryde and Mt Marshall 26687 as Wallambin North.
- 7. Reserves in some instances do not include all of the relevant SWWMP wetland.
- 8. As of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015, the Great Southern District *organisational unit* (personnel, etc.) will be amalgamated with the Wheatbelt Region organisational unit and will therefore no longer exist as a discrete unit. The Great Southern District *geographical area* will, in the future, be referred to as the Southern Wheatbelt District, in keeping with the Wheatbelt theme for the Region.

Table 3. Number of current and historically-monitored wetlands in each DPaW Region and District.

DPaW Region (Current, historical)	DPaW District	Current	Historical
Midwest (6, 5)	Geraldton	0	1
	Moora	6	4
South Coast (22, 13)	Albany	11	7
	Esperance	11	6
South West (7, 1)	Blackwood	4	0
	Wellington	3	1
Swan (14, 9)	Perth Hills	3	1
	Swan Coastal	11	8
Warren (16, 1)	Donnelly	13	1
	Frankland	3	0
Wheatbelt (39, 24)	Central	8	7
	Great Southern <sup>1</sup>	31	17
Totals (104, 53)		104	53

The locations of DPaW Regional and District Headquarters are, in most instances, not obvious from Region or District names and are therefore listed below, for the convenience of readers.

DPaW Region / District	HQ Location
Midwest /	Geraldton
Geraldton	Geraldton
Moora	Jurien Bay
South Coast /	Albany
Albany	Albany
Esperance	Esperance
South West /	Bunbury
Blackwood	Busselton
Wellington	Collie
Swan /	Bentley
Perth Hills	Mundaring
Swan Coastal	Wanneroo
Warren /	Manjimup
Donnelly	Pemberton
Frankland	Walpole
Wheatbelt /	Narrogin
Central	Merredin
Great Southern <sup>1</sup>	Narrogin

# Notes:

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Table 4. Ramsar and Directory Sites of south-western Australia, and their SWWMP wetlands.

#### A. Ramsar Sites (each contains one or more Directory Site).

Ramsar Site	Directory Site	SWWMP wetland
Becher Point Wetlands	Becher Point Wetlands	-
Forrestdale & Thomsons Lakes	Forrestdale Lake	Forrestdale
	Thomsons Lake	Thomsons
Lake Gore	Lake Gore System	Gore
Muir-Byenup System	(southern part of) Byenup Lagoon System	Byenup, Poorginup, Tordit-Gurrup
	Lake Muir	Muir
Peel-Yalgorup System	Yalgorup Lakes System	Clifton
	Lake McLarty System	McLarty, Murray 24739
Toolibin Lake	Toolibin Lake	Toolibin
Vasse-Wonnerup System	Vasse-Wonnerup Wetland System	_ 1
Lake Warden System	Lake Warden System	Station, Warden, Wheatfield
		13 Current 1 Historical

## B. Other Directory Sites (not within Ramsar Sites).

Directory Site	SWWMP wetland
Balicup Lake System	Camel
	Camei
Barraghup Swamp	-
Benger Swamp Bennetts Lake*	-
	Bennetts
Booragoon Lake	-
Brixton Street Swamps	-
Lake Bryde – East Lake Bryde	Bryde, Kent 29020
(northern part of) Byenup Lagoon	Noobijup, Kulunilup, Unicup,
System	Yarnup
Cape Leeuwin System	-
Chandala Swamp	Chandala
Chittering-Needonga Lakes	Chittering
Coyrecup Lake	Coyrecup
Lake Cronin	Cronin
Doggerup Creek System	-
Dumbleyung Lake	Dumbleyung
Dunn Rock Gnamma Holes*	-
Ellen Brook Swamps System	Ellen Brook, Twin Swamps NW
Gibbs Road Swamp System	Gibbs
Gingilup-Jasper Wetland System	Gingilup, Jasper, Wilson
Lake Grace System	Altham
Guraga Lake	Guraga
Herdsman Lake	-
Hutt Lagoon System	-
Joondalup Lake	Joondalup
Karakin Lakes	Karakin
Kondinin Samphire Marsh*	=
Lancelin Defence Training Area	
(Cwlth)	-
Lake Logue-Indoon System	Logue
Maringup Lake	Maringup

Directory Site	SWWMP wetland		
McCarley's Swamp (Ludlow			
Swamp)	-		
Loch McNess System	-		
Moates Lake System	Moates, Angove, Gardner		
Mortijinup Lake System	Mortijinup		
Mount Soho Swamps	-		
Owingup Swamp System	Boat Harbour 1, Owingup		
Palmer Barracks, Guildford			
(Cwlth)	-		
Paperbark Swamp*	Corrigin 12900		
Perth Airport Woodland Swamps			
(Cwlth)			
Pink Lake	-		
Lake Pleasant View System	Albany 26385, Pleasant View		
RAAF Caversham (Cwlth)	-		
Rottnest Island Lakes	-		
Spectacles Swamp	-		
Lake Thetis	-		
Wannamal Lakes System	Wannamal		
Yealering Lakes System	Brown, White Water,		
Tealering Lakes System	Yealering, Nonalling		
Yellilup Yate Swamp System	Yellilup		
Yorkrakine Rock Pools	-		
	31 Current 9 Historical		

The 'Directory' is 'A Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia', a cooperative project of the State, Territory and Commonwealth Governments. Three editions have been published, in 1993, 1996 and 2001. The Directory has been added to and updated from time to time (e.g. by Elscot *et al.* 2009\*). It is accessible online at http://www.environment.gov.au.

Nine south-west Western Australian Directory Sites are not listed in Tables 4A or 4B, because they are essentially riverine or estuarine and are not monitored under, or as an adjunct to, SWWMP. They are Peel-Harvey Estuary (part of Peel-Yalgorup Ramsar Site), Avon River Valley, Blackwood River (Lower Reaches) and Tributaries, Broke Inlet System, Culham Lake System, Fitzgerald Inlet System, Murchison River (Lower Reaches), Oyster Harbour and Swan-Canning Estuary.

Wetlands shown in italics have been monitored in the past under SWWMP, but not currently.

Wetlands shown in **bold** are in the group of 25 Intensively Monitored wetlands (see Note 9 of Table 1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The authors have maintained continuous water level recorders on the Vasse and Wonnerup estuaries since 1994, as an adjunct to SWWMP.

Table 5. Natural Diversity Recovery Catchments<sup>1</sup> and their SWWMP wetlands (as at Nov 2014).

Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment	DPaW Region	DPaW District	SWWMP-monitored wetlands		
Lake Bryde	Wheatbelt	Great Southern <sup>7</sup>	<b>Bryde</b> , Kent 29020 <sup>2</sup>		
Buntine-Marchagee <sup>1</sup>	Wheatbelt	Central	-		
Drummond <sup>1</sup>	Swan	Perth Hills	-		
Esperance Lakes <sup>1</sup>	South Coast	Esperance	Shark, Station, Warden, Wheatfield		
Muir-Unicup <sup>1</sup>	Warren	Donnelly	Byenup, Kulunilup, Muir, <b>Noobijup</b> , Poorginup, Tordit-Gurrup, Unicup, Yarnup, Red (Manjimup) <sup>4</sup>		
Toolibin Lake	Wheatbelt	Great Southern <sup>7</sup>	Dulbinning, Taarblin <sup>3</sup> , <b>Toolibin</b> , Walbyring		
			18 Current 1 Historical		

- 1. Since Nov 2013, Buntine-Marchagee, Esperance Lakes and Muir-Unicup have lost NDRC status and the future of the Drummond NDRC is uncertain.
- 2. Kent 29020 is also known as East Lake Bryde.
- 3. Taarblin has two basins, north and south. Both are monitored under SWWMP.
- 4. Red (Manjimup) has been monitored in the past under SWWMP, but is not currently.
- 5. Several of the SWWMP wetlands listed above are also monitored under the Lake Bryde and Toolibin Lake Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment (NDRC) programs. Nonetheless it is considered important to continue their twice-yearly routine monitoring under SWWMP, which in all cases pre-dates the establishment of NDRCs and their programs.
- 6. Wetlands shown in **bold** are in the group of 25 Intensively Monitored wetlands (see Note 9 of Table 1).
- 7. As of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015, the Great Southern District *organisational unit* (personnel, etc.) will be amalgamated with the Wheatbelt Region organisational unit and will therefore no longer exist as a discrete unit. The Great Southern District *geographical area* will, in the future, be referred to as the Southern Wheatbelt District, in keeping with the Wheatbelt theme for the Region.

# Table 6. Bathymetrically-mapped SWWMP wetlands.

All SWWMP wetlands known by the authors to have been bathymetrically-mapped are listed in the Table below, together with the years of mapping, methods employed, products and custodians / sources.

No.	Wetland	Custodian / Source	Year of Mapping	Products	Methods / Comment
1	Ardath <sup>1</sup>	DPaW	2004	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc. 4	RTK <sup>5</sup>
2	Beverley <sup>2</sup>	DPaW	2002/3	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc.	RTK
3	Bryde	DPaW	2002	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc.	RTK
4	Byenup	DPaW	2009	Digital data. Maps in preparation.	RTK by boat, amphibious vehicle (Argo) & walking.
4	Byenup	DPaW	2013	Digital data. D-V calc. D-SA calc.	LIDAR & RTK
5	Clifton	DoW		Not seen.	Mapping referred to by Knott <i>et al.</i> (2003). See also Beggs (2014).
6	Campion	DPaW	2004/6/7	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc.	RTK
7	Coyrecup	DPaW	2001	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc. D-SA calc. 4	RTK at 100m intervals on 9 E-W transects 300m apart.
	Dulbinning	-	-	-	See Water Authority file 00617SW for inflow & outflow channel and some lakebed elevns.
8	Dumbleyung	DPaW	1998/01	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc. D-SA calc.	RTK of bed at 100m intervals on 8 E-W transects 1km apart; Photogrammetry of shore. Correction of outflow elevation in 2002.
9	Forrestdale	DoW		Paper map.	Metropolitan Water Board Special Plan 81C, FB 11318, Stadia Book 11319. Arnold (1990d) pp 356, 357, 359, 360.
10	Gore	DPaW	2003	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc.	Boat-based RTK and echo-sounding.
11	Hinds	DPaW	2000/1	Paper & PDF maps. Digital data. D-V calc.	
12	Jandabup	DoW		Paper map. 1:5,000.	MWB Special Plan 115, File 763107/74, Stadia L.B. 11650. Arnold (1990a) pp 60, 61, 66.
13	Jasper				Depth transects are shown in Dortch (1996).
14	Joondalup	DoW		Paper map. 1:5,000.	MWB Special Plan 117B, File 763107/74, Stadia L.B. 11651. Arnold (1990b) pp 104, 110- 112.
15	Kent 29020 <sup>2</sup>	DPaW	2002	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc.	RTK
16	Mears	DPaW	2003	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc.	RTK
17	Mollerin <sup>3</sup>	DPaW	2004	Paper map. Digital data	Photogrammetry and RTK ground truthing.
18	Mt Marshall 26687 <sup>2</sup>	DPaW	2004	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc.	RTK
19	Muir	DPaW	2013	Digital data. D-V calc. D-SA calc.	LIDAR
20	Ninan	DPaW	2000	Paper & PDF maps. Digital data. D-V calc.	Boat-based RTK and echo-sounding.
21	Noobijup	DPaW	2013	Digital data. D-V calc.	LIDAR
22	Poorginup	DPaW	2013	Digital data. D-V calc.	LIDAR
23	Powell	DoW	2003?		
24	Red (Manjimup)	PPaW	2013	Digital data. D-V calc. D-SA calc.	LIDAR
25	Shark	DPaW	2003	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc.	Boat-based RTK.
26	Station	DPaW	2002	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc.	RTK
27a	Taarblin North	DPaW	2004	Paper & PDF maps. Digital data. D-V calc.	RTK
28	Thomsons			Paper maps.	See Arnold (1990c) pp 266, 267, 269, 270. Davis <i>et al.</i> (2001).
29	Toolibin	DoW		Scanned copy of paper map, '609 009 PWD WA 54732', with spot heights and 0.5mAHD contours	Also see Water Authority file 00617SW for inflow & outflow channel and W bank elevns.
30	Tordit-Gurrup	DPaW	2011	Paper map. Digital data.	RTK by amphibious vehicle (Argo) & walking.
30	Tordit-Gurrup	DPaW	2013	Digital data. D-V calc. D-SA calc.	LIDAR & RTK
31	Towerrinning	Froend & McComb (1991)	1986	$\approx$ 1:25,000 paper map ( <a4); -2.5m,="" 0.5m="" contours="" shoreline="0.0m&lt;/td" to=""><td>Weighted graduated rope; <math>\approx 50</math>m intervals on 7 transects (4 E-W, 3 N-S) <math>\approx 500</math>m apart.</td></a4);>	Weighted graduated rope; $\approx 50$ m intervals on 7 transects (4 E-W, 3 N-S) $\approx 500$ m apart.
31	Towerrinning	J <u>D</u> A (2012)	2012	Digital & paper maps in JDA (2012).	Spot heights, cross sections & invert levels surveyed by JBA Surveys in Feb 2012.

#### Table 6 continued.

No.	Wetland	Custodian / Source	Year of Mapping	Products	Methods / Comment
32	Unicup	DPaW	2013	Digital data. D-V calc. D-SA calc.	LIDAR & RTK
33	Walbyring	-	-	See DoW (Water Authority) file 000 inflow channel elevations.	
34	Warden	DPaW	2002	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc.	Boat-based RTK and echo-sounding.
35	Wheatfield	DPaW	2002	Paper map. Digital data. D-V calc.	Boat-based RTK.
36	Yarnup	DPaW	2013	Digital data. D-V calc.	LIDAR
37	Yeagarup	DPaW	2014	Digital map (rectified orthophoto).	Boat-based survey with weighted, graduated survey line and hand-held GPS.
38	Yeagarup South	DPaW	2014	Digital map (rectified orthophoto).	Boat-based survey with weighted, graduated survey line and hand-held GPS.
39	Yealering	J <u>D</u> A (2012)	2012	Digital & paper maps in JDA (2012).	Spot heights, cross sections & invert levels surveyed by JBA Surveys in Feb 2012.

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- 3. Wetlands shown in *italics* have been monitored in the past under SWWMP, but not currently.
- 4. 'D-V calc.' and 'D-SA calc.' are Depth to Volume and Depth to Surface Area calculators, derived from the bathymetry.
- 5. 'RTK' refers to collecting 3-dimensional position (point) data using the Real-Time Kinematic Differential Global Positioning System (RTK DGPS).
- 6. SWWMP personnel have participated in mapping several non-SWWMP wetlands, these being Bokarup, Brown (connected to Campion), Cowcowing, Quallilup, and other wetlands (in addition to Station, Warden and Wheatfield) in the Lake Warden System, namely Ewans, Mullet, Windabout and Woody.

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# Table 7. SWWMP wetlands being bathymetrically-mapped by walking water edges.

In 2008, SWWMP personnel began opportunistic mapping of the bathymetry of SWWMP wetlands, by walking and logging GPS waypoints along all or part of the surface water edge at a variety of water levels. This work may be undertaken while at wetlands for other reasons such as routine monitoring in September and November, gauge maintenance in autumn and multiple point data collection at any time of the year. Over the long term, the accumulated data could provide rudimentary, low-cost bathymetric maps, depth - volume calculators and depth - surface area calculators for many wetlands. These are a fundamental requirement for water and salt balance investigations and related eco-hydrological studies.

To date, the following contours have been logged.

Wetland	Bathym. Survey No.	Date	Depth gauge reading (m)	% of surface water edge mapped	Who	Comment
Blue Gum <sup>1</sup>	1.1	03 Nov 2008	0.07	100%	JL	
66	1.2	17 Sep 2009	0.275	100%	JL	
Chandala	2.1	31 Jul 2008	1.11	≈ 70%	JL	Logged waypoints along W, N and S edges
66	2.2	11 May 2009	0.15	100%	JL	
66		13 May 2009	-	-	JL	Logged waypoints along NE stream inflow.
	2.3	13 Nov 2009	0.75	≈ 40%	JL	
66	2.4	18 Dec 2009	0.56	100%	JL	
66	2.5	14 Jan 2010	0.335	100%	JL	Many small islands within mapped contour.
Cronin	3	16 July 2009	TBD	≈ 95%	JL	Logged all of basin water edge but not all of inlet channel.
Esperance 26410	4	17 Jul 2008	0.79	100%	JL	
Frasers	5	19 Sep 2009	0.23	100%	JL	
Guraga	6.1	16 Sep 2008	0.41	≈ 7%	JL	Logged waypoints for 0.5km along E edge.
"	6.2	17 Sep 2009	0.65	100%	JL	
Harvey 12632	7.1	06 Aug 2008	0.94	100%	JL	
"		18 Mar 2008	0.00	-	JL	Lake dry. Logged ≈ 95% of distinct peat edge.
"	7.2	22 Jul 2009	0.26	100%	JL	
"	7.3	17 Nov 2009	0.46	100%	JL	
McLarty	8.1	27 Aug 2008	1.18	100%	JL	
44	8.2	17 Nov 2009	0.56	100%	JL	
	8.3	20 Dec 2009	0.30	100%	JL	
West Arthur 5456	9	18 Jul 2008	0.15	100%	JL	
Yellilup	10	07 Dec 2009	0.995	100%	AC	
10 Wetlands	20 Surveys					

#### **Notes:**

1. Wetland shown in **bold** is in the group of 25 Intensively Monitored wetlands (see Note 9 of Table 1).

Table 8. SWWMP wetlands for which aerial oblique photography is available. High-resolution, low altitude, aerial oblique photographs of the following SWWMP wetlands were captured by DEC during 2008-2012. Requests for these photographs should be directed to <a href="mailto:iim.lane@dpaw.wa.gov.au">iim.lane@dpaw.wa.gov.au</a>. A small charge for supply may be required.

No.	Wetland Name <sup>1</sup>	Code	Tenure <sup>2</sup>	<b>Local Government Authority</b>	Date of Photography
1	Ace <sup>3</sup>	ACE	CCWA	Lake Grace	17 May 2009
2	Albany 26385 <sup>4</sup>	ALB1	CCWA	Albany	21 May 2008
3	Albany 27157	ALB2	CCWA	Albany	21 May 2008, 28 May 2011
4	Altham <sup>5</sup>	ALTH	CCWA	Kent	17 May 2009
5	Anderson	ANDE	CCWA	Tambellup	21 May 2008
6	Angove	ANGO	CCWA	Albany	21 May 2008
7	Ardath	ARDA	CCWA	Bruce Rock	07 June 2010
8	Atkins Yate	ATKI	Private	Lake Grace	17 May 2009
9	Bambun	BAMB	CCWA	Gingin	06 June 2010
10	Bennetts	BENN	CCWA	Lake Grace	17 May 2009
11	Beverley <sup>6</sup>	BEVE	CCWA / LGA	Beverley / Brookton / Quairading	07 June 2010
12	Biddy	BIDD	CCWA	Lake Grace	26 May 2010
13	Blue Gum	BLUE	Private	Moora	07 June 2010
14	Boat Harbour 1	BOA1	CCWA	Denmark	26 May 2008, 27 May 2011
15	Bokan	BOKA	CCWA	Narrogin	26 May 2010
16	Boyup Brook 18239 <sup>6</sup>	BOYU	CCWA	Boyup Brook	19 May 2008
17	Broadwater	BROA	CCWA	Busselton	6, 11 & 12 May 2011
18	Brown	BROW	CCWA	Corrigin	07 June 2010
19	Bruce Rock 30969	BRUC	CCWA	Bruce Rock	26 May 2012
20	Bryde	BRYD	CCWA	Kent	17 May 2009
21	Byenup	BYEN	CCWA	Manjimup	24 May 2008, 11 May 2011
22	Cairlocup	CAIR	CCWA	Kent	17 May 2009
23	Camel	CAME	CCWA	Cranbrook	21 May 2008
24	Campion	CAMP	CCWA	Nungarin / Merredin	26 May 2012
25	Capamaura	CAPA	CCWA	Carnamah	07 June 2010
26	Casuarina	CASU	CCWA	Katanning	17 May 2009
27	Chandala	CHAN	CCWA	Chittering	06 June 2010
28	Chittering	CHIT	CCWA	Chittering	06 June 2010
29	Clifton	CLIF	CCWA	Mandurah / Waroona	29 May 2011
30	Coblinine	COBL	CCWA	Dumbleyung	17 May 2009
31	Collets Road	COLL	CCWA	Jerramungup	16 May 2009
32	Coomalbidgup	CMBG	LGA	Esperance	16 May 2009
33	Coomelberrup	COOM	CCWA	Dumbleyung	17 May 2009
34	Corrigin 12900 <sup>6</sup>	CORR	CCWA	Corrigin	07 June 2010
35	Coyrecup	COYR	CCWA	Katanning	17 May 2009
36	Crackers	CRAC	CCWA	Dandaragan	07 June 2010
37	Cranbrook 25812	CRAN	CCWA	Cranbrook	21 May 2008
	<del> </del>	CRON	CCWA	Kondinin	26 May 2010
38	Cronin	CNOW		1	1
				Augusta-Margaret River	19 May 2008, 11 May 2011
38	Cronin Davies Dobaderry	DAVI	CCWA	Augusta-Margaret River Beverley	19 May 2008, 11 May 2011 07 June 2010
38 39 40	Davies Dobaderry	DAVI DOBA	CCWA CCWA	Beverley	07 June 2010
38 39 40 41	Davies Dobaderry Dowerin	DAVI DOBA DOWE	CCWA CCWA <i>LGA</i>	Beverley  Dowerin	07 June 2010 27 May 2012
38 39 40	Davies Dobaderry	DAVI DOBA	CCWA CCWA	Beverley	07 June 2010

# Table 8 continued.

No.	Wetland Name <sup>1</sup>	Code	Tenure <sup>2</sup>	Local Government Authority	Date of Photography
45	Eganu	EGAN	CCWA	Coorow	07 June 2010
46	Egret	EGRE	CCWA	Harvey	19 May 2008
47	Ellen Brook	ELLE	CCWA	Swan	06 June 2010
48	Eneminga	ENEM	CCWA	Dandaragan	07 June 2010
49	Esperance 26410	ESP1	CCWA	Esperance	16 May 2009
50	Esperance 27768	ESP2	CCWA	Esperance	16 May 2009
51	Esperance 27985	ESP3	CCWA	Esperance	16 May 2009
52	Esperance 32128	ESP4	CCWA	Esperance	16 May 2009
53	Esperance 32776	ESP5	CCWA	Esperance	16 May 2009
54	Flagstaff	FLAG	CCWA	Woodanilling	17 May 2009
55	Forrestdale	FORR	CCWA	Armadale	06 June 2010
56	Frasers	FRAS	Private	Dowerin	27 May 2012
57	Gardner	GARD	CCWA	Albany	21 May 2008
58	Gibbs	GIBB	CCWA	Armadale	06 June 2010
59	Gingin 31241	GING	CCWA	Gingin	06 June 2010
60	Gnowangerup 26264	GNO1	CCWA	Gnowangerup	21 May 2008
61	Gnowangerup 26569	GNO2	CCWA	Gnowangerup	17 May 2009
62	Goonaping	GOON	CCWA	Beverley	07 June 2010
63	Goorly	GOOR	UCL	Dalwallinu	27 May 2012
64	Gore	GORE	CCWA	Esperance	16 May 2009
65	Gounter	GOUN	CCWA	Kondinin	26 May 2010
66	Gundaring	GUND	CCWA	Wagin	17 May 2009
67	Guraga	GURA	LGA	Dandaragan	07 June 2010
68	Harvey 12632	HARV	CCWA	Harvey	19 May 2008
69	Hebitons	HEBI	Private	Mullewa	27 May 2012
70	Hinds	HIND	CCWA	Wongan-Ballidu	27 May 2012
71	Jandabup	JAND	CCWA	Wanneroo	06 June 2010
72	Jasper	JASP	CCWA	Nannup	20 May 2008
73	Jerdacuttup	JERD	CCWA	Ravensthorpe	16 May 2009
74	Joondalup	JOON	CCWA	Joondalup	06 June 2010
75	Karakin	KARA	WRC	Gingin	06 June 2010
76	Kent 29020 <sup>6</sup>	KENT	CCWA	Kent	17 May 2009
77	Kondinin	KOND	CCWA	Kondinin	07 June 2010
78	Kwobrup	KWOB	Private	Kent	17 May 2009
79	Kwornicup	KWOR	CCWA	Plantagenet	21 May 2008
80	Little White	LITT	CCWA	Narrogin	26 May 2010
81	Logue	LOGU	CCWA	Carnamah	27 May 2012
82	Maringup	MARI	CCWA	Manjimup	20 May 2008, 11 & 28 May 2011
83	Martinup	MART	CCWA	Woodanilling	11 May 2011
84	McLarty	MCLA	CCWA	Murray	21 May 2008
85	Mears	MEAR	CCWA	Brookton	07 June 2010, 26 May 2012
86	Mettler	METT	CCWA	Albany	21 May 2008
87	Miripin	MIRI	CCWA	Woodanilling	17 May 2009
88	Moates	MOAT	CCWA	Albany	21 May 2008
89	Mollerin	MOLL	CCWA	Koorda	26 May 2012
90	Mortijinup	MORT	CCWA	Esperance	16 May 2009

# Table 8 continued.

No.	Wetland Name <sup>1</sup>	Code	Tenure <sup>2</sup>	Local Government Authority	Date of Photography
91	Mount Le Grand	MLGR	CCWA	Esperance	16 May 2009
92	Mt Marshall 26687	MTMA	CCWA	Mt Marshall	26 May 2012
93	Muir	MUIR	CCWA	Manjimup	20 & 24 May 2008
94	Mungala	MUNG	CCWA	Gingin	06 June 2010
95	Murapin	MURA	CCWA	Woodanilling	17 May 2009
96	Murray 24739	MURR	CCWA	Murray	21 May 2008
97	Nambung	NAMB	CCWA	Gingin	06 June 2010
98	Ngopitchup	NGOP	WRC	Broomehill	24 May 2008
99	Ninan	NINA	CCWA	Wongan-Ballidu	27 May 2012
100	Nine Mile	NINE	CCWA	Murray	19 May 2008
101	Nonalling	NONA	CCWA	Corrigin	07 June 2010
102	Noobijup	NOOB	CCWA	Cranbrook	24 May 2008
103	Noonying	NOON	CCWA	Tammin	27 May 2012
104	North Parriup	NPAR	CCWA	Ravensthorpe	16 May 2009
105	Owingup	OWIN	CCWA	Denmark	20 May 2008
106	Pabelup South	PABE	CCWA	Jerramungup	16 May 2009
107	Pallarup	PALL	CCWA	Lake Grace	17 May 2009
108	Parkeyerring	PARK	CCWA	Wagin	11 May 2011
109	Pillenorup	PILL	CCWA	Plantagenet	21 May 2008, 28 May 2011
110	Pinjarrega	PINJ	CCWA	Coorow	07 June 2010
111	Plantagenet 25386	PLAN	CCWA	Plantagenet	21 May 2008
112	Pleasant View	PLEA	CCWA	Albany	21 May 2008, 28 May 2011
113	Poorginup	POOR	CCWA	Manjimup	20 May 2008
114	Powell	POWE	CCWA	Albany	21 May 2008, 28 May 2011
115	Queerearrup	QUEE	LGA	Woodanilling	17 May 2009
116	Range Road Yate	RANG	MWR	Kent	17 May 2009
117	Red (Bruce Rock)	REDB	CCWA	Bruce Rock	07 June 2010
118	Red (Manjimup)	REDM	UCL	Manjimup	24 May 2008
119	Ronnerup	RONN	CCWA	Lake Grace	17 May 2009
120	Shark	SHAR	CCWA	Esperance	16 May 2009
121	Shaster	SHAS	CCWA	Ravensthorpe	16 May 2009
122	Station	STAT	CCWA	Esperance	16 May 2009
123	Streets	STRE	Private	Moora	07 June 2010
124a	Taarblin North <sup>7</sup>	TAAN	CCWA	Narrogin	26 May 2010
124b	Taarblin South <sup>7</sup>	TAAR	CCWA	Narrogin	26 May 2010
125	Thomsons	THOM	CCWA	Cockburn	06 June 2010
126	Toolibin	TOOL	CCWA	Wickepin	26 May 2010, 07 Jun 2010
127	Tordit-Gurrup	TORD	CCWA	Manjimup	20 May 2008 (limited), 11 (E) & 28 (W) May 2011
128	Towerrinning	TOWE	CCWA	West Arthur	24 May 2008
129	Twin Swamps N-W	TWIN	CCWA	Swan	06 June 2010
130	Unicup	UNIC	CCWA	Cranbrook	11, 27 & 28 May 2011
131	Varley	VARL	CCWA	Kulin	26 May 2010
132	Wagin 2088	WAGI	CCWA	Wagin	17 May 2009
133	Walbyring	WALB	CCWA	Wickepin	26 May 2010, 07 Jun 2010
134	Wallering	WALL	CCWA	Gingin	06 June 2010
135	Walyormouring	WALY	CCWA	Goomalling	27 May 2012

#### Table 8 continued.

No.	Wetland Name <sup>1</sup>	Code	Tenure <sup>2</sup>	Local Government Authority	Date of Photography
136	Wannamal	WANN	CCWA	Gingin	06 June 2010
137	Warden	WARD	CCWA	Esperance	16 May 2009
138	Wardering	WARG	CCWA	Woodanilling	11 May 2011
139	Warrinup	WARR	CCWA	Cranbrook	24 May 2008
140	West Arthur 5456	WEST	CCWA	West Arthur	11 & 27 May 2011
141	Wheatfield	WHEA	CCWA	Esperance	16 May 2009
142	White (Albany)	WHIA	CCWA	Albany	21 May 2008
143	White (Narrogin)	WHIN	CCWA	Narrogin	26 May 2010, 07 Jun 2010
144	White Water	WHIW	CCWA	Corrigin	07 June 2010
145	Wild Horse	WILD	CCWA	West Arthur	19 May 2008
146	Wilson	WILS	CCWA	Manjimup	20 May 2008
147	Yaalup	YAAL	CCWA	Kent	17 May 2009
148	Yarnup	YARN	CCWA	Cranbrook	24 May 2008, 27 May 2011
149	Yarra Yarra	YARR	CCWA	Carnamah	26 May 2012
150	Yealering	YEAL	LGA	Wickepin	07 June 2010
151	Yellilup	YELL	Private	Jerramungup	21 May 2008, 28 May 2011
152	Yurine	YURI	CCWA	Gingin	06 June 2010

- 1. Wetlands without official names at the commencement of monitoring are identified by Local Government Authority and Reserve Number (e.g. Albany 26385).
- CCWA (Conservation Commission of Western Australia); LGA (Local Government Authority); MWR (Minister for Water Resources); UCL (Unallocated Crown Land), WRC (Water & Rivers Commission). DPaW has management responsibility for wetlands vested in CCWA.
- 3. The SWWMP wetlands shown in *italics* have been monitored under SWWMP at various times in the past, but are not currently monitored, not at least under SWWMP.
- 4. Wetlands not shown in italics are 'current' SWWMP wetlands being routinely monitored by the authors for surface water depth, salinity, pH and (until 2007) nutrients, under the State Salinity Strategy. These include the Intensively Monitored wetlands shown in bold.
- 5. Wetlands shown in **bold** are SWWMP wetlands that have been Intensively Monitored by other DPaW scientific staff for potential changes in plant and animal communities, shallow groundwater levels and detailed water chemistry under the State Salinity Strategy. They are a subset of the 'current' wetlands.
- 6. Beverley Lakes is also known as Yenyenning Lakes; Boyup Brook 18239 as Kulicup Swamp; Corrigin 12900 as Paperbark Swamp and Kent 29020 as East Lake Bryde.
- 7. Taarblin North and Taarblin South refer to the northern and southern basins respectively of one wetland (Taarblin).
- 8. The only SWWMP wetlands not yet photographed are Big Boom (Esperance), Gingilup (Nannup), Kulunilup (Cranbrook), Yeagarup (Manjimup) and Yeagarup South (Manjimup). These wetlands have only recently been added to SWWMP (Yeagarup and Yeagarup South in 2011, Big Boom and Gingilup in 2012, Kulunilup in 2014).

Table 9. Number of SWWMP wetlands with 1, 2, 3, etc. years of September and/or<sup>1</sup> November depth, pH and salinity data as at November 2014.

	No. of curr	ently monito	red wetlands	No. of histo	No. of historically monitored wetlands			
Number of years of Sep and/or <sup>1</sup> Nov data at Nov 2014	With Depth data	With pH data	With Salinity data	With Depth data	With pH data	With Salinity data		
0	1				2	2		
1		2	2		4	2		
2				1	4	4		
3	2	2	2	5	10	7		
4	2	2	2	4	12	5		
5				9	4	9		
6		1	1	10		5		
7		2	1	4	2	3		
8		1	2		3	1		
9					5	4		
10				2	4			
11		6	1	4	2	6		
12	1		2	2		1		
13	1	3		11		3		
14	4	1	2					
15	7	6	9					
16	4	2	3					
17		1	1					
18		1						
19	3	2						
20	1	3	2		1			
21	2	7	7			1		
22	4	2	1	1				
23	4	6	4					
24	1	4	5					
25		2	4					
26	2	4	4					
27	1	1	1					
28	1	4	3					
29	3	6	4					
30	5	5	4					
31	9	4	4					
32		10	1					
33	5	11	1					
34	4	3	11					
35	13		7					
36	23		11					
37	1		2					
<b>Total Wetlands</b>	104	104	104	53	53	53		

# **SUMMARY**

	No. of curi	ently monito	red wetlands	No. of historically monitored wetlands			
Number of years of Sep and/or <sup>1</sup> Nov data at Nov 2014	With Depth data	With pH data	With Salinity data	With Depth data	With pH data	With Salinity data	
≥ 10	99	94	94	20	7	11	
≥ 20	79	72	76	1	1	1	
≥ 30	60	33	41	0	0	0	

- 1. The objective is to monitor all SWWMP wetlands in both September *and* November each year. However, on occasions, circumstances may prevent data collection at one or a few wetlands in either Sept or Nov (rarely at same wetland in both months) of a particular year.
- 2. More wetlands have 10+, 20+, 30+ years of depth data than salinity (or pH) data because in most years some wetlands are dry in September and/or November. Fewer wetlands have 10+, 20+, 30+ years of pH data than salinity data because routine pH monitoring began several years after depth and salinity monitoring.
- 3. Taarblin North is not included in this Table. It has been monitored for a shorter period than Taarblin South, which is included. They are two connected basins of the same wetland (Lake Taarblin).

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#### APPENDIX 2. Recreation and SWWMP wetlands.

Wetlands in south-western Australia are used for many forms of recreation including water-based sports such as waterskiing, sailboarding, canoeing and kayaking and other 'in the water' experiences such as tadpole and macroinvertebrate collecting and waterbird surveys. Many urban wetlands have trails or footpaths on or near their shores and these are enjoyed by walkers, joggers and cyclists. Others have parks, picnic areas and family playgrounds. In both of these urban situations, the lake-side vistas and ambience add enjoyment to the recreational experience. Some wetlands have hides, platforms and walkways for viewing birds and their environments. People enjoy the aesthetics of healthy wetlands and the opportunity to closely observe, and perhaps photograph, the local wildlife.

#### SWWMP wetlands and recreational access

SWWMP wetlands provide many opportunities for recreational enjoyment of wildlife. Some have easy access and others do not. Below is a list (a-f) of all SWWMP wetlands categorised according to their proximity to Perth, to other major urban centres and to smaller towns and settlements, and according to their ease of access.

#### While reading the list, the following should be noted:

There are hazards (e.g. water, mud, venomous snakes, toxic algae, overpowering odours, possibility of becoming lost) associated with many wetlands and 'easy access' should not be interpreted as low risk. Assignment to access categories (a-f) is based on ease of access to each wetland and not necessarily to each wetland's depth gauge(s). The use of watercraft is generally not permitted on SWWMP wetlands (or other wetlands reserved for conservation or in National Parks) except in a few instances where and when indicated by on-site signage. No privately-owned SWWMP wetlands (*Hebitons, Blue Gum, Streets, Frasers*, Ardath, *Kwobrup*, Atkins Yate and Yellilup) are listed below. Landowners' permission is required to access privately-owned wetlands. SWWMP wetlands on public land but only accessible via private property are included in the 'difficult access' category (f). The wetlands within each category are listed approximately N-S and W-E. Wetlands in italics are 'historical' and not currently monitored under SWWMP. The approximate location, coordinates and tenure of each wetland can be ascertained from Figure 1 and Table 1 of this report. Tables 2 and 3 may also be helpful.

- **a) SWWMP wetlands in the Perth metropolitan area** are: Joondalup, Thomsons, Forrestdale, Gibb and Jandabup. The first three are easy to access and have some interpretive and other recreational facilities.
- **b) SWWMP wetlands in or close to other major urban centres**<sup>1</sup> are: Egret (Australind), Broadwater (Busselton), Moates, *Angove, Gardner*, Powell (Albany) and Warden, Shark, Wheatfield, Station (Esperance). Access is easy to all except Moates, *Angove* and Station.
- c) SWWMP wetlands close to smaller rural towns<sup>1</sup> and settlements<sup>1</sup> and easy to access are: Yarra Yarra (Three Springs), Wannamal (Wannamal), *Nambung* and *Wallering* (Bambun), McLarty (Birchmont), 'Boyup Brook 18239' (Kulicup), Towerrinning (Moodiarrup), Pleasant View, 'Albany 26385' [ALB1], 'Albany 27157' [ALB2] and *White Albany* (Manypeaks), Yealering (Yealering), 'Wagin 2088' and Parkeyerring (Wagin), Kondinin (Kondinin), Gounter (Hyden), Jerdacuttup (Hopetoun), Coomalbidgup (Coomalbidgup). Not readily accessible are Bambun and Mungala (Bambun), Noonying (Tammin) and Mettler (Wellstead).
- d) SWWMP wetlands in National Parks and easy to access are: Clifton (Yalgorup NP), Davies (Leeuwin-Naturaliste NP), Yeagarup (D'Entrecasteaux NP). Not readily accessible are Jasper, Wilson, Yeagarup South and Maringup (D'Entrecasteaux NP), Pillenorup (Stirling Range NP), Colletts and Pabelup South (Fitzgerald River RNP) and Mount Le Grand (Cape Le Grand NP).
- e) Other SWWMP wetlands readily accessible by road (though may involve a short walk): Goorly, Yurine, Chittering, Hinds, Ninan, Walyormouring, Dowerin, Mollerin, Campion, 'Bruce Rock 30969', Red Bruce Rock, Beverley, Mears, Brown, White Water, Dulbinning, Toolibin, Walbyring, Taarblin, Flagstaff, Queerearrup, Murapin, Martinup, Dumbleyung, Coblinine, Casuarina, Coyrecup, Muir, Red Manjimup, Kulunilup, Unicup, Yarnup, Noobijup, Warrinup, Kwornicup, Anderson, Altham, Bryde, Range Road, Biddy, Pallarup, Cronin, 'Plantagenet 25386', Gore, 'Esperance 27985' [ESP3] and 'Dundas 33113'. Several of these wetlands, e.g. Ninan, Walyormouring, Beverley, Mears, Toolibin, Dumbleyung and Muir, have some limited facilities for recreation.
- f) Other SWWMP wetlands NOT readily accessible by road (long or difficult walk required): Logue, Capamaura, Eganu, Pinjarrega, Eneminga, Guraga, Crackers, Karakin, 'Gingin 31241', Chandala, Twin Swamps, Ellen Brook, Dobaderry, Goonaping, 'Murray 24739', Nine Mile, 'Harvey 12632', Gingilup, Byenup, Tordit-Gurrup, Poorginup, Owingup, 'Boat Harbour 1', 'Mount Marshall 26687', 'Corrigin 12900', Nonalling, Bokan, Little White, White Narrogin, Gundaring, Coomelberrup, Wardering, Miripin, 'West Arthur 5456', Wild Horse, Ngopitchup, 'Cranbrook 25812', Camel, 'Gnowangerup 26264' [GNO1], 'Gnowangerup 26569' [GNO2], Yaalup, Cairlocup, 'Kent 29020', Bennetts, Ronnerup,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Town / settlement name in brackets.

Ace, Varley, Mettler, North Parriup, Shaster, 'Esperance 26410' [ESP1], Mortijinup, 'Esperance 27768' [ESP2], 'Esperance 32128' [ESP4], 'Esperance 32776' [ESP5] and Big Boom. None of these wetlands have facilities for recreation.

## SWWMP wetlands, recreational boating and some other activities

SWWMP wetlands currently approved (Department of Transport website<sup>1</sup>, 09/2/2015) for water skiing are Bennetts, Dumbleyung, *Queerearrup* and Towerrinning. Other SWWMP wetlands (not including privately-owned wetlands) known or understood to have been used for waterskiing in the past are Anderson, Beverley, Bryde, Campion, *Coblinine*, Coyrecup, Forrestdale, Guraga, Hinds, Jasper, *Kondinin*, Mears, Ninan, *Queerearrup*, Unicup, and Yealering. Waterskiing might also have occurred at '*Mt Marshall 26697*'. On Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1964, Donald Campbell set a new world water speed record when he piloted his boat, 'Bluebird K7' across the recently full-to-overflowing Lake Dumbleyung at 445 km/hr.

Canoes, kayaks or small dinghies are known or are thought to have been used in recent times at some of the above lakes and on *Angove*, Bambun, Clifton, Gore, *Gundaring*, Joondalup, *Miripin*, Powell, Shark, Toolibin, Walyormouring and Warden. Sailboards and small yachts are thought to have been used on Dumbleyung and Towerrinning. During the 1980s, a small number of permits were issued to allow RAOU<sup>2</sup>-affiliated bird observers to use small craft to survey certain large or deep SWWMP wetlands during an assessment of waterbird use of wetland nature reserves (Jaensch *et al.* 1988).

Swimming may occur at Dumbleyung and *Cronin* and at *Coblinine* where the remains of a wooden diving tower and board were evident a decade or so ago. Horses have been exercised in Parkeyerring. Horse races were apparently conducted on the bed of Red (Bruce Rock) decades ago and some bush-pole structures remain. Fishing for bream has occurred at Clifton and possibly at Wheatfield and marroning at Jasper and Moates. Recreational egg-collecting (now banned) no doubt occurred on some SWWMP wetlands in the past.

Note that some of the above activities are now prohibited and mention here should not be taken to indicate otherwise.

#### SWWMP wetlands, bird watching and bird studies by volunteers

Except perhaps for duck-shooting (see below), the most geographically extensive recreational use of SWWMP and other wetlands in south-western Australia has been the 1977–81 Atlas of Australian Birds (Blakers *et al.* 1984), the 1981–85 survey of waterbird use of wetland nature reserves (Lane 1981, Jaensch *et al.* 1988), the Great Duck Counts of 1986–88 (Jaensch & Vervest 1988b), the 1998–2002 New Atlas of Australian Birds (Barrett *et al.* 2003), the Hooded Plover surveys of the 1990s, the Australasian Bittern and Little Bittern surveys of 2007–13 (Pickering 2013) and the waterbird survey efforts of B. & A. Buchanan (Buchanan 2005) and possibly others unknown to or not recalled by the authors. The waterbird surveys of R. Garstone (197..?) in the Great Southern and by the WA Field & Game Association prior to 1992 have also been noteworthy. Most notable overall is the fact that a comprehensive assessment by volunteers of the numbers and breeding activity of all waterbird species across the south-west has not been made for three decades, that is, since the 1981–85 survey by members of the former RAOU, now Birdlife Australia.

# SWWMP wetlands and recreational duck shooting

Prior to being banned in Western Australia in 1992, recreational duck shooting was undertaken by thousands of licensed shooters (Lane 1985). During the last declared season in the south-west (Jan 14<sup>th</sup> to Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1990), the following 41 SWWMP wetlands (and some other wetland reserves) in the conservation estate were declared 'Game Reserves' open for licensed recreational duck shooting: Beverley, Brown, *Bokan, Camel, Campion, Coblinine, Coomelberrup, Coyrecup, Dulbinning, Eganu, Eneminga, Flagstaff, Gore, Gundaring, Hinds, Jerdacuttup, Kulunilup, Martinup, Mears, Muir (part), <i>Murapin, Ninan, Nonalling, Noobijup, Noonying, Parkeyerring, Pinjarrega, Shaster, Station, Taarblin, Unicup, 'Wagin 2088', Walbyring, Walyormouring, Wannamal (part), Wheatfield, White (Albany), White (Narrogin), White Water, Wild Horse and Yurine, Recreational duck shooting may also have been permitted on one or more of several privately-owned SWWMP wetlands.* 

Throughout the year, all nature reserves not declared to be game reserves and all national parks were closed to shooting. These included a number of SWWMP wetlands. In addition, a number of 'waterfowl refuge areas' were declared closed to shooting at all times. These included the following SWWMP wetlands: 'Albany 27157' [ALB2], Anderson, Bambun, Broadwater, *Chittering*, Clifton, 'Corrigin 12900', Crackers, *Coblinine*, Dumbleyung, Egret, Forrestdale, Jandabup, Joondalup, McLarty, Muir (part), *Mungala, Murapin*, 'Murray 24739', Nambung, Powell, Toolibin, Towerrinning, Wallering, Wannamal (part), Wardering and Yealering.

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<sup>1</sup> http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/marine/MAC-M-WaterSki\_InlandWaterDamsLakes3.pdf

Now 'Birdlife Australia'.

## APPENDIX 3. 'Waterbird Spectaculars'

The most recent broad-scale survey of all waterbird species, numbers and breeding activity on hundreds of wetlands across the south-west is the 1981–85 survey of waterbird usage of wetland nature reserves (and many other wetlands) in south-western Australia (Lane 1981, Jaensch *et al.* 1988). This survey was a cooperative effort by the WA Department of Fisheries & Wildlife (a predecessor of DPaW) and the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union (now Birdlife Australia) and was funded by recreational duck-shooting licence fees. The Tables below show where the highest counts were made, which wetlands had the highest numbers of birds per unit area, the water depth and salinity at the time of each highest count, and the most abundant species.

The main purpose of preparing these Tables is to show that, when conditions are suitable, large numbers and densities of waterbirds gather, providing periodic opportunities to witness 'waterbird spectaculars'. They also demonstrate how count, depth and salinity data could be used to predict future events of this nature.

In the first Table, wetlands are listed (ranked) in order of highest count. In the second, the same wetlands are listed in order of count per unit area, i.e. waterbird density.

#### (A) Ranked by Highest Count

SWWMP Wetland	Highest Count (month & year)	Count Rank	Area (ha)	Count / Area Ratio	Count / Area Rank	Local Authority	Depth (m)	Sal. (ppt)	Single most abundant species in highest count
Dumbleyung	24,839 (Mar85)	1	3,968	6.3	28	Dumbl./Wagin	2.75	40	Coot (10,500)
Forrestdale	17,484 (Jan83)	2	198	88.3	5	Armadale	0.17	11	Uid Ducks (4,500)
Warden	16,919 (Nov82)	3	600	28.2	14	Esperance	0.40	166	Banded Stilt (7,000)
Thomsons	14,675 (Mar85)	4	239	61.4	7	Cockburn	0.33	8	Coot (5,200)
Gore	13,505 (Nov84)	5	738	18.3	21	Esperance	1.67	49	Shelduck (7,000)
Mears	10,958 (May82)	6	279	39.3	12	Brookton	0.20	95	Banded Stilt (5,200)
Eganu	10,940 (Jan82)	7	84	130.2	3	Coorow	1.82	18	Grey Teal (4,000)
Pinjarrega	10,311 (Dec81)	8	570	18.1	22	Coorow	1.94	27	Shelduck (3,000)
Hinds	9,614 (Oct83)	9	1,197	8.0	27	WongBallidu	1.44	61	Banded Stilt (8,000)
White Narrogin	8,399 (Mar84)	10	200	42.0	11	Narrogin	1.22	7	Grey Teal (6,000)
Kwornicup	7,361 (Sep82)	11	219	33.6	13	Plantagenet	0.14	46	Banded Stilt (7,000)
Guraga	7,217 (Mar84)	12	350	20.6	19	Dandaragan	1.52	10	Uid Grebe, Coot (2,000 ea)
Joondalup	6,573 (Mar84)	13	469	14.0	24	Joondalup	2.40	2	Coot (4,436)
Wardering	6,304 (Mar84)	14	43	146.6	2	Woodanilling	0.37	29	Grey Teal (4,000)
Broadwater	6,125 (Jan83)	15	63	97.2	4	Busselton	-	-	Grey Teal (2,000)
Coyrecup	6,070 (May83)	16	417	14.6	23	Katanning	0.92	13	Grey Teal (2,680)
Chandala	5,202 (Oct83)	17	120	43.4	9	Chittering	0.90	1	Straw-n. Ibis (5,000)
McLarty	4,639 (Feb85)	18	200	23.2	15	Murray	-	-	Grey Teal (1,500)
Walyormouring	4,473 (Nov81)	19	≈ 500	≈ 8.9	26	Goomalling	0.51	20	Grey Teal, Hardhead (2,000 ea)
Jandabup	4,438 (Mar83)	20	232	19.1	20	Wanneroo	0.34	3	Red-c. Plover (3,000)
Flagstaff	4,336 (Jan85)	21	≈ 200	≈ 21.7	16	Woodanilling	0.52	96	Shelduck (2,500)
Taarblin	4,241 (Feb84)	22	985	4.3	29	Narrogin	1.52	3	Grey Teal (3,000)
Ninan	4,178 (Oct82)	23	199	21.0	18	WongBallidu	0.88	110	Banded Stilt (3,000)
Wannamal	4,158 (Nov84)	24	64	65.0	6	Gingin	1.28	8	Coot (3,600)
Coomelberrup	3,459 (Jan83)	25	82	42.2	10	Dumbleyung	0.61	39	Grey Teal (1,300)
Beverley (cntrl)	3,423 (Apr84)	26	≈ 75	≈ 45.6	8	Beverley	0.88	110	Banded Stilt (2,500)
Parkeyerring	3,317 (Jul84)	27	≈ 300	≈ 11.1	25	Wagin	1.13	23	Coot (1,800)
White Water	3,204 (Sep82)	28	≈ 150	≈ 21.4	17		0.14	56	Banded Stilt (2,880)
Muir	3,012 (Jan85)	29	4600	0.7	30	Manjimup	0.70	58	Shelduck (3,000)
* Shark	2,642 (Mar85)	30	4.5	587.1	1	Esperance	1.83	2	Grey Teal (2,000)

- The cutoff for this Table is 3,000 birds. Shark Lake has been added because of its exceptionally high count / area ratio.
- Twenty of the wetlands in this Table are in the inland agricultural area where rainfall is declining and wetlands are filling less frequently than during 1981-85. Waterbird numbers are probably also in decline and 'waterbird spectaculars' less frequent.
- This Table could be usefully updated by addition of (for example) unpublished 1986-1992 RAOU data, the 1986-1988 *Great Duck Counts* (Jaensch & Vervest 1988b); 1987-1992 *Annual Waterfowl Counts* (e.g. Halse *et al.* 1995); Esperance District counts (Clarke & Lane 2003); count data from DPaW Recovery Catchments and from intensive monitoring of SWWMP wetlands by Halse, Pinder & Cale, and data from articles appearing in post-1990 issues of *WA Bird Notes*. Lake Muir, for example, supported 51,613 ducks, swans and coots in March 1989 (Halse *et al.* 1990), greatly exceeding the highest count for any wetland in the above Table.

#### APPENDIX 3 continued.

## (B) Ranked by Waterbird Density (Count/Area Ratio)

SWWMP Wetland	Highest Count (month & year)	Count Rank	Area (ha)	Count / Area Ratio	Count / Area Rank	Local Authority	Depth (m)	Sal. (ppt)	Single most abundant species in highest count
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Depths at the times of highest counts being recorded ranged from 2.75m (Dumbleyung) to 0.14m (Kwornicup, White Water) and salinities from 166ppt (Warden) to 1ppt (Chandala). Timing was as follows: Jun-Jul (1 wetland), Aug-Sep (2), Oct-Nov (7), Dec-Jan (7), Feb-Mar (10), Apr-May (3). These data are consistent with authors' (JL, AC) experience that highest numbers are most likely to occur between late spring and early autumn and that the timing at particular wetlands is depth-specific, with salinity primarily affecting species composition rather than the occurrence or otherwise of high numbers.

'Waterbird spectaculars' may also be observed at other, non-SWWMP wetlands in the south-west, such as Peel Inlet at Mandurah and Vasse-Wonnerup at Busselton, where large flocks of migratory and resident species gather each summer. Feeding frenzies involving hundreds of pelicans, egrets, herons, ibis, cormorants and spoonbills may be seen in the lowest reaches of Vasse-Wonnerup in December-January each year (Lane *et al.* 2007). The nesting colony of Black Swans *Cygnus atratus* at the northern end of Wonnerup estuary and the ibis and cormorant colonies on the Vasse estuary floodplain (on south side of Layman Rd) are also sights to be seen.

#### APPENDIX 4. Threatened species in SWWMP wetlands.

'Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2014', issued under Section 14(4) of the 'Wildlife Conservation Act 1950' and gazetted on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, declared a number of species of Western Australian fauna 'that is rare or likely to become extinct ... [or] ... presumed to be extinct ... to be fauna that is in need of special protection'. Listed below are the species that occur (or, in the case of Lewin's Rail, are presumed to no longer occur) on south-west wetlands.

#### **Mammals**

#### Setonix brachyurus Quokka

Quokkas make extensive use of thick vegetation associated with wetlands. In the northern part of its mainland range the habitat critical to its survival comprises Swamp Peppermint *Taxandria linearifolia* swamps. Further south it occupies a range of forest, woodland and wetland ecotypes (DEC 2013). Habitat critical to survival on the south coast includes swamps, riparian areas, incised gullies and dense coastal heath (de Tores *et al.* 2007).

SWWMP wetlands that lie within the putative boundaries of the various sub-populations (DEC 2013) are as follows: Dobaderry, Goonaping (Northern Jarrah), 'Boat Harbour 1', Davies, Gingilup, Jasper, Maringup, Owingup, Wilson, Yeagarup, Yeagarup South, (Southern Forest), Moates, Gardner, Angove, 'Albany 27175' (South Coast) and Pillenorup (Stirling Range). There are no SWWMP wetlands within the boundaries of the Central Jarrah sub-population.

#### **Birds**

## Botaurus poiciloptilus Australasian Bittern ('The Bunyip Bird')

Currently, the threatened waterbird species of primary interest on south-west wetlands is the Australasian Bittern, which is considered threatened throughout its range. A substantial effort has been made in recent years by Alan Clarke (co-author of this report), Robyn Pickering and other members of Birdlife Australia to ascertain, through field survey, which wetlands it is now restricted to and its abundance (Pickering 2012, 2013). Since this effort began in 2007, Australasian Bitterns have been recorded at 30 sites, including the following 15 SWWMP wetlands: 'Albany 26385' (ALB1), 'Albany 27157' (ALB2), Big Boom, 'Boat Harbour 1', Byenup, Forrestdale, Gingilup, Kulunilup, Maringup, Moates, Owingup, Pleasant View (highest count of survey was 8 birds in April 2012), Poorginup, Thomsons and Tordit-Gurrup. Historically, this bittern has also been recorded on several other SWWMP wetlands, namely Angove, Gardner, Gundaring, Jandabup, McLarty, Muir, Powell, Shark, Toolibin, Towerrinning, Unicup, White (Albany?) and Yarnup (Pickering 2013).

## Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper

Curlew Sandpipers are primarily coastal and estuarine birds, but do make significant use of lake environments in the southwest. The three lakes in the south-west with highest numbers include two SWWMP wetlands: Thomsons (2,500 in Jan 1993) and Forrestdale (2,000 in Jan 1993). These numbers are considered internationally significant (Bamford *et al.* 2008).

## Rallus pectoralis clelandi Lewin's Rail

The Lewin's Rail subspecies *clelandi*, which is now 'presumed to be extinct' is 'Known from four specimens: two from Margaret River, 1907; one from King George's Sound, date unknown; one from Bridgetown, Dec 1931' (Marchant & Higgins 1993) and was last recorded in 1932, near Bridgetown. There are no records of this species on SWWMP wetlands, although there are a number of SWWMP wetlands within its former range.

#### Rostratula benghalensis australis Australian Painted Snipe

The Australian Painted Snipe is found mainly in eastern Australia and is rare in Western Australia. There is a record of three birds on SWWMP wetland Bambun in Nov 1986 (Jaensch & Vervest 1987) and the species was 'evidently common in swamps of Swan Coastal Plain last century' with the 'last breeding record in 1923 (near Moora)' (Johnstone & Storr 1998)

Six additional shorebird species are listed as 'specially protected', however these make very limited use of wetlands other than estuaries. They are as follows. *Calidris canutus* Red Knot, *Calidris tenuirostris* Great Knot, *Charadrius leschenaultii leschenaultii* Greater Sand Plover (Mongolian), *Charadrius mongolus* Lesser Sand Plover, *Limosa lapponica* Bar-tailed Godwit and *Numenius madagascariensis* Eastern Curlew.

# **Reptiles**

#### Pseudemydura umbrina Western Swamp Tortoise

Globally, the Western Swamp Tortoise is restricted to three or four small locations north of Perth, two of which, *Twin Swamps* and *Ellen Brook*, are historical SWWMP wetlands that were monitored under SWWMP between 1979 and 1984.

Water level and water quality monitoring of these wetlands is now undertaken under programs relating specifically to the conservation of the species, rather than under SWWMP.

#### Frogs

Three frog species of the south-west have been listed as 'specially protected'. These are *Geocrinia alba* White-bellied Frog, *Geocrinia vitellina* Orange-bellied Frog and *Spicospina flammocaerulea* Sunset Frog. Given their non-lentic habitat preferences, none is considered likely to occur in SWWMP wetlands.

#### Fish

#### Galaxias truttaceus hesperius Western Trout Minnow

In WA, the Western Trout Minnow 'is found only in the landlocked Goodga and Angove catchments in the vicinity of Two Peoples Bay ... and in one tributary of the Kent River' (Morgan et. al. 2011). It might therefore occur in the following SWWMP wetlands: Angove, Gardner, Moates and perhaps Owingup or 'Boat Harbour 1'.

#### Nannatherina balstoni Balston's Pygmy Perch

Balston's Pygmy Perch is 'restricted to near-coastal streams, lakes and wetlands between the upper Margaret River and the Goodga River (near Albany)' (Morgan et al. 2011). SWWMP wetlands in this geographic area are (from west to east) Davies, Jasper, Wilson, Yeagarup, Yeagarup South, Maringup, Owingup, 'Boat Harbour 1', Powell and Moates. Jaensch (1992a) recorded Balston's Pygmy Perch in Maringup, Owingup and 'Boat Harbour 1' in autumn 1992.

The Mud Minnow Galaxiella munda has 'a preference for permanent stream habitats rather than ephemeral wetlands' (Morgan et al. 2011) and therefore seems unlikely to occupy any SWWMP wetlands as none are permanent streams.

#### Threatened Invertebrates, Threatened Flora and Threatened Ecological Communities

Readers are directed to the Department of Parks & Wildlife's website <a href="http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/plants-and-animals/threatened-species-and-communities">http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/plants-and-animals/threatened-species-and-communities</a> for the official lists of threatened invertebrate fauna, threatened flora and threatened ecological communities. Their occurrence on SWWMP wetlands will perhaps be addressed in future SWWMP reports.

# **GRAPHS**

The following graphs of wetland water depth, pH and salinity are arranged in the same order (alphabetical by wetland name) as in Table 1 where coordinates, tenure and location (by Local Government Authority) are provided.

Only routinely-collected September and November data from the 104 SWWMP wetlands currently monitored under the State Salinity Strategy are displayed.

The 25 wetlands Intensively Monitored by DPaW scientific staff for additional biological and physico-chemical attributes (see second-last paragraph of Section 3 and Note 9 of Table 1) are indicated.

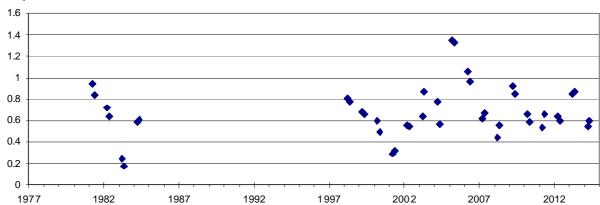
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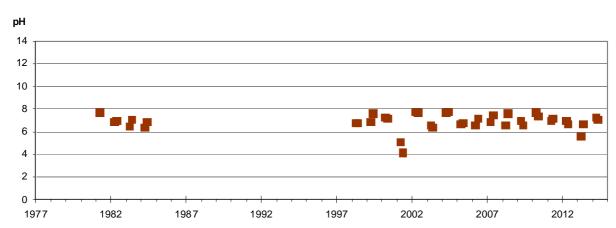
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**Note that**, as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015, the Great Southern District *organisational unit* (personnel, etc.) will be amalgamated with the Wheatbelt Region organisational unit and will therefore no longer exist as a discrete unit. The Great Southern District *geographical area* will, in the future, be referred to as the Southern Wheatbelt District, in keeping with the Wheatbelt theme for the Region.

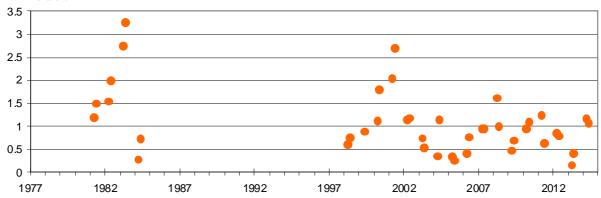
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#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



#### Notes:

- 1. Year labels are positioned at 1<sup>st</sup> July each year.
- 2. Data are from September and November routine monitoring periods only.

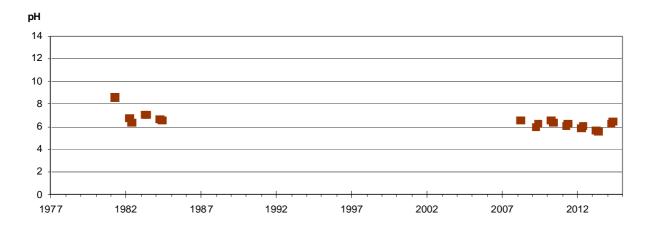
Albany 26385 is a component of the 'Lake Pleasant View System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Albany 26385 is in the Albany District of the South Coast DPaW Region.

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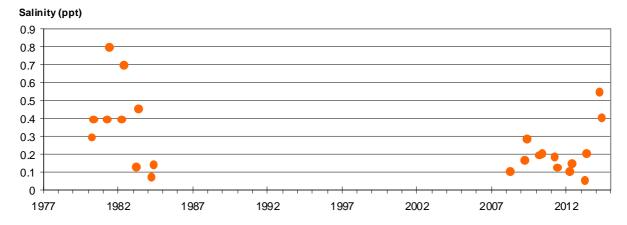


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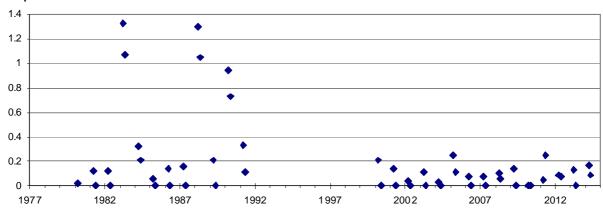
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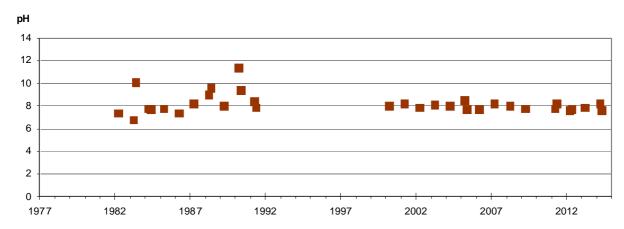
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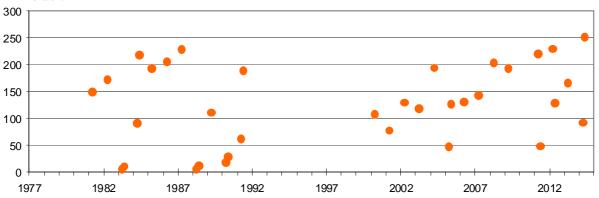
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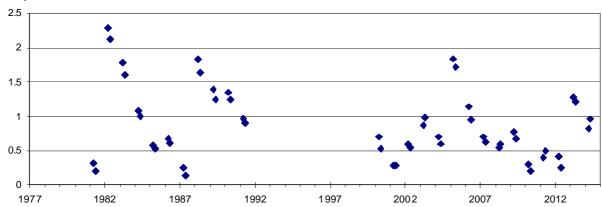
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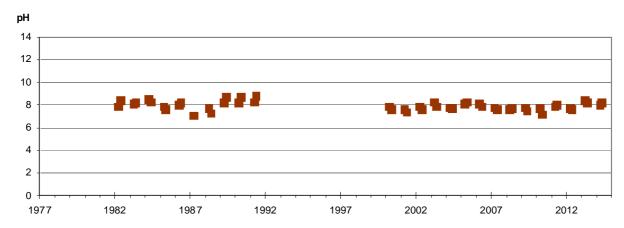
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Altham is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

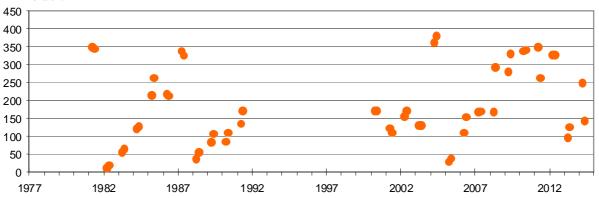
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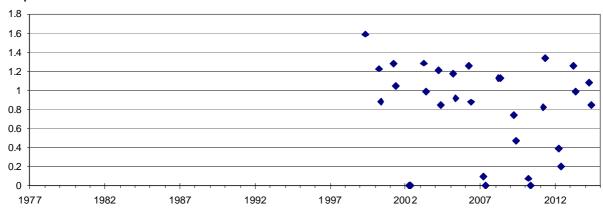
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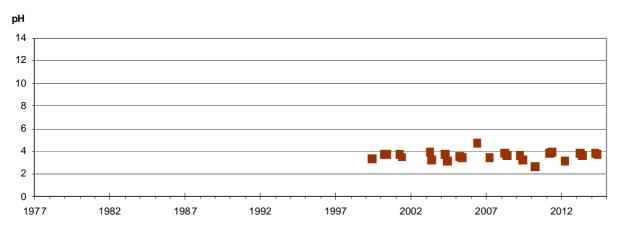
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Anderson is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

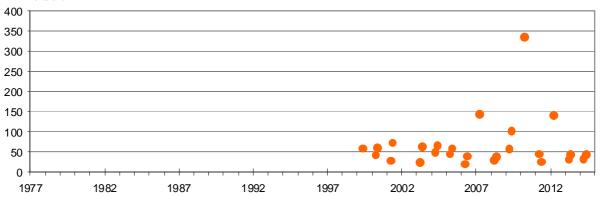
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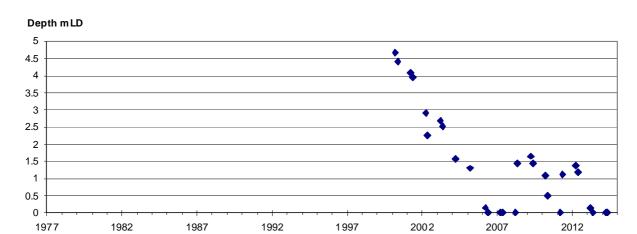
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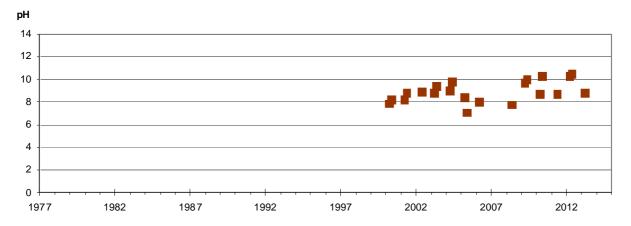


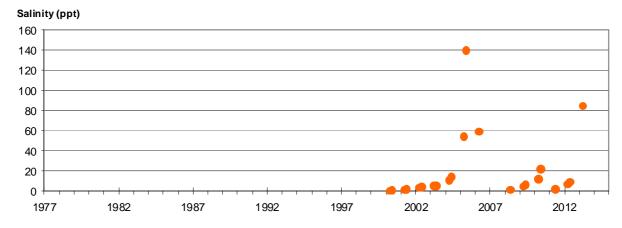
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#### **ATKINS YATE**







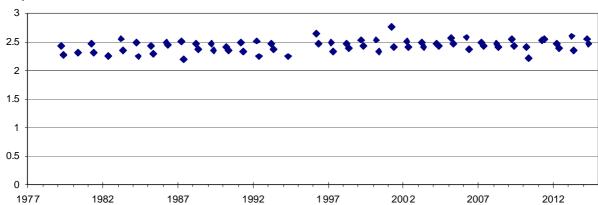
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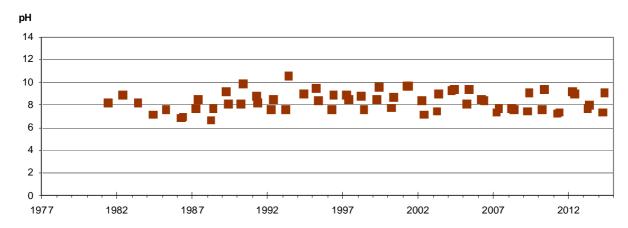
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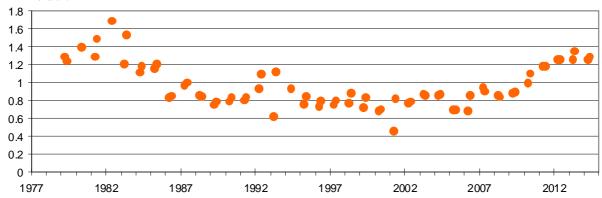
#### **BAMBUN**

#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



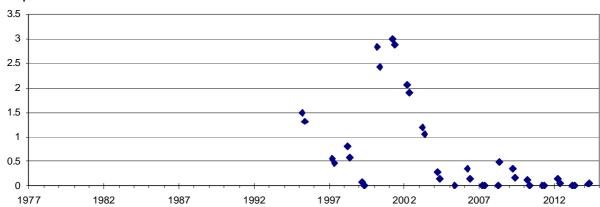
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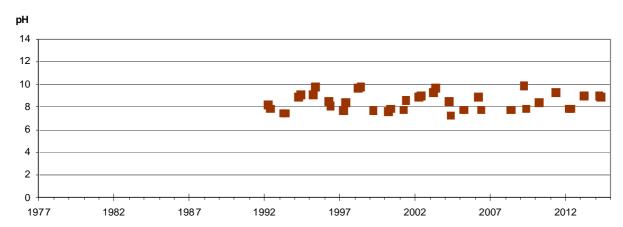
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Bambun is in the Swan Coastal District (headquartered in Wanneroo) of the Swan DPaW Region.

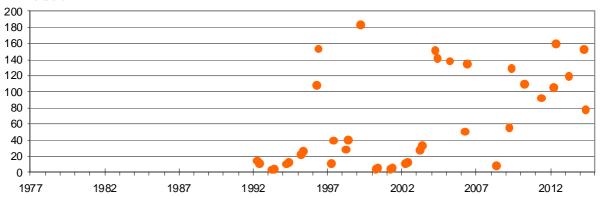
# BENNETTS IM

#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



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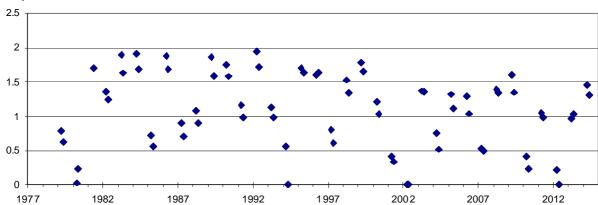
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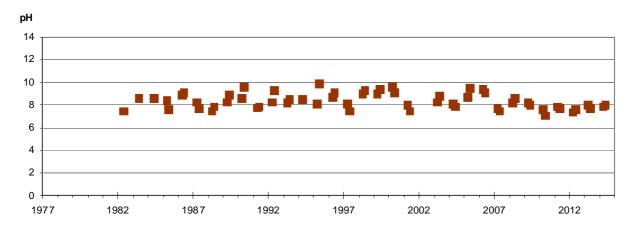
Bennetts Lake has been nominated for listing in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia' (Elscot et al. 2009).

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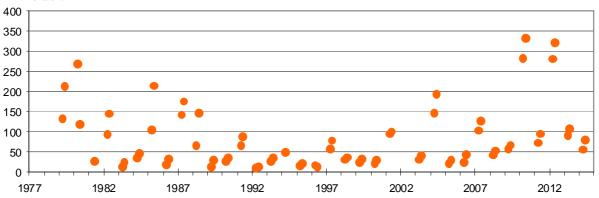
#### **BEVERLEY**

#### Depth mLD









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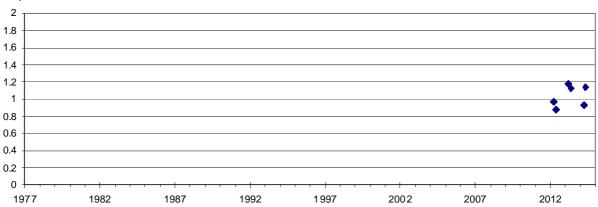
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Beverley Lakes is also known as Yenyenning Lakes.

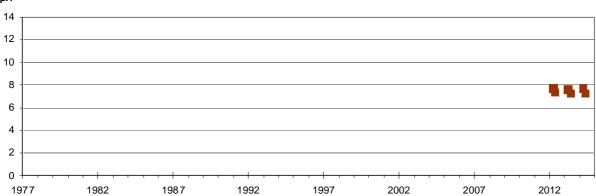
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#### **BIG BOOM**

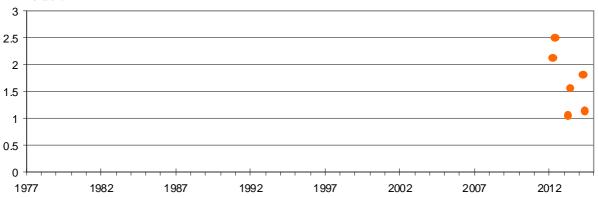
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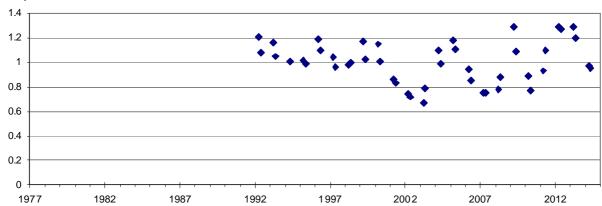
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Big Boom is in the Esperance District of the South Coast DPaW Region.

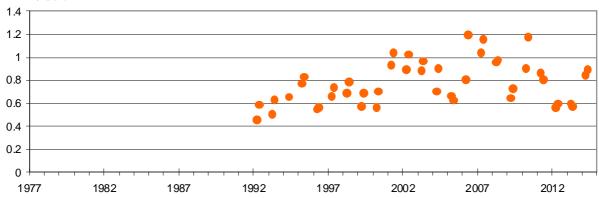
#### **BOAT HARBOUR 1**

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#### Salinity (ppt)



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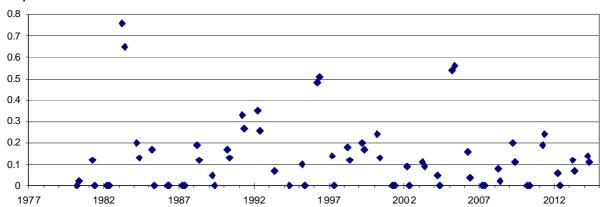
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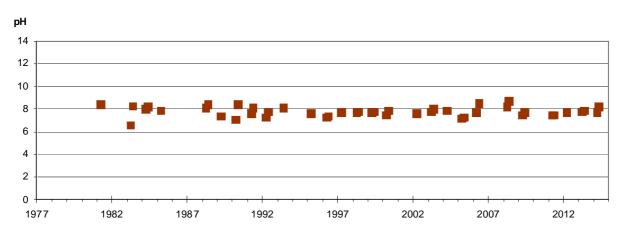
Boat Harbour 1 is a component of the 'Owingup Swamp System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Boat Harbour 1 is in the Frankland District (headquartered in Walpole) of the Warren DPaW Region.

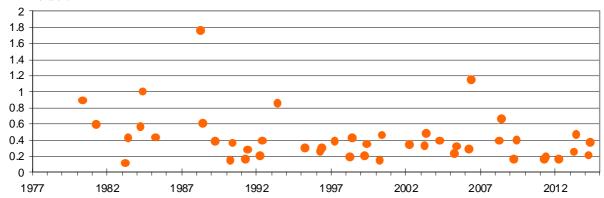
## **BOYUP BROOK 18239** IM

#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



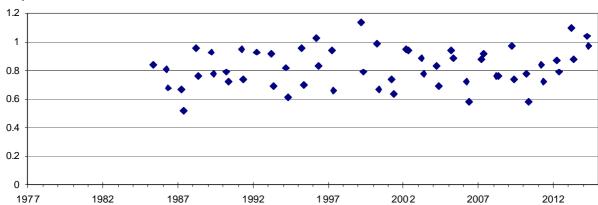
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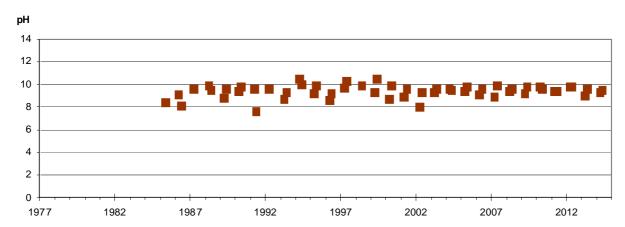
Boyup Brook 18239 is also known as Kulicup Swamp.

Boyup Brook 18239 is in the Blackwood District (headquartered in Busselton) of the South West DPaW Region.

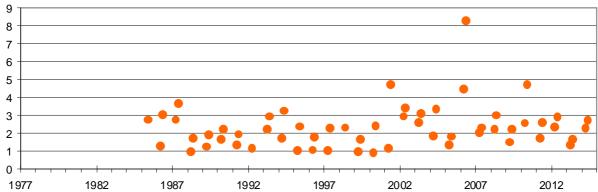
#### **BROADWATER**

#### Depth mLD





## Salinity (ppt)



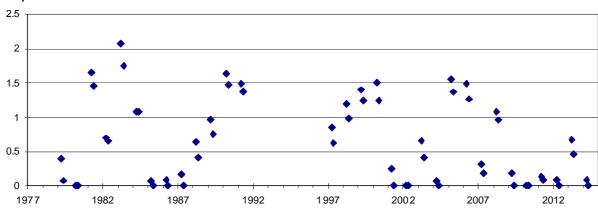
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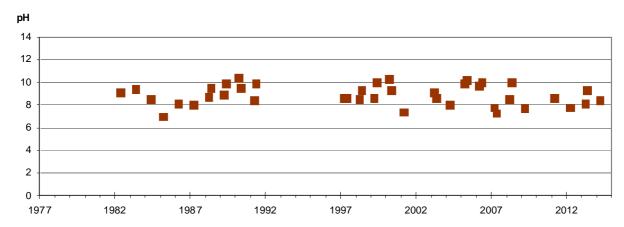
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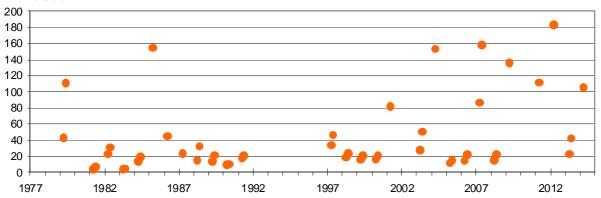
#### **BROWN**

#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



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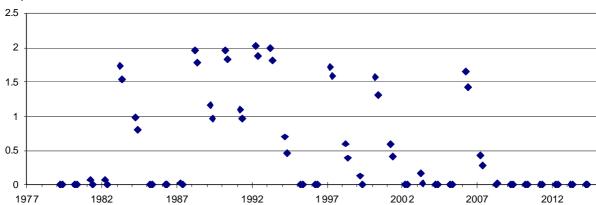
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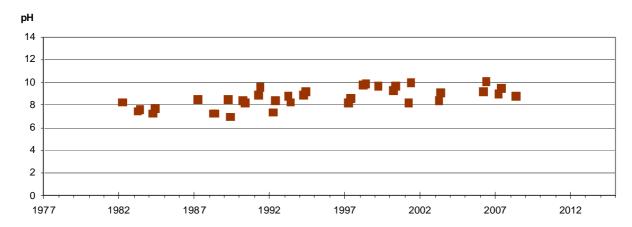
Brown is a component of the 'Yealering Lakes System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Brown is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

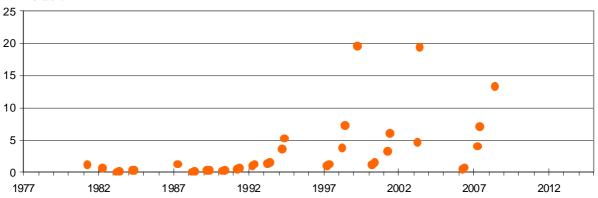
# BRYDE IM

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#### Salinity (ppt)



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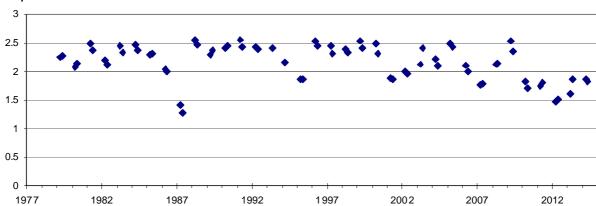
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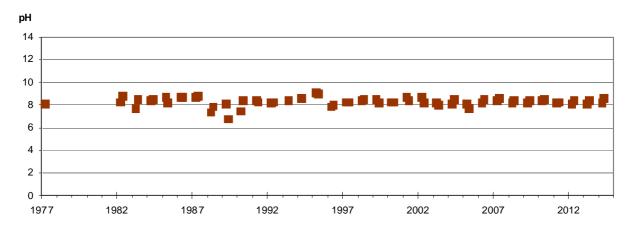
Bryde is part of the 'Lake Bryde – East Lake Bryde System' listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Bryde is within the Lake Bryde Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment and is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

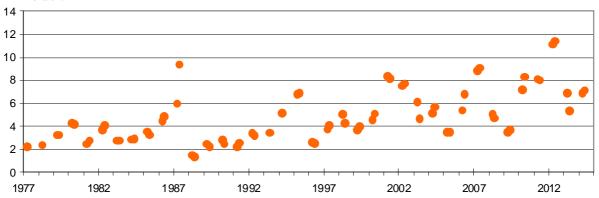
#### **BYENUP**







#### Salinity (ppt)



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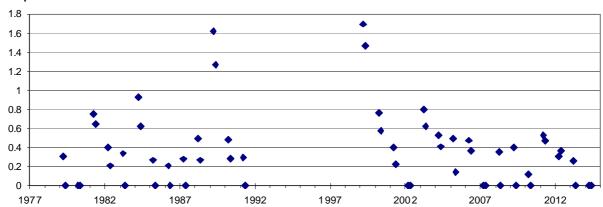
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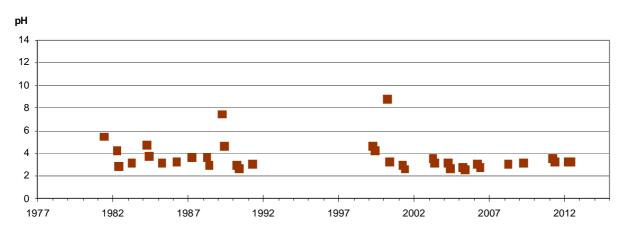
Byenup is a component of the 'Muir-Byenup System', which is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' Convention on Wetlands, and is also part of the 'Byenup Lagoon System' listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Byenup is within the former Muir-Unicup Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment and is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

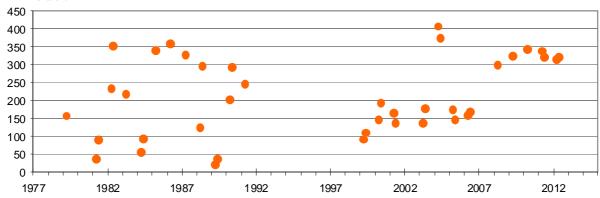
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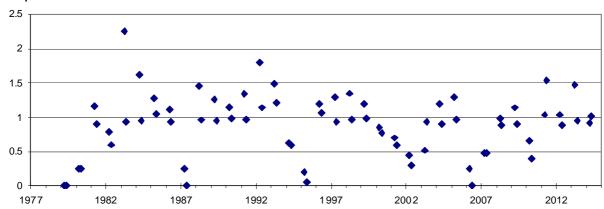


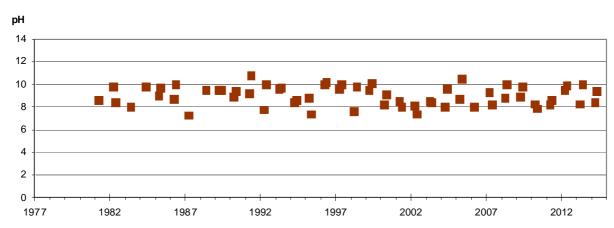
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Campion is in the Central District (headquartered in Merredin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

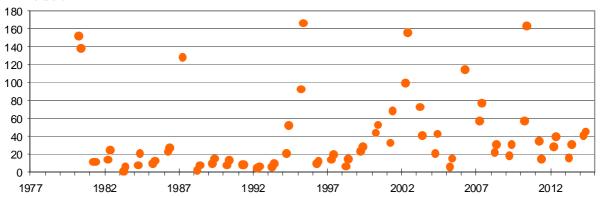
#### **CASUARINA**

#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



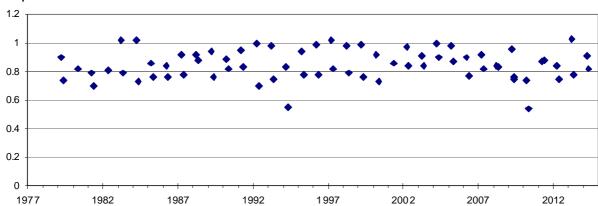
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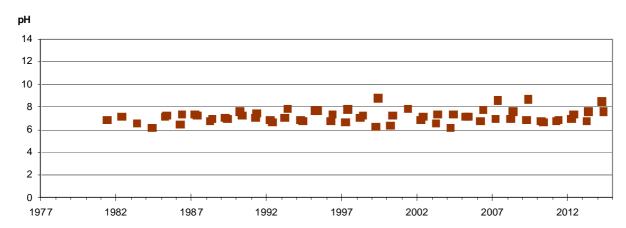
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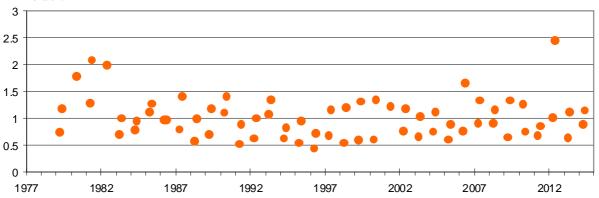
#### **CHANDALA**

#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



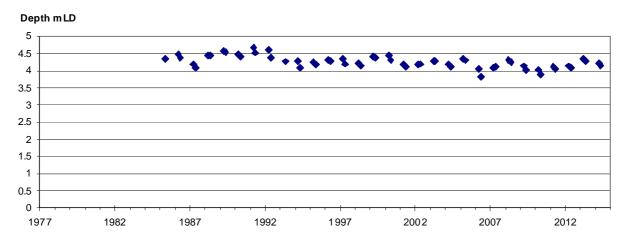
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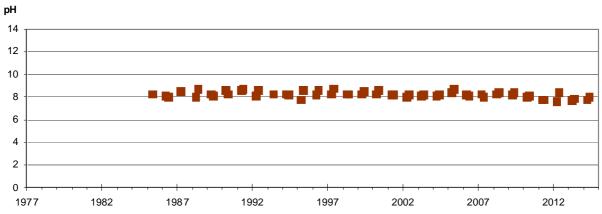
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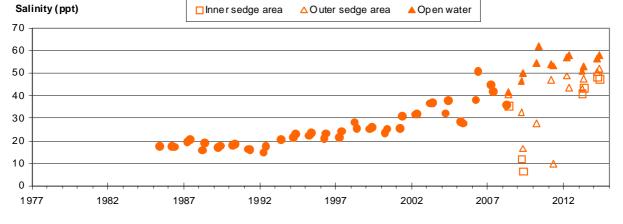
Chandala Swamp is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Chandala is in the Perth Hills District (headquartered in Mundaring) of the Swan DPaW Region.

#### **CLIFTON** (with Depth axis 0-5m)







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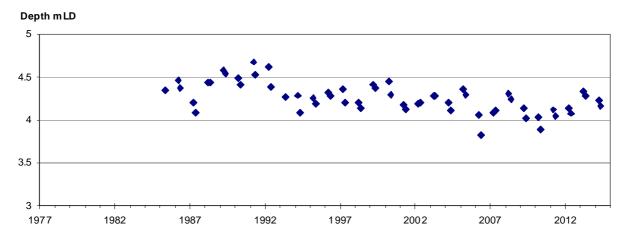
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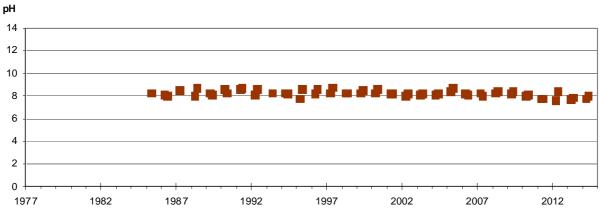
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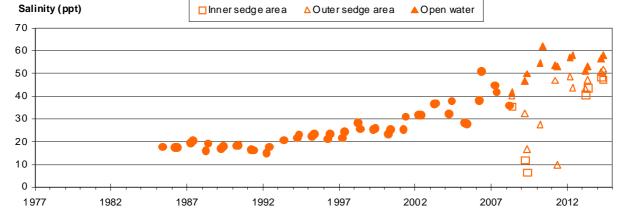
Clifton is also a component of the 'Yalgorup Lakes System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Clifton is in the Swan Coastal District (headquartered in Wanneroo) of the Swan DPaW Region.

## **CLIFTON** (with Depth axis 3-5m)







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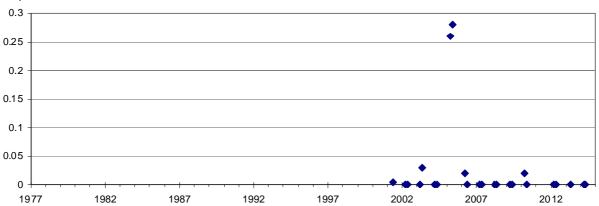
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Clifton is also a component of the 'Yalgorup Lakes System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

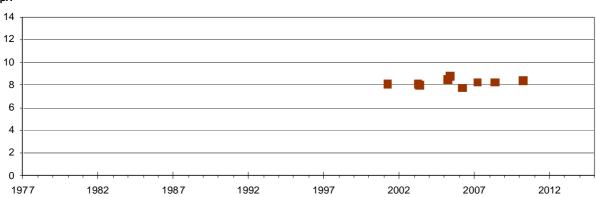
Clifton is in the Swan Coastal District (headquartered in Wanneroo) of the Swan DPaW Region.

#### **COLLETS ROAD**

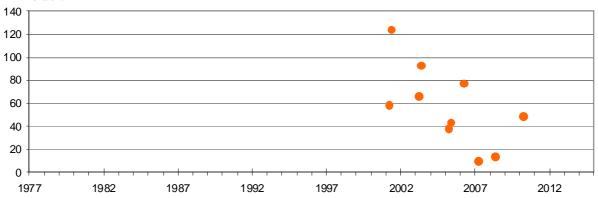
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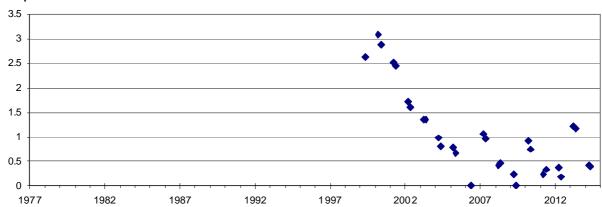
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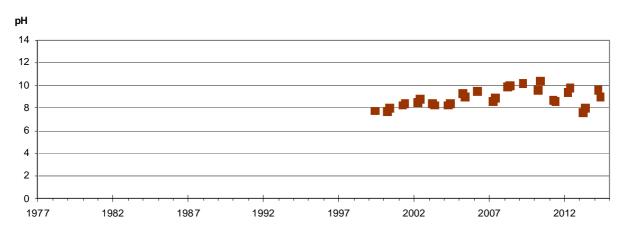
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Colletts Road Swamp is in the Albany District of the South Coast DPaW Region

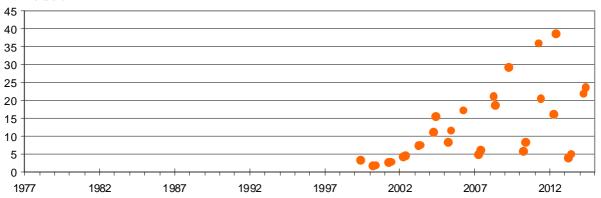
# COOMALBIDGUP IM

#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)

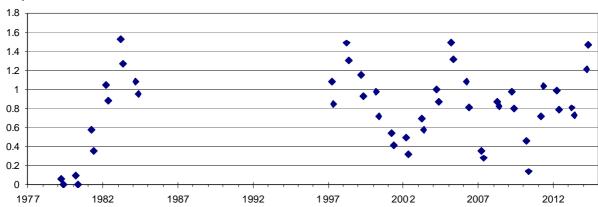


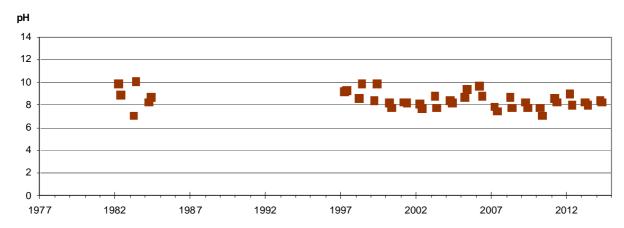
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Coomalbidgup is in the Esperance District of the South Coast DPaW Region.

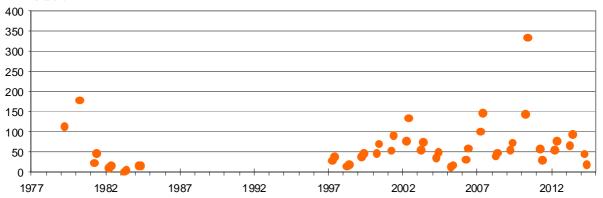
## COOMELBERRUP IM

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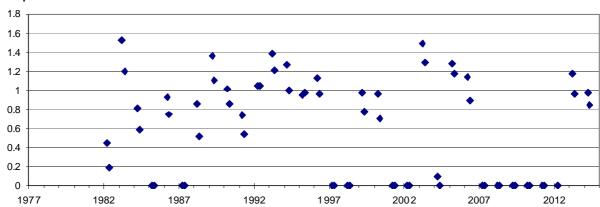


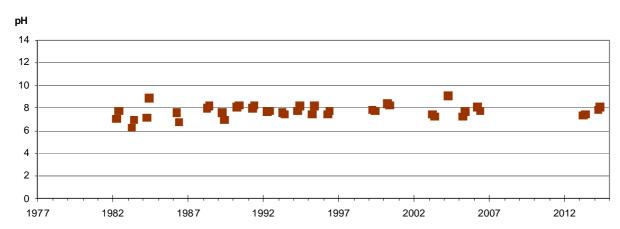
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Coomelberrup is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

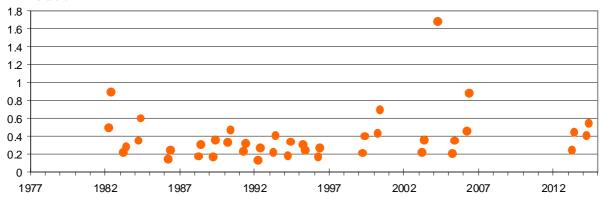
## CORRIGIN 12900 IM

#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



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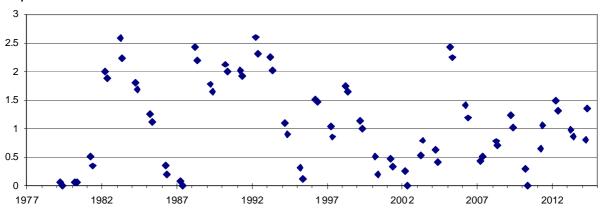
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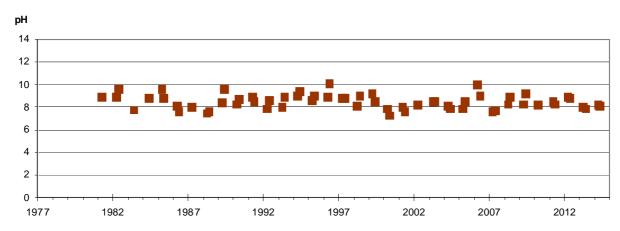
Corrigin 12900 (also known as Paperbark Swamp) has been nominated for listing in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia' (Elscot et al. 2009).

Corrigin 12900 is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

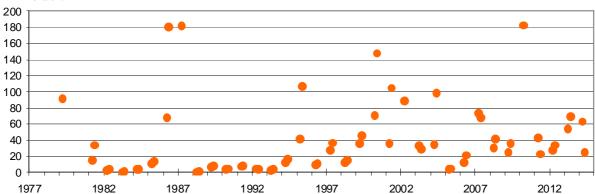
## **COYRECUP** IM

#### Depth mLD









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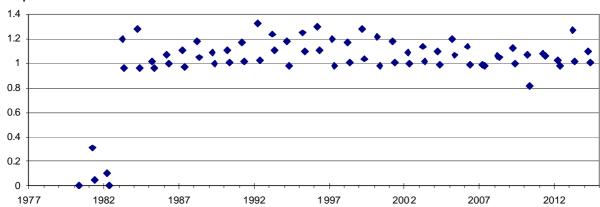
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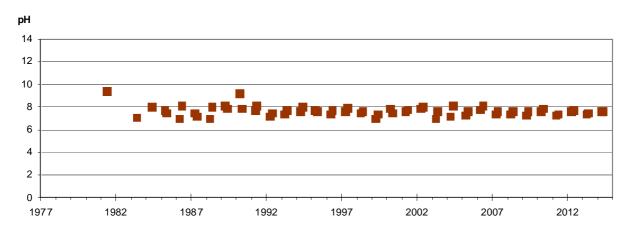
Coyrecup Lake is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Coyrecup is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

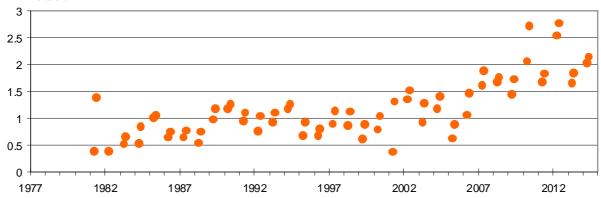
#### **CRACKERS**

#### Depth mLD





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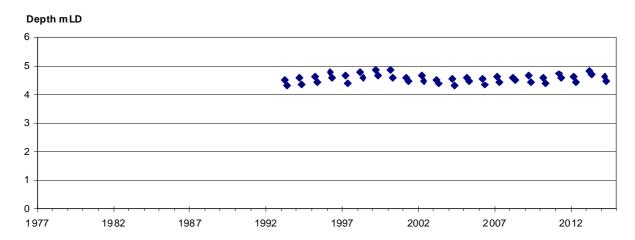


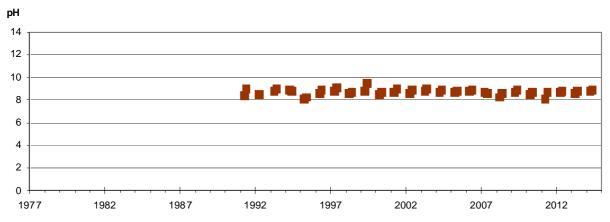
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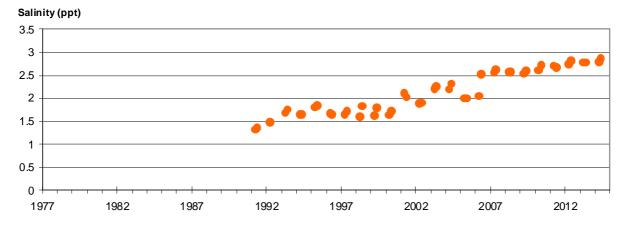
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Crackers is in the Moora District (headquartered in Jurien Bay) of the Midwest DPaW Region.

## DAVIES (with Depth axis 0-6m)







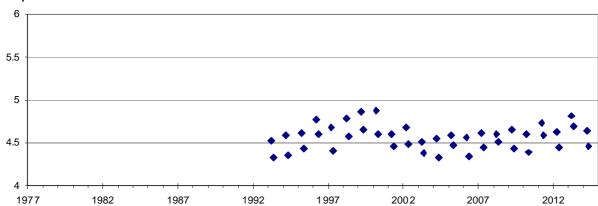
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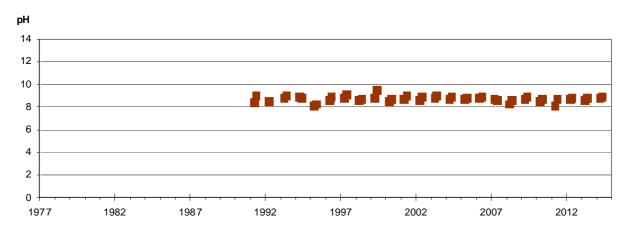
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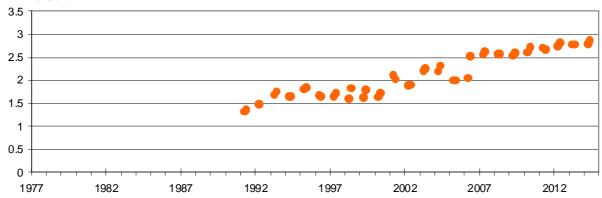
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#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



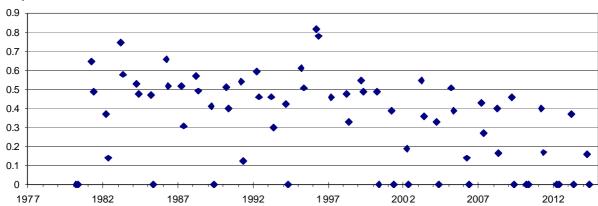
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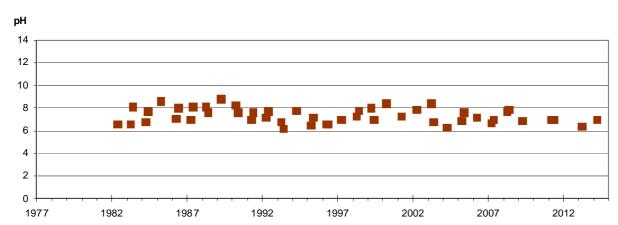
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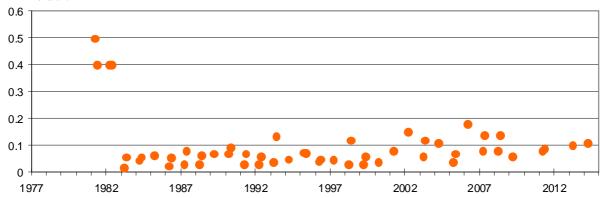
#### **DOBADERRY**

#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



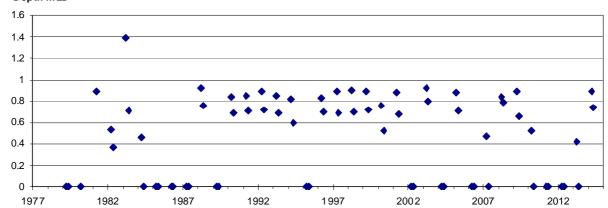
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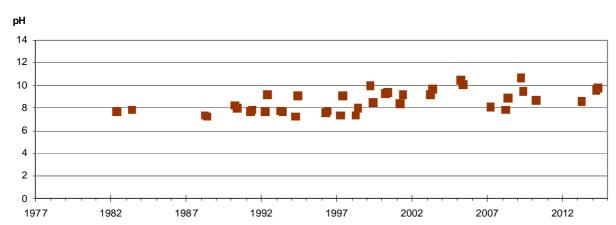
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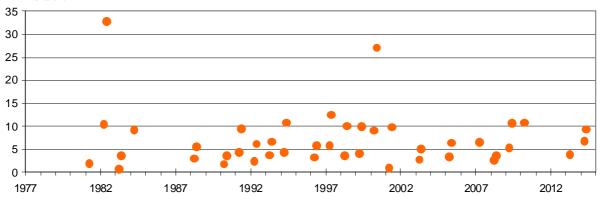
#### **DULBINNING**

#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



#### **Notes:**

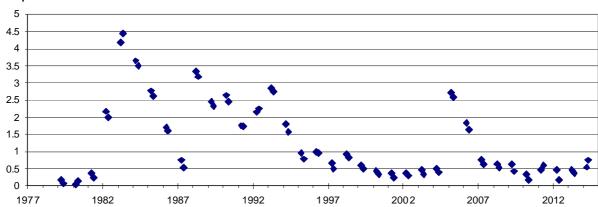
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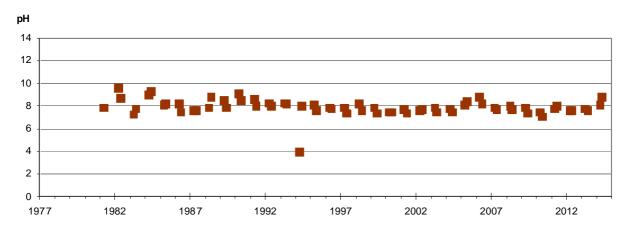
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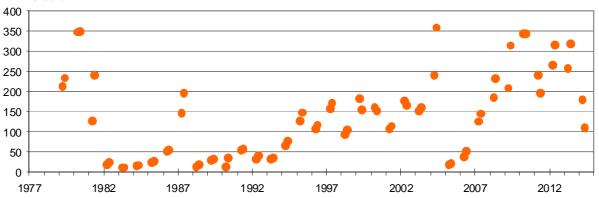
## DUMBLEYUNG IM

#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



#### **Notes:**

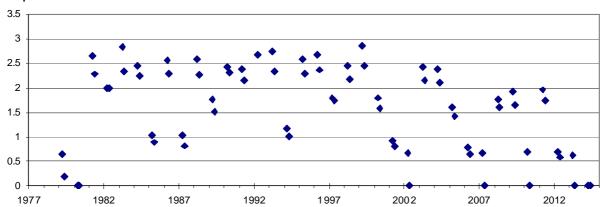
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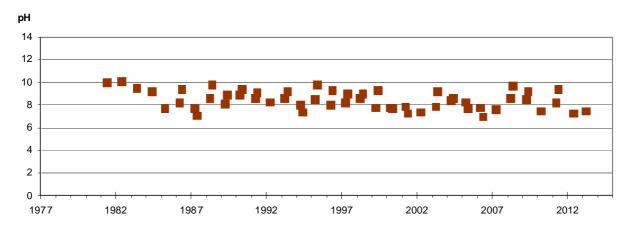
Dumbleyung Lake is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

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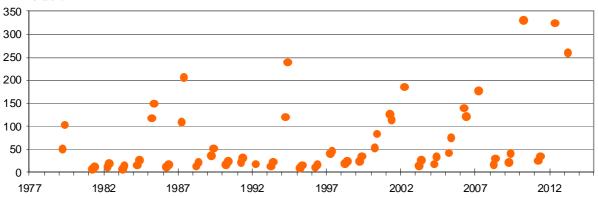
# $EGANU^{\ IM}$

#### Depth mLD







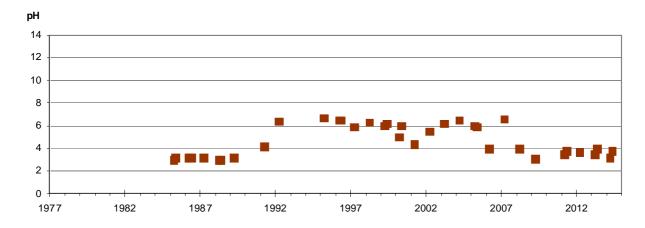


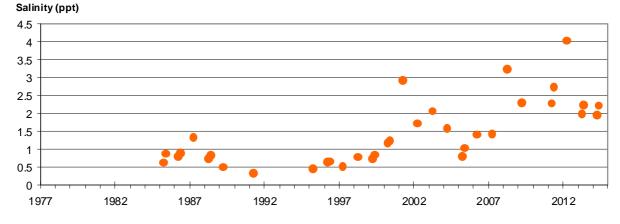
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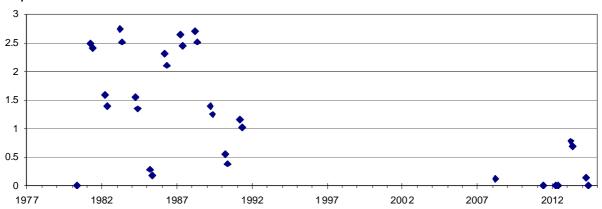
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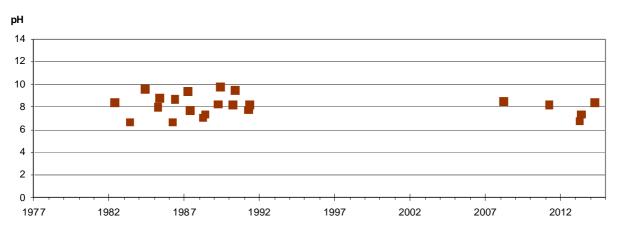
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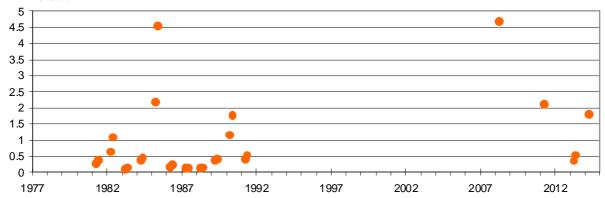
#### **ENEMINGA**

#### Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)

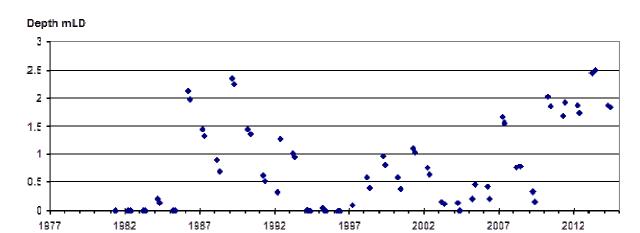


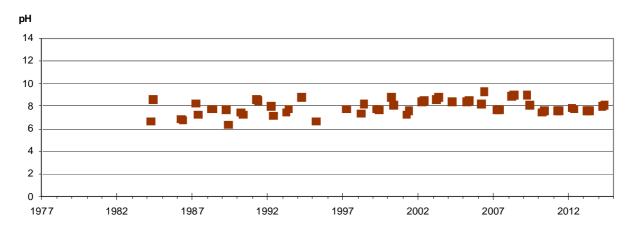
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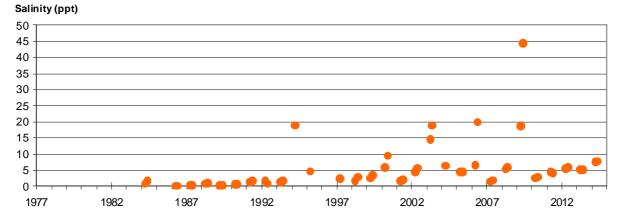
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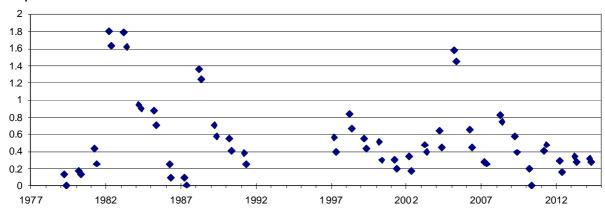
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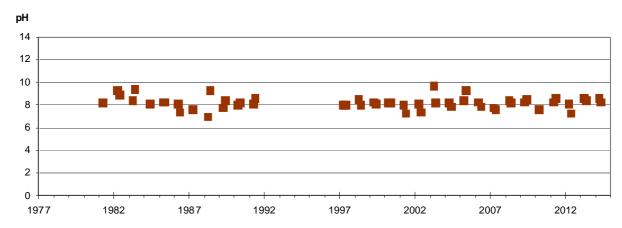
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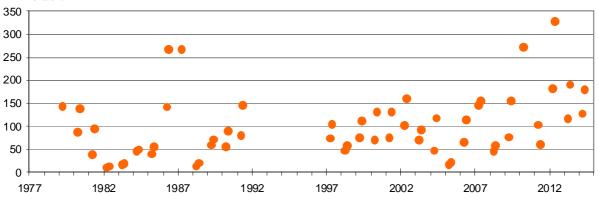
# **FLAGSTAFF**

# Depth mLD





## Salinity (ppt)



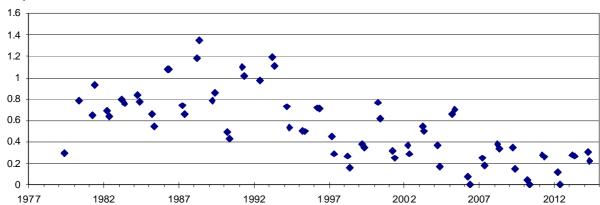
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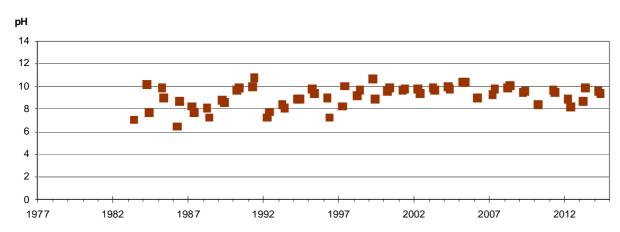
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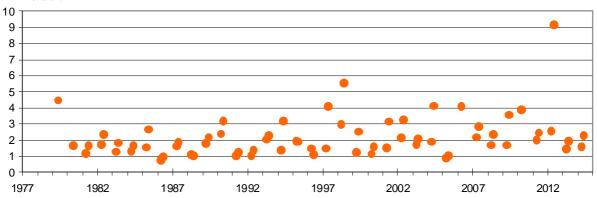
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## Depth mLD





## Salinity (ppt)



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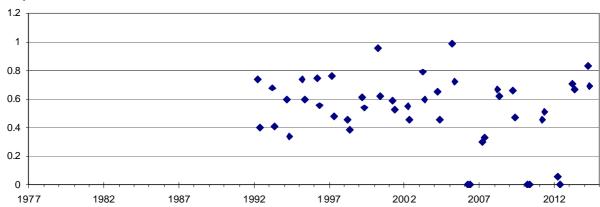
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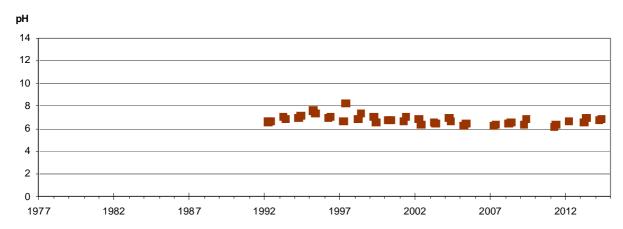
Forrestdale Lake is a component of the 'Forrestdale and Thomsons Lakes' system, which is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' Convention on Wetlands, and is also listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Forrestdale is in the Swan Coastal District (headquartered in Wanneroo) of the Swan DPaW Region.

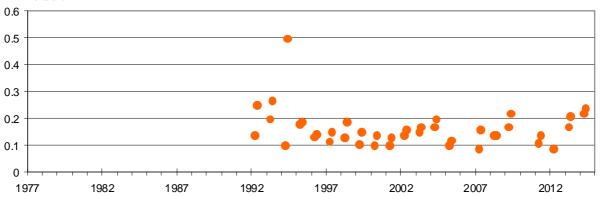
# **GIBBS**

## Depth mLD





## Salinity (ppt)



#### **Notes:**

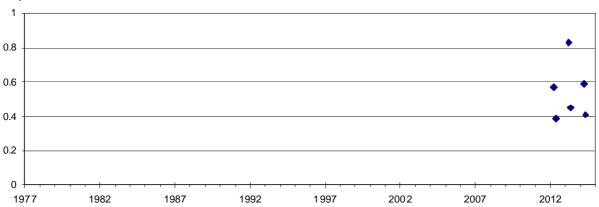
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Gibbs is a component of the 'Gibbs Road Swamp System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

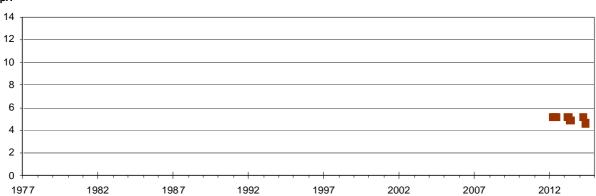
Gibbs is in the Swan Coastal District (headquartered in Wanneroo) of the Swan DPaW Region.

# **GINGILUP**

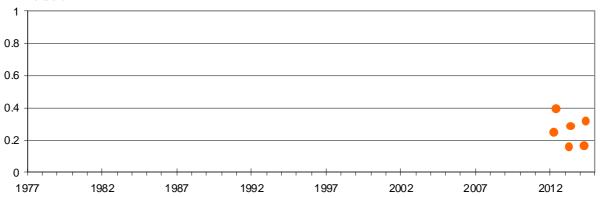
## Depth mLD



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## Salinity (ppt)



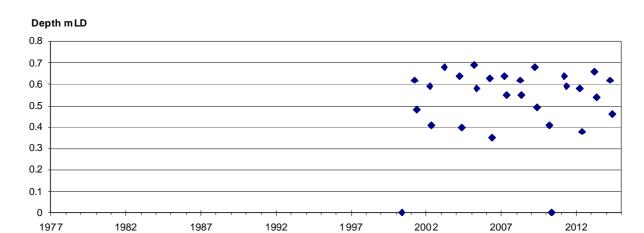
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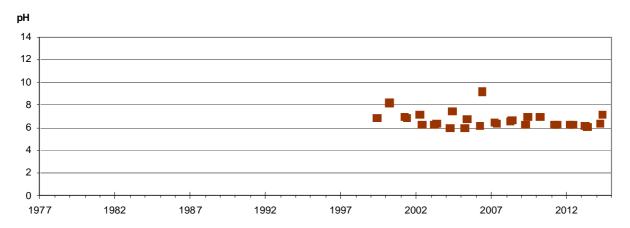
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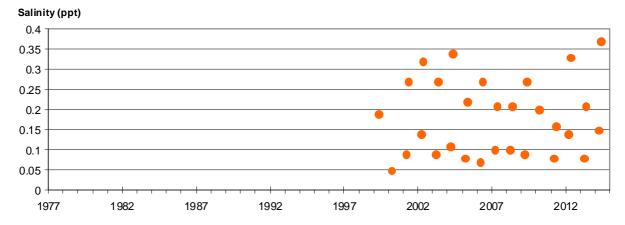
Gingilup is a component of the 'Gingilup-Jasper Wetland System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Gingilup is in the Blackwood District (headquartered in Busselton) of the South West DPaW Region.

# GOONAPING IM







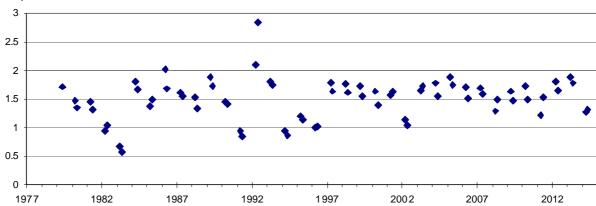
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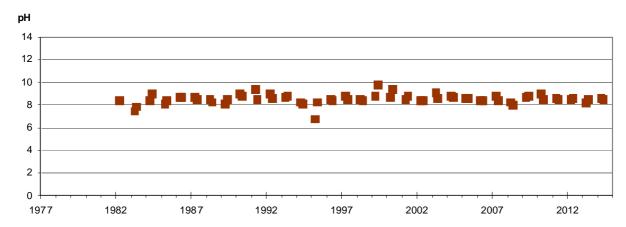
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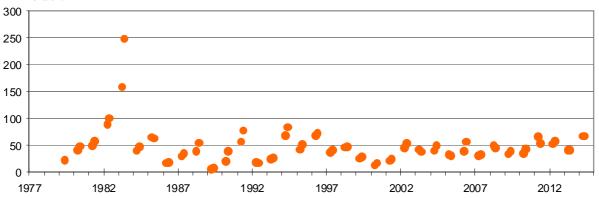
# **GORE**







#### Salinity (ppt)



#### **Notes:**

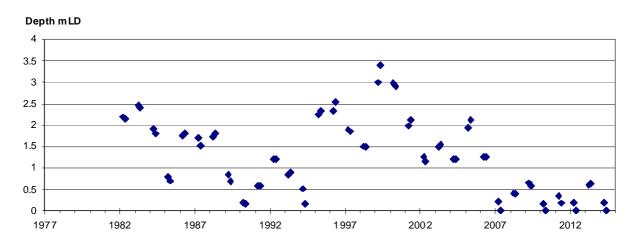
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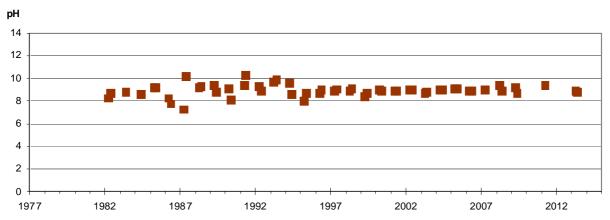
Lake Gore is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' Convention on Wetlands.

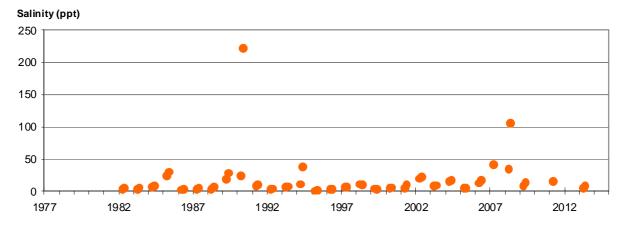
Lake Gore is also a component of the 'Lake Gore System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Gore is in the Esperance District of the South Coast DPaW Region.

# GURAGA (with Salinity axis 0-250ppt)







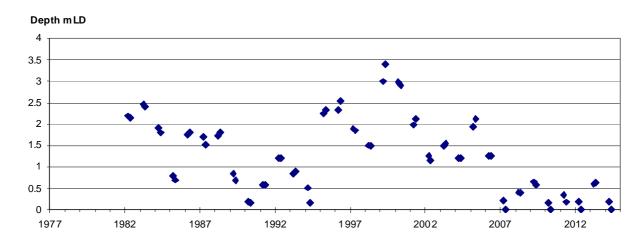
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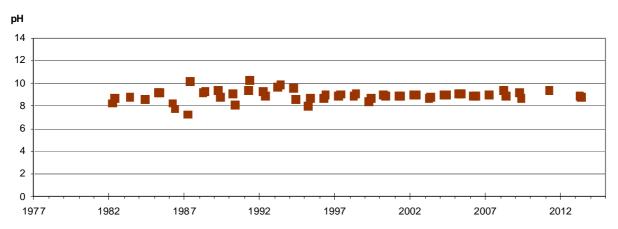
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Guraga Lake is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

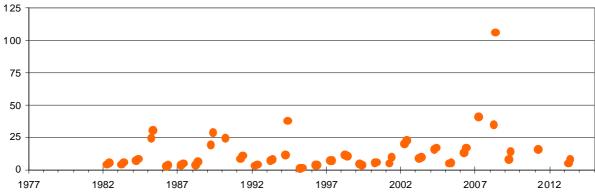
Guraga is in the Moora District (headquartered in Jurien Bay) of the Midwest DPaW Region.

# GURAGA (with Salinity axis 0-125ppt)









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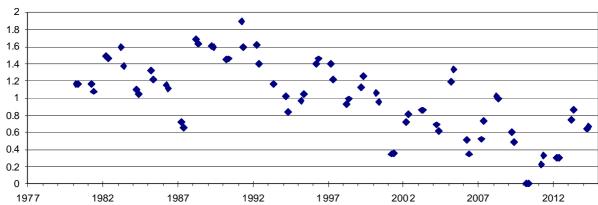
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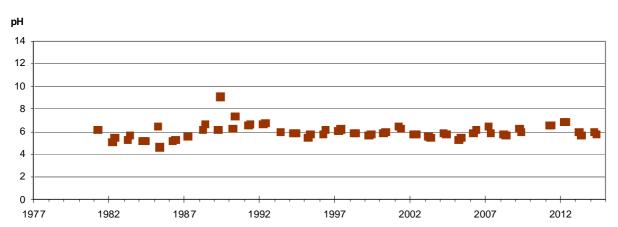
Guraga Lake is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Guraga is in the Moora District (headquartered in Jurien Bay) of the Midwest DPaW Region.

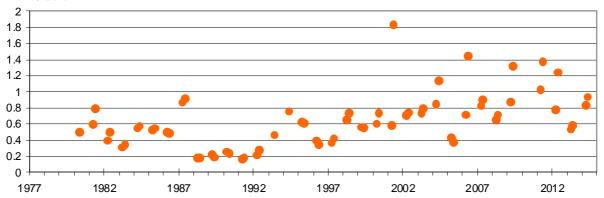
# **HARVEY 12632**







## Salinity (ppt)



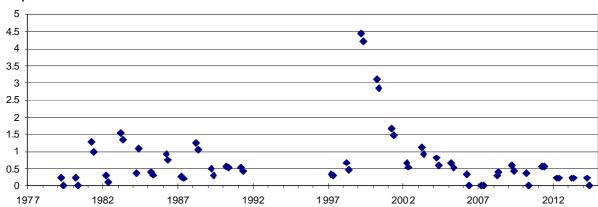
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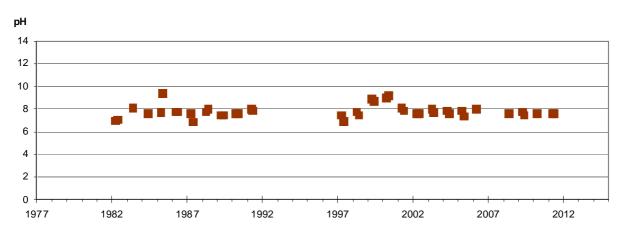
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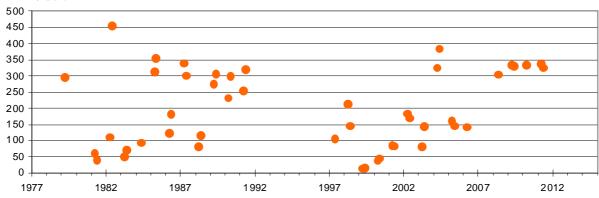
# **HINDS**











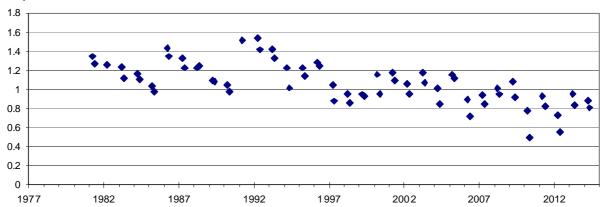
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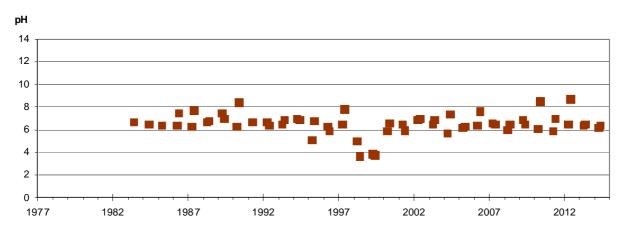
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Hinds is in the Central District (headquartered in Merredin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

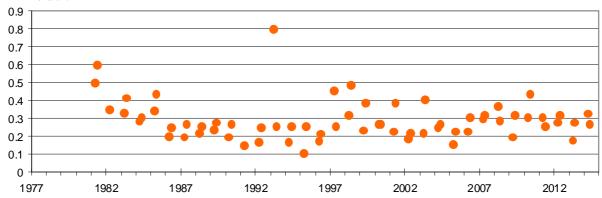
# **JANDABUP**

# Depth mLD





## Salinity (ppt)



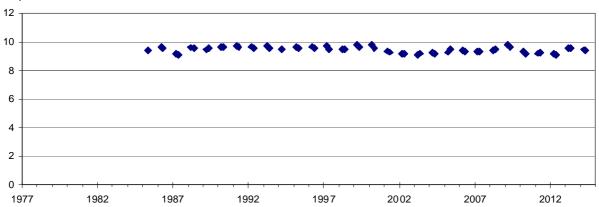
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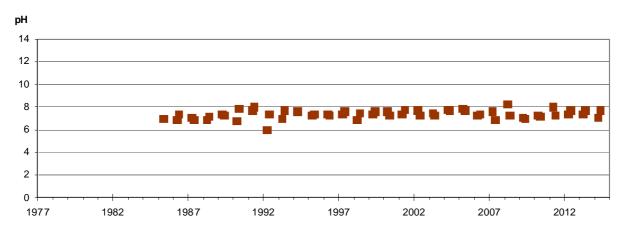
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Jandabup is in the Swan Coastal District (headquartered in Wanneroo) of the Swan DPaW Region.

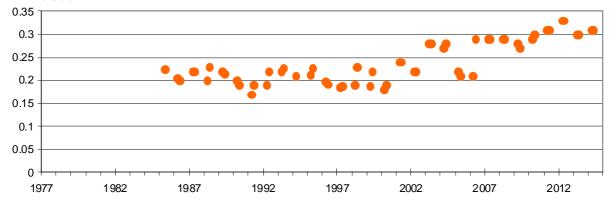
# JASPER (with Depth axis 0-12m)

## Depth mLD





# Salinity (ppt)



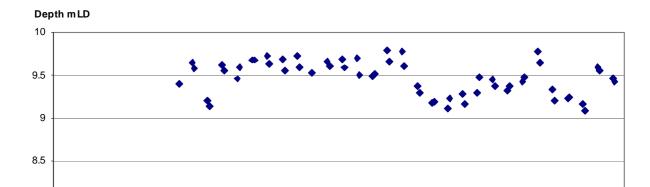
#### **Notes:**

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Jasper is a component of the 'Gingilup-Jasper Wetland System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Jasper is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

# JASPER (with Depth axis 8-10m)



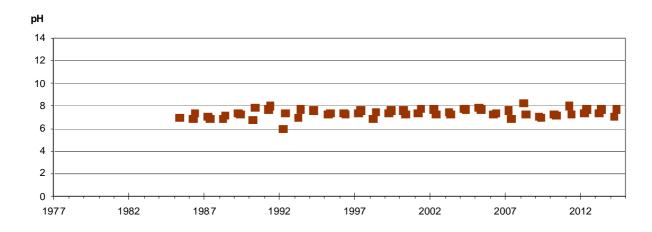
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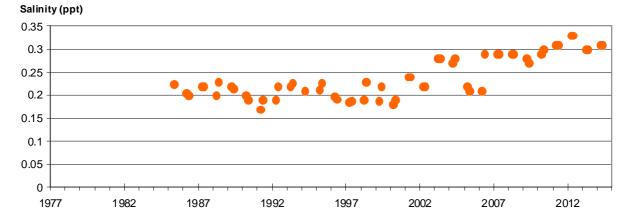
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#### Notes:

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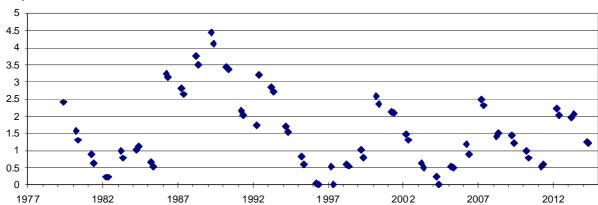
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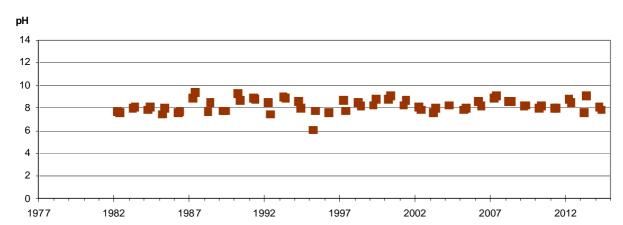
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Jasper is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

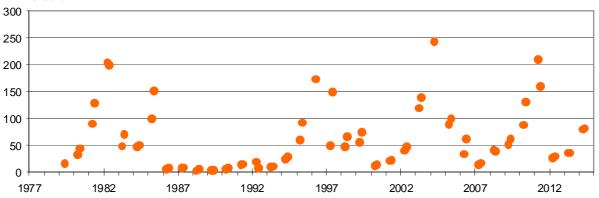
# **JERDACUTTUP**

# Depth mLD





## Salinity (ppt)



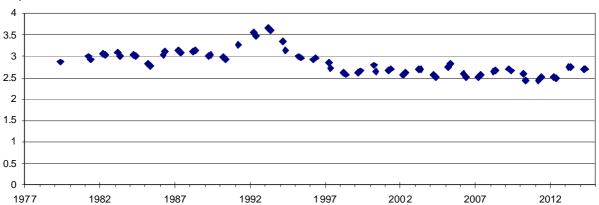
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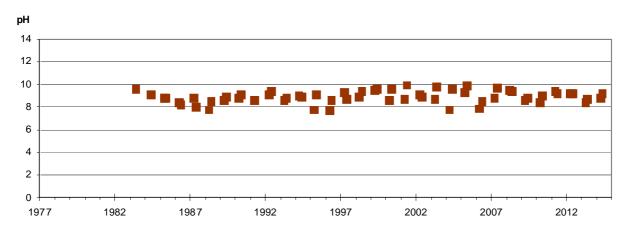
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Jerdacuttup is in the Albany District of the South Coast DPaW Region

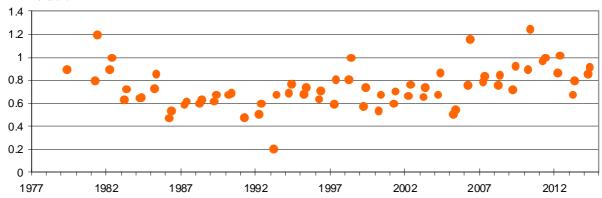
# **JOONDALUP**







#### Salinity (ppt)



#### **Notes:**

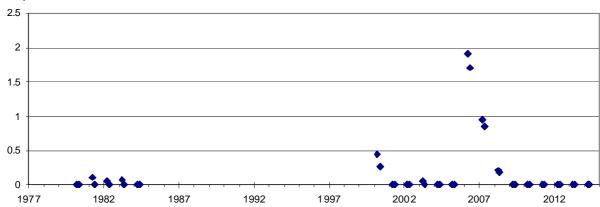
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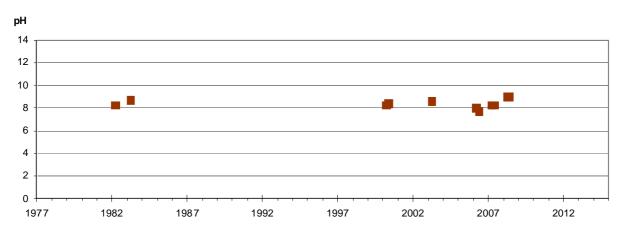
Joondalup Lake is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Joondalup is in the Swan Coastal District (headquartered in Wanneroo) of the Swan DPaW Region.

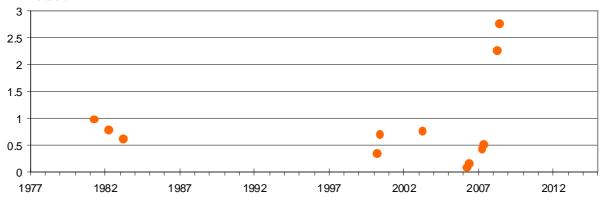
## **KENT 29020**

## Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



#### **Notes:**

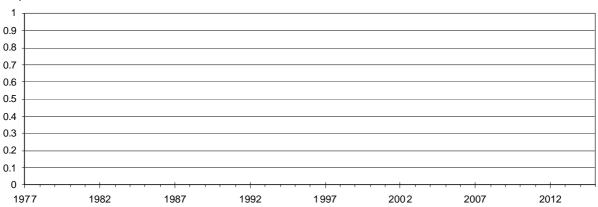
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Kent 29020 (also known as East Lake Bryde) is a component of the 'Lake Bryde – East Lake Bryde System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

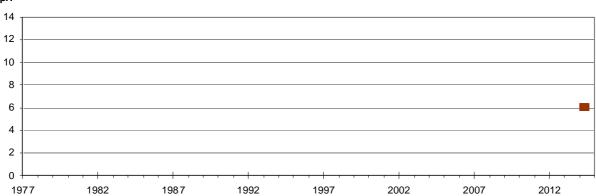
Kent 29020 is within the Lake Bryde Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment and is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

# **KULUNILUP**

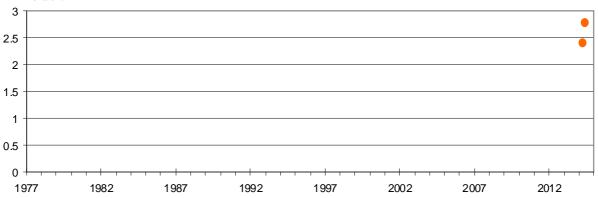
## Depth mLD



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## Salinity (ppt)



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- 2. Data are from September and November routine monitoring periods only.
- 3. The depth gauge at Kulunilup is 'uncalibrated', as it has yet to be surveyed to the deepest point in this wetland.

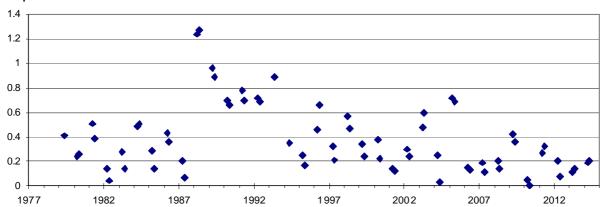
Kulunilup is a component of the 'Byenup Lagoon System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

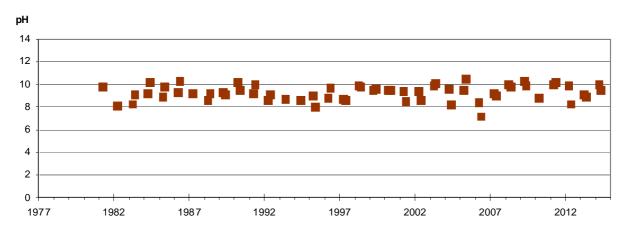
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Kulunilup is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

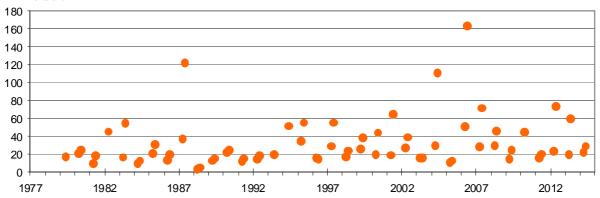
# **KWORNICUP**

# Depth mLD





## Salinity (ppt)



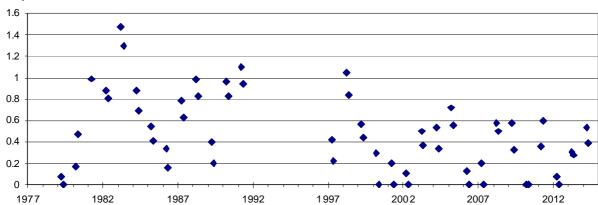
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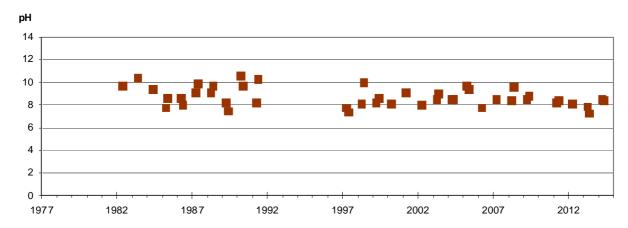
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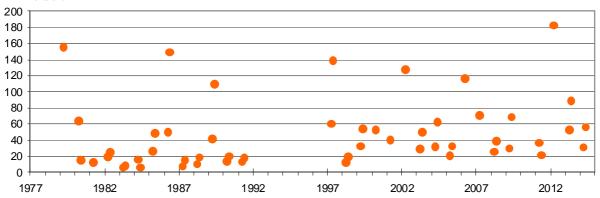
# LITTLE WHITE

# Depth mLD





## Salinity (ppt)



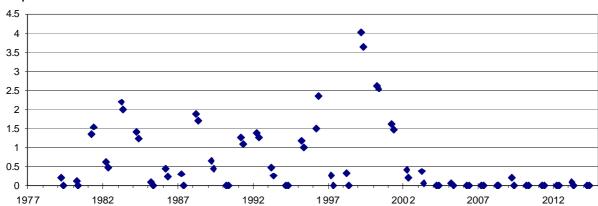
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Little White is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

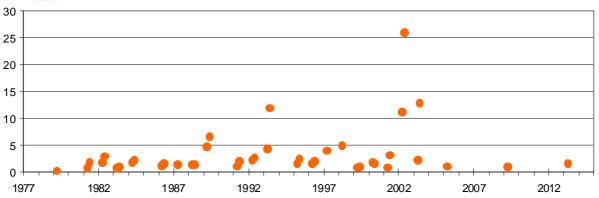
# LOGUE IM

## Depth mLD



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## Salinity (ppt)

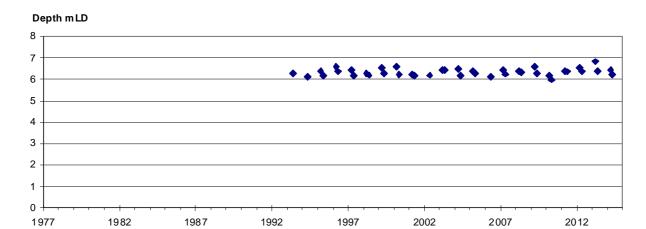


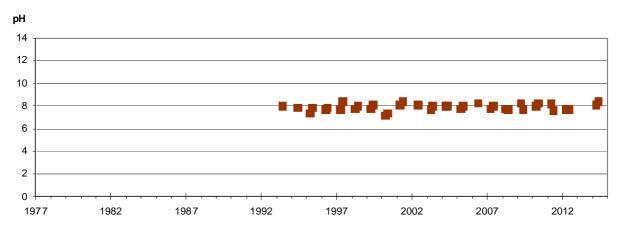
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- 2. Year labels are positioned at 1<sup>st</sup> July each year.
- 3. Data are from September and November routine monitoring periods only.

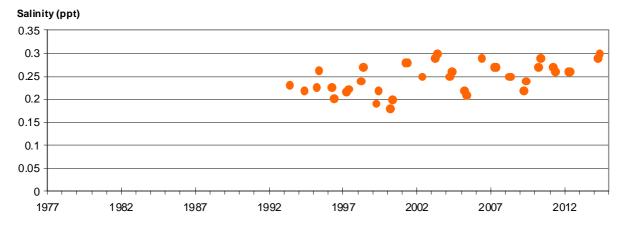
Logue is a component of the 'Lake Logue-Indoon System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

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# MARINGUP (with Depth axis 0-7m)







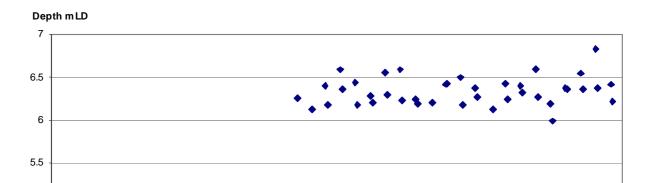
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Maringup Lake is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Maringup is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

# MARINGUP (with Depth axis 5-7m)



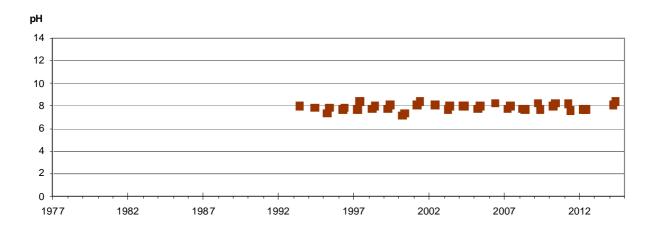
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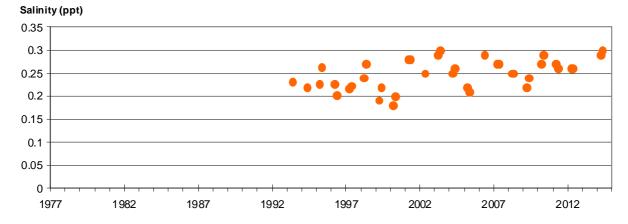
2002

2007

2012

1992





#### Notes:

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1982

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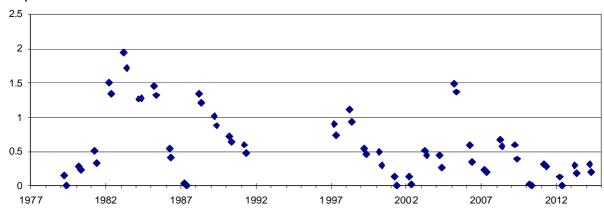
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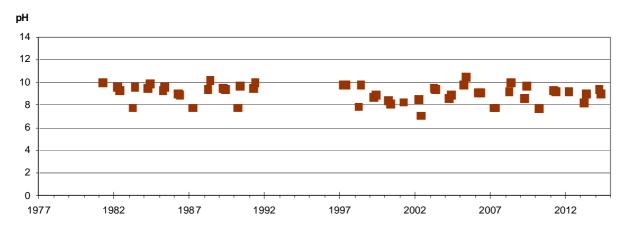
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Maringup is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

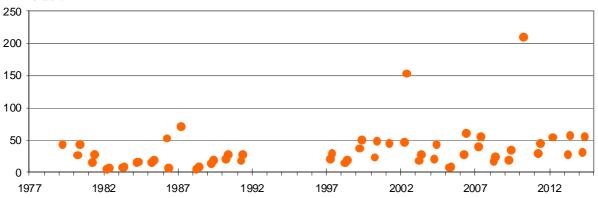
# **MARTINUP**

# Depth mLD





## Salinity (ppt)



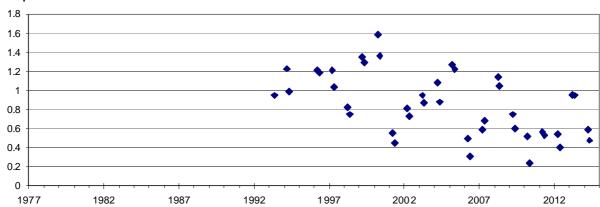
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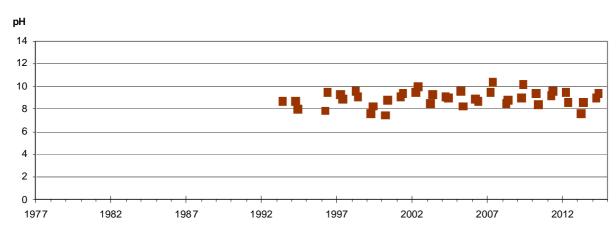
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Martinup is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

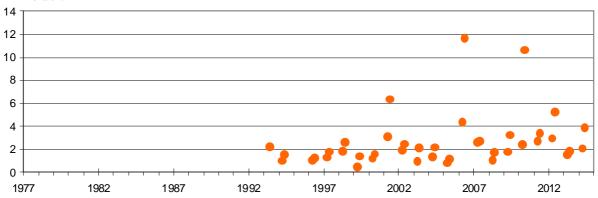
## **McLARTY**

## Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



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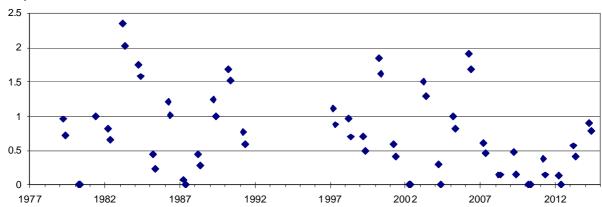
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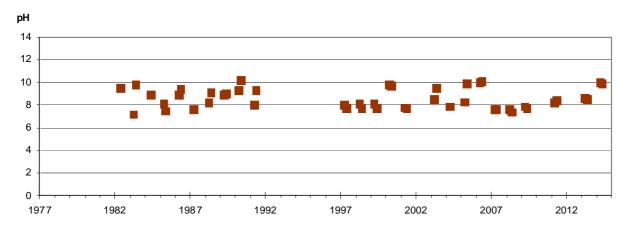
McLarty is a component of the 'Peel-Yalgorup System', which is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' Convention on Wetlands, and is also a component of the 'Lake McLarty System' listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

McLarty is in the Swan Coastal District (headquartered in Wanneroo) of the Swan DPaW Region.

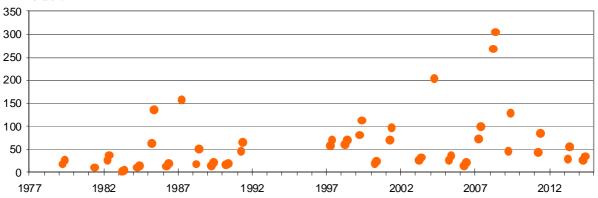
# **MEARS**

# Depth mLD









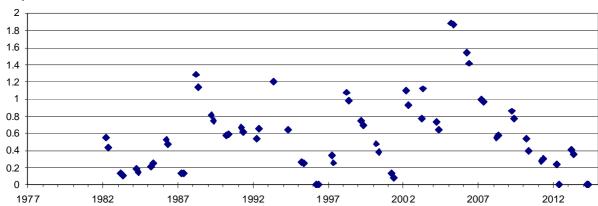
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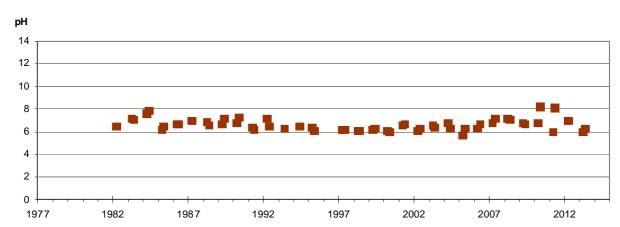
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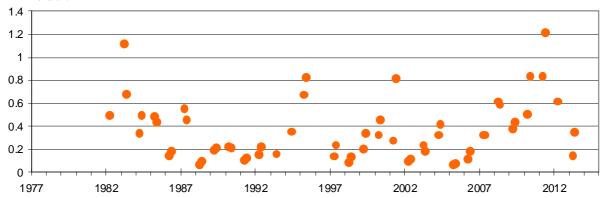
# **METTLER**

# Depth mLD





## Salinity (ppt)

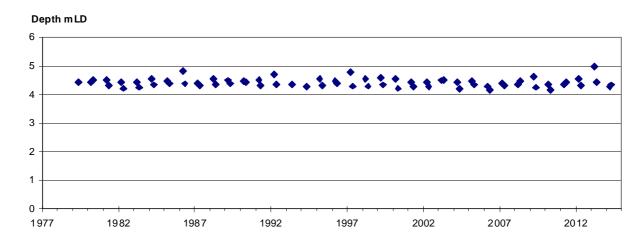


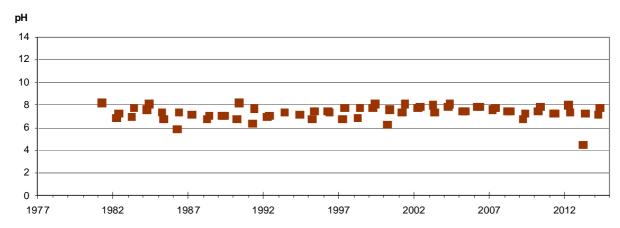
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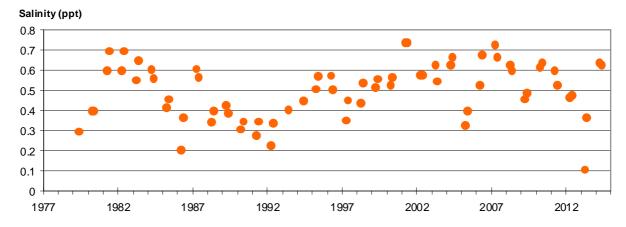
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Mettler is in the Albany District of the South Coast DPaW Region

# MOATES (with Depth axis 0-6m)







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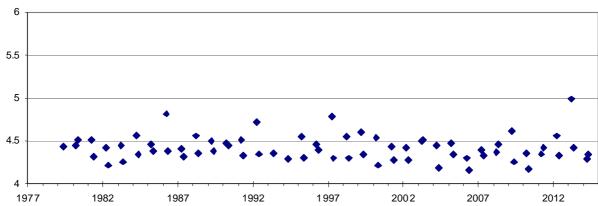
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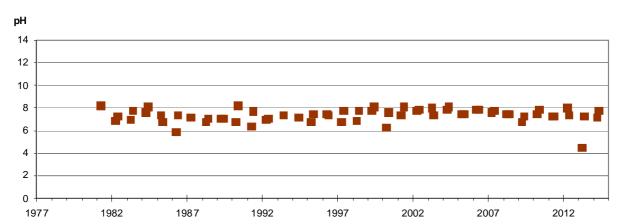
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Moates is in the Albany District of the South Coast DPaW Region

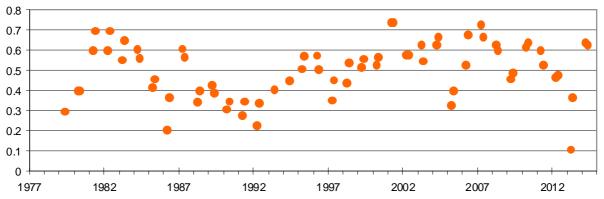
# **MOATES** (with Depth axis 4-6m)

# Depth mLD





# Salinity (ppt)



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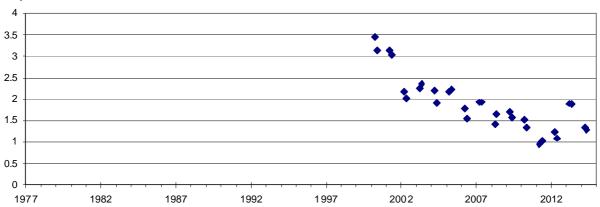
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Moates is a component of the 'Moates Lake System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Moates is in the Albany District of the South Coast DPaW Region

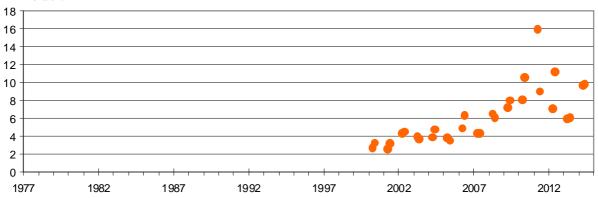
# **MORTIJINUP**

## Depth mLD



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## Salinity (ppt)



#### Notes:

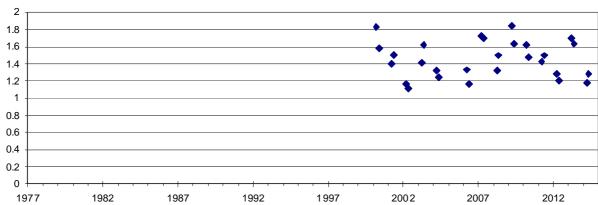
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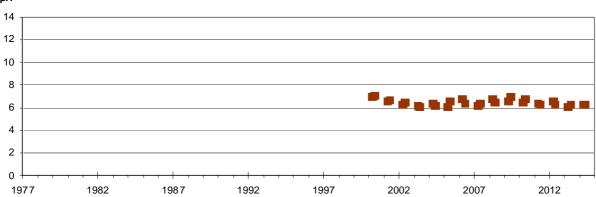
Mortijinup is in the Esperance District of the South Coast DPaW Region.

# **MOUNT LE GRAND**

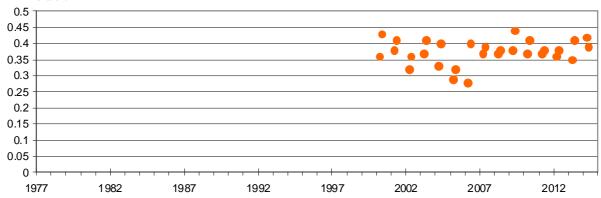




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## Salinity (ppt)



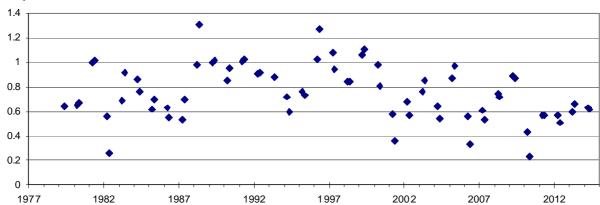
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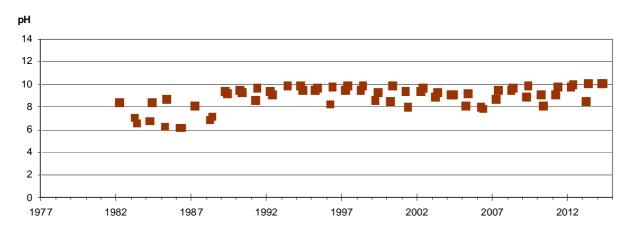
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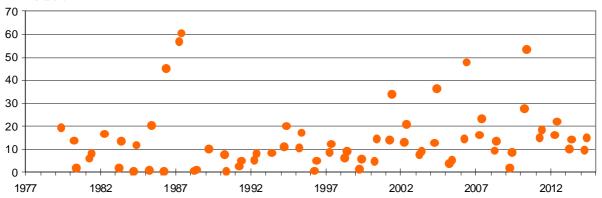
# **MUIR**

## Depth mLD





## Salinity (ppt)



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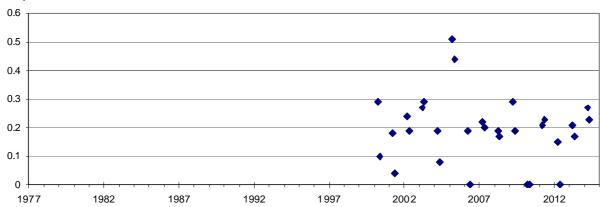
Lake Muir is a component of the 'Muir-Byenup System', which is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' Convention on Wetlands.

Lake Muir is also listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Muir is within the former Muir-Unicup Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment and is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

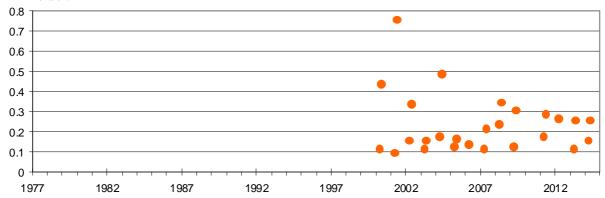
# **NGOPITCHUP**

## Depth mLD



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## Salinity (ppt)

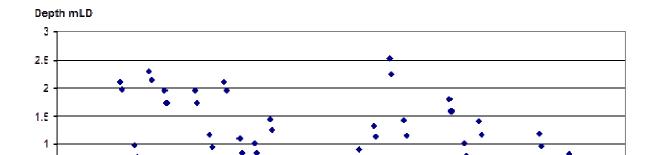


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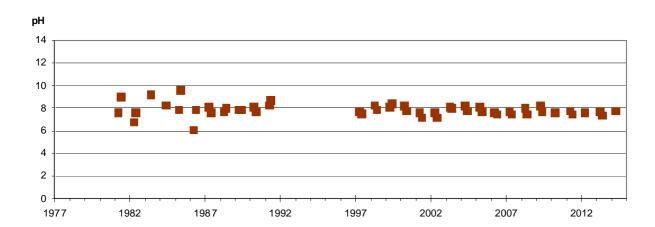
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# **NINAN**



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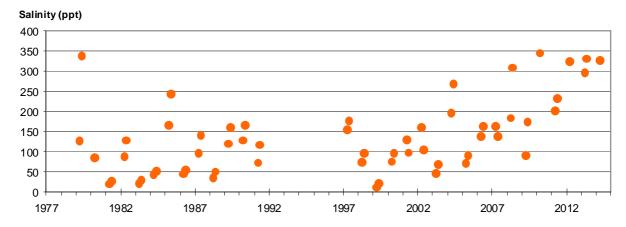


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#### Notes:

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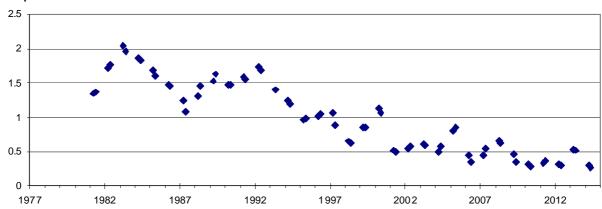
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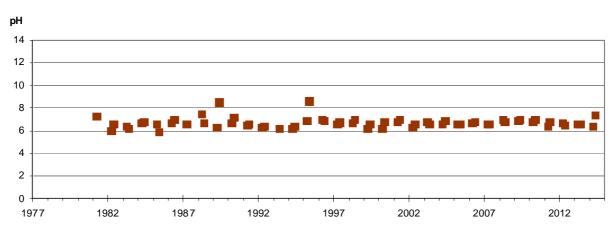
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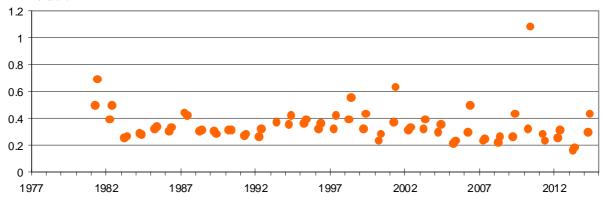
# **NINE MILE**

## Depth mLD





## Salinity (ppt)



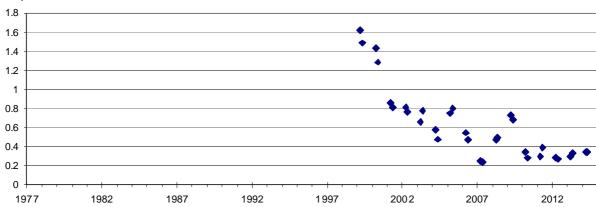
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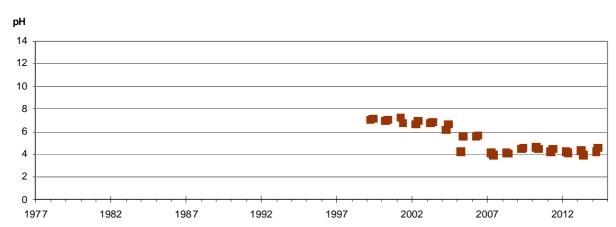
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Nine Mile is in the Swan Coastal District (headquartered in Wanneroo) of the Swan DPaW Region.

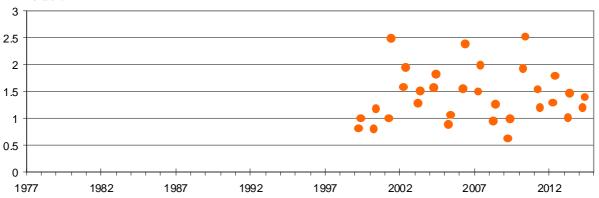
# NOOBIJUP IM

## Depth mLD





#### Salinity (ppt)



#### **Notes:**

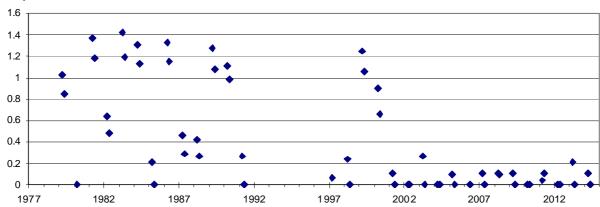
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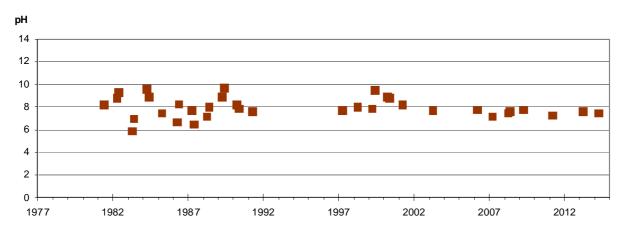
Noobijup is a component of the 'Byenup Lagoon System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Noobijup is within the former Muir-Unicup Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment and is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

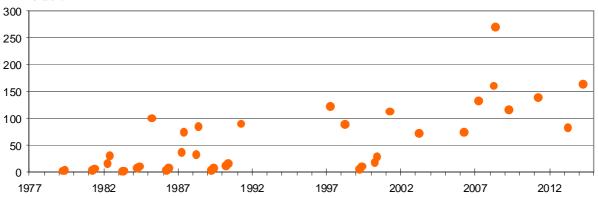
### **NOONYING**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



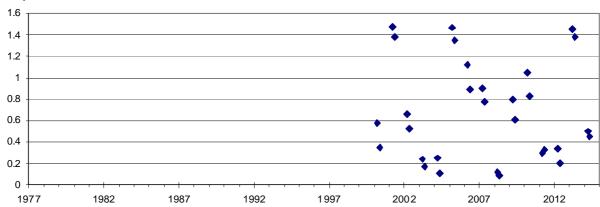
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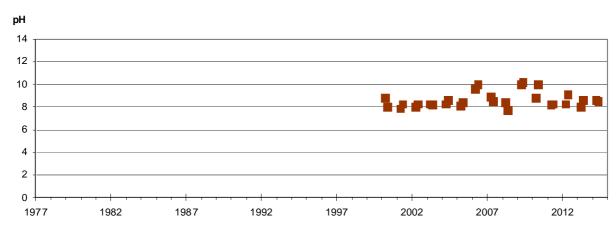
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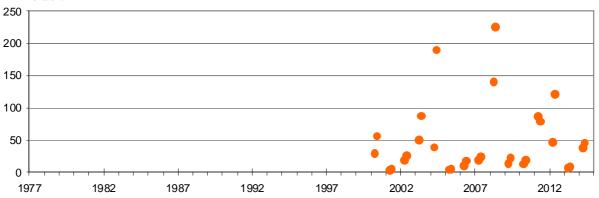
### **NORTH PARRIUP**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



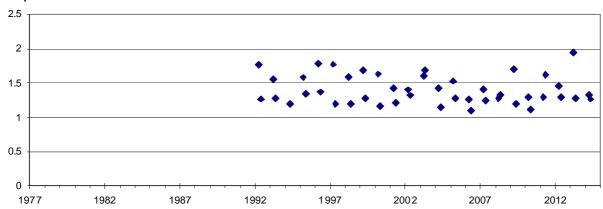
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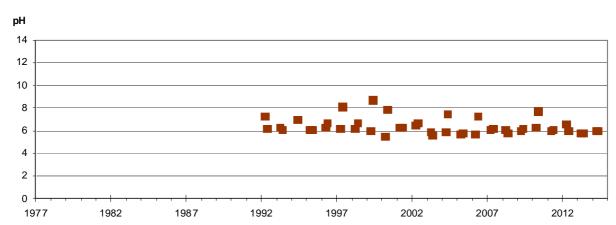
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North Parriup is in the Esperance District of the South Coast DPaW Region.

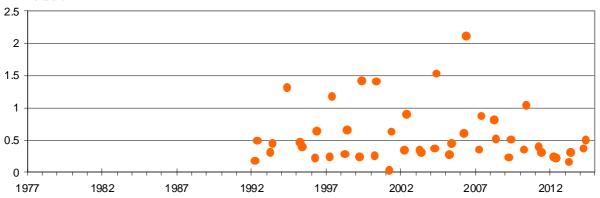
### **OWINGUP**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



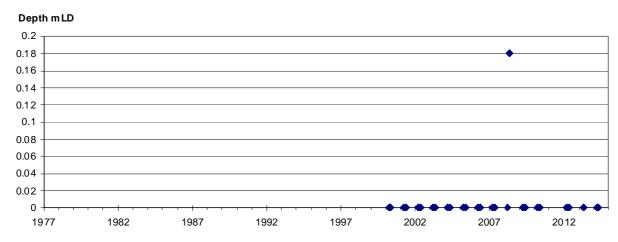
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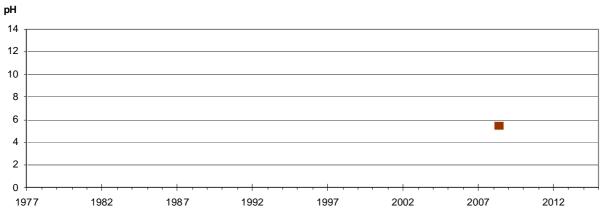
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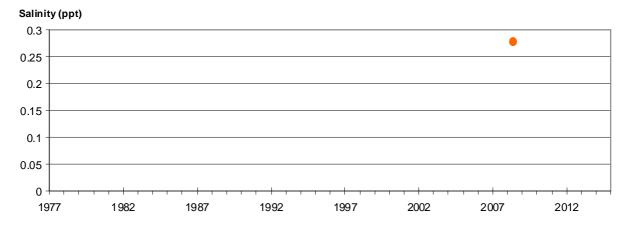
Owingup is a component of the 'Owingup Swamp System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Owingup is in the Frankland District (headquartered in Walpole) of the Warren DPaW Region.

### **PABELUP SOUTH**







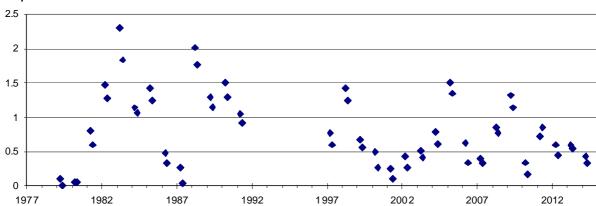
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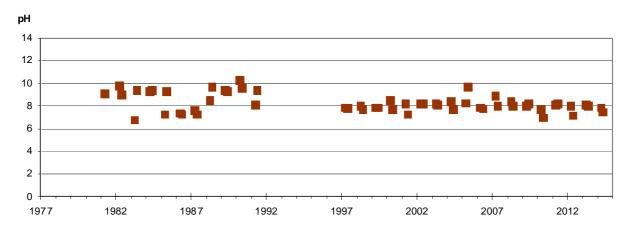
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Pabelup South is in the Albany District of the South Coast DPaW Region

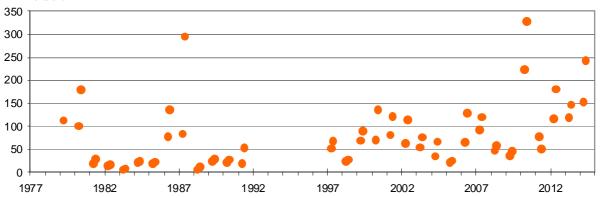
# PARKEYERRING IM

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)

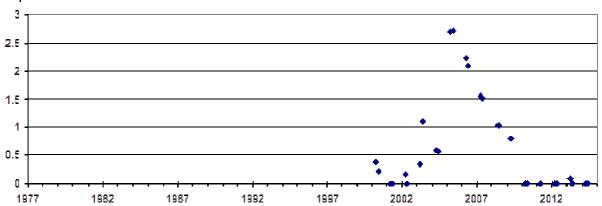


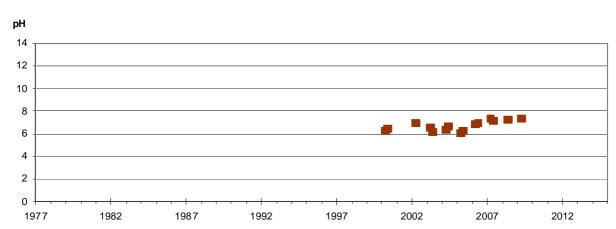
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Parkeyerring is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

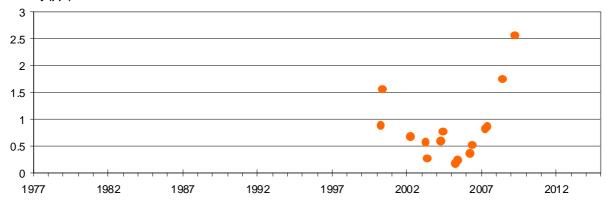
### **PILLENORUP**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



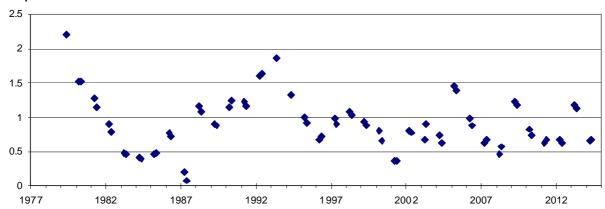
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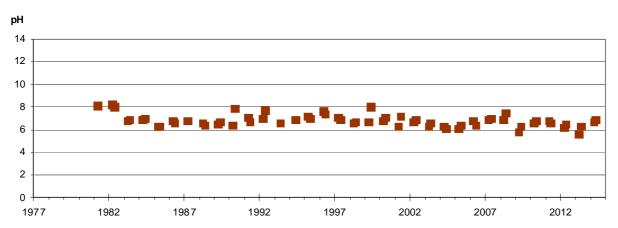
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Pillenorup is in the Albany District of the South Coast DPaW Region

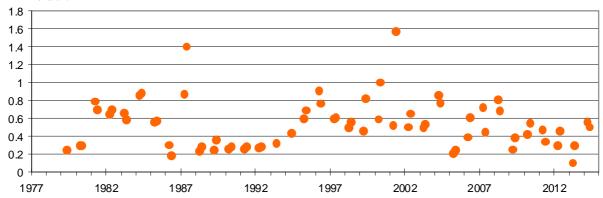
## PLEASANT VIEW IM

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



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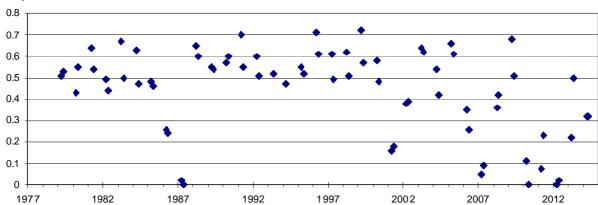
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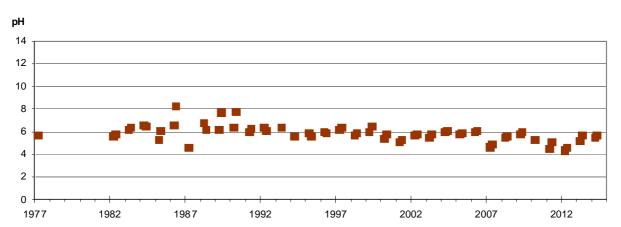
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Pleasant View is in the Albany District of the South Coast DPaW Region

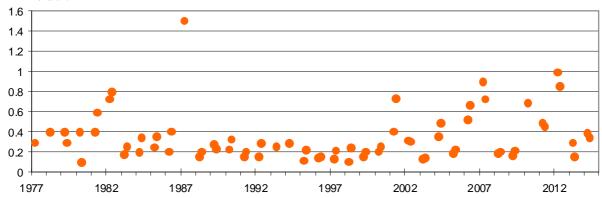
### **POORGINUP**







### Salinity (ppt)



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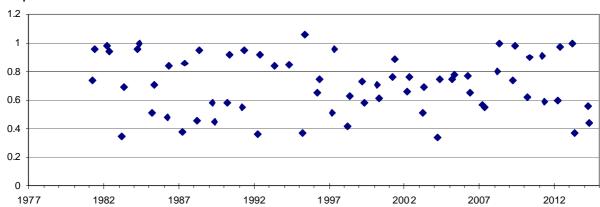
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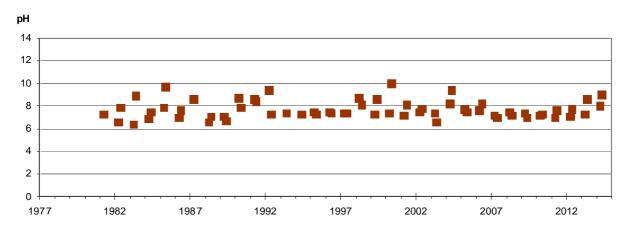
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Poorginup is within the former Muir-Unicup Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment and is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

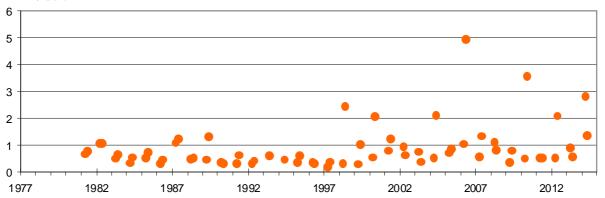
### **POWELL**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)

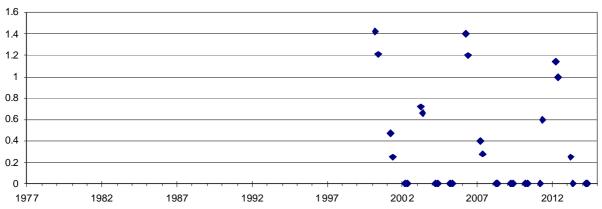


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Powell is in the Albany District of the South Coast DPaW Region

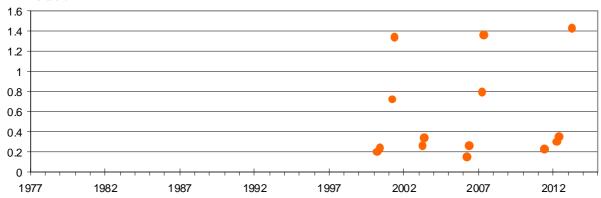
### **RANGE ROAD YATE**

### Depth mLD



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### Salinity (ppt)

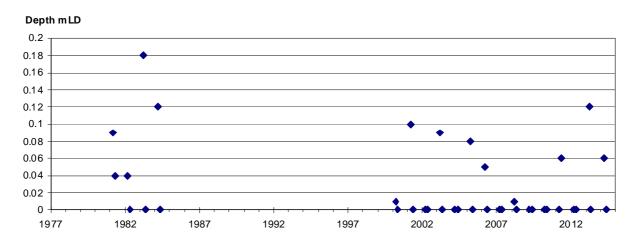


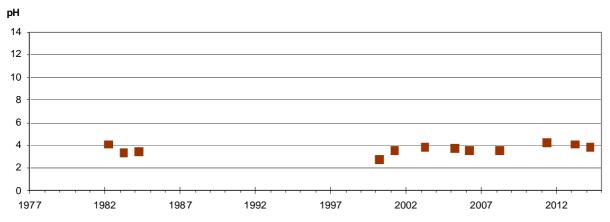
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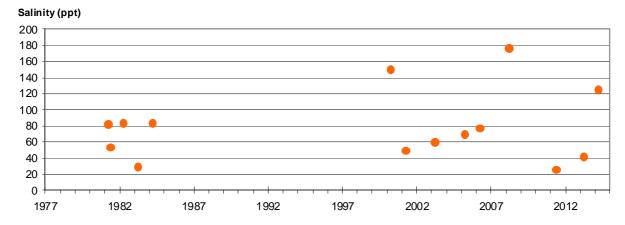
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## **RED (BRUCE ROCK)**







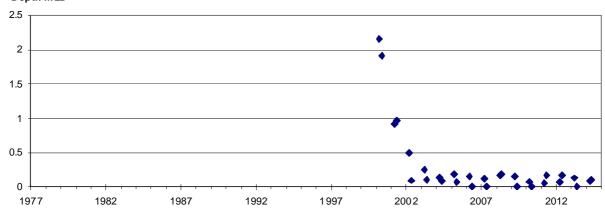
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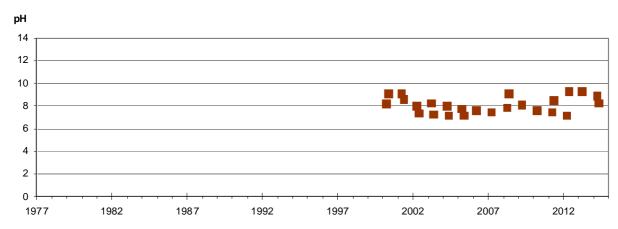
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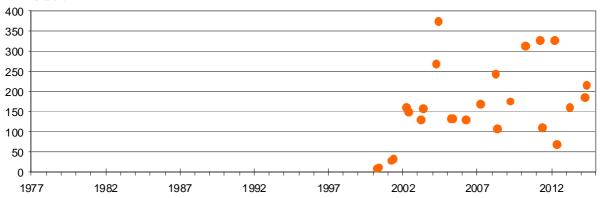
# RONNERUP IM

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)

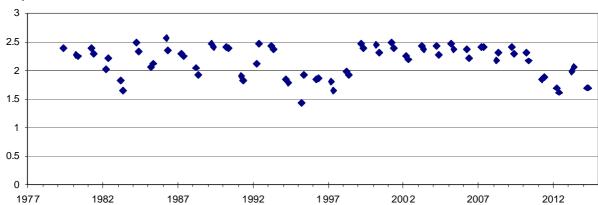


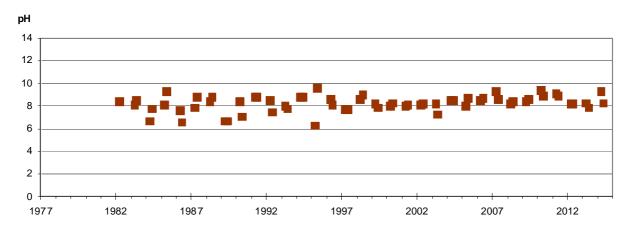
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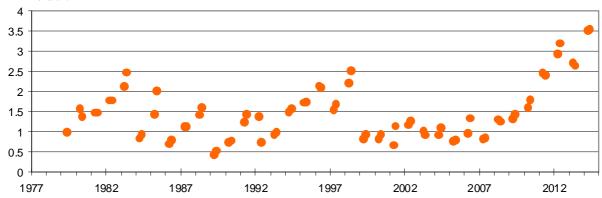
### **SHARK**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



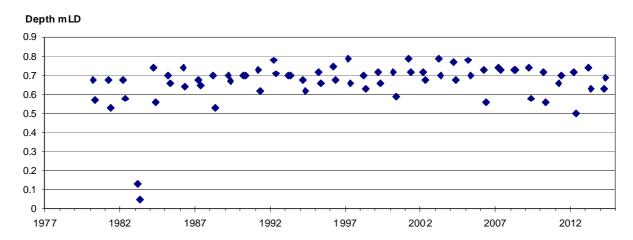
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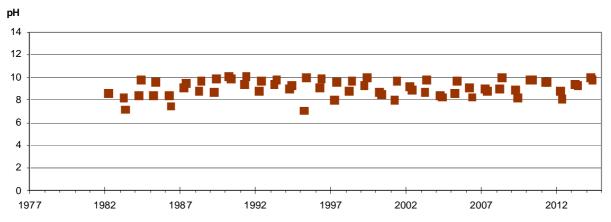
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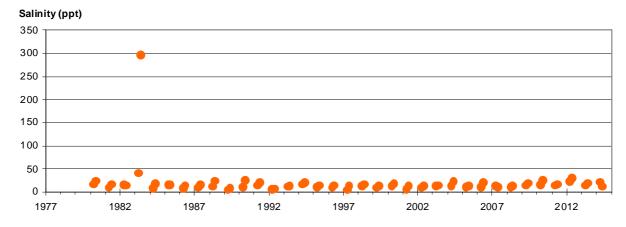
Shark is within the former Esperance Lakes Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment.

Shark is in the Esperance District of the South Coast DPaW Region.

## STATION (with Salinity axis 0-350ppt)







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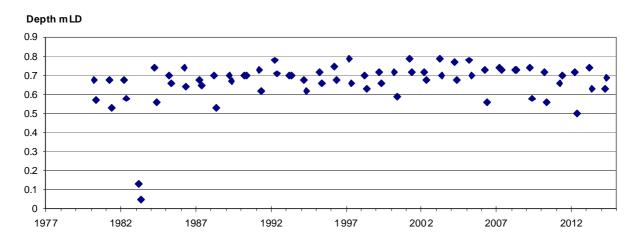
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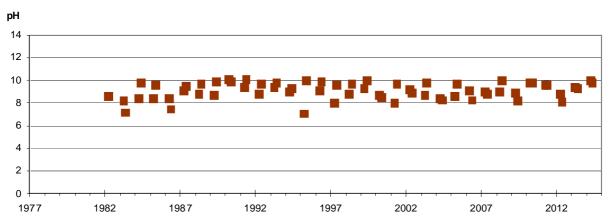
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Station is also a component of the 'Lake Warden System' listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

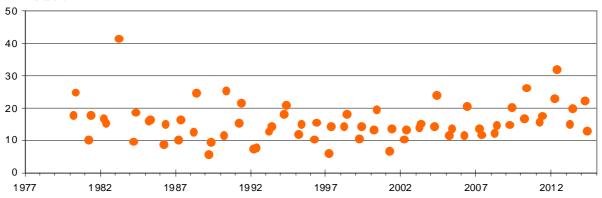
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## STATION (with Salinity axis 0-50ppt)









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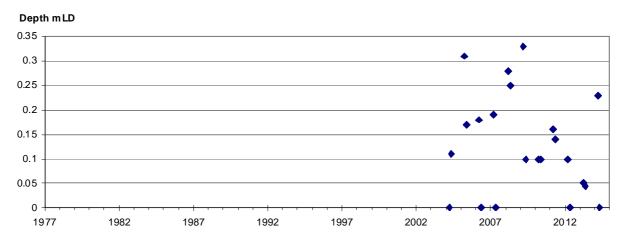
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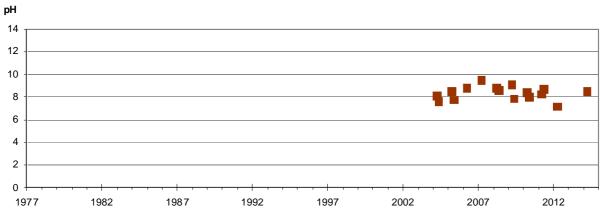
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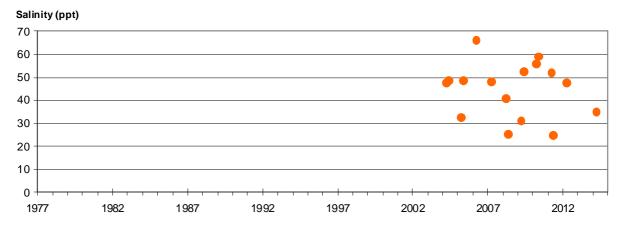
Station is also a component of the 'Lake Warden System' listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

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### **TAARBLIN (NORTH)**







#### Notes:

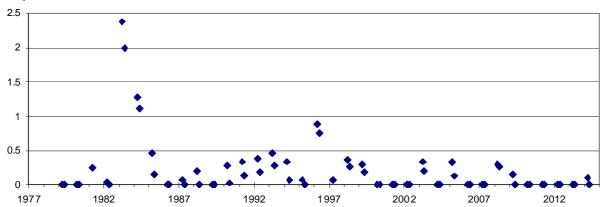
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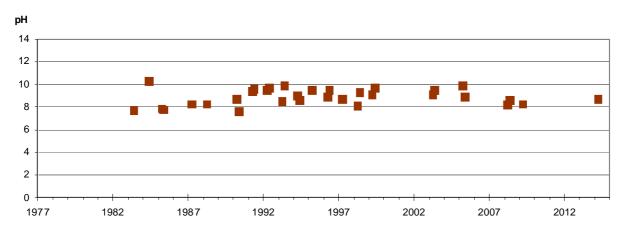
Taarblin (North) is a short distance downstream from, and receives pumped, bypassed and potentially overflow water from, the Toolibin Lake Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment.

Taarblin (North) is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

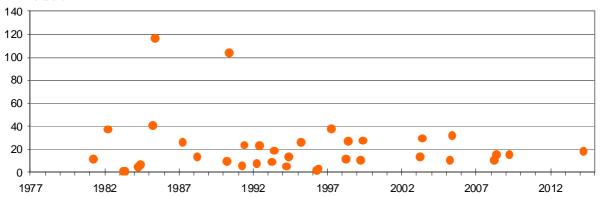
### **TAARBLIN (SOUTH)**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



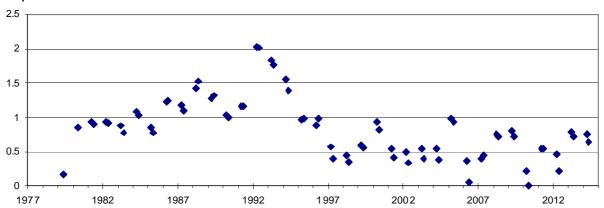
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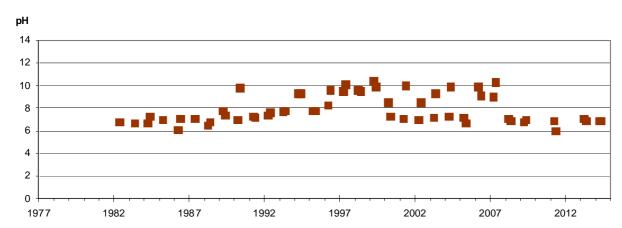
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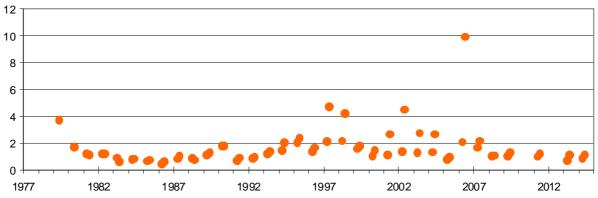
### **THOMSONS**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



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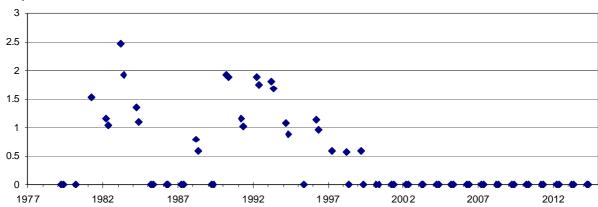
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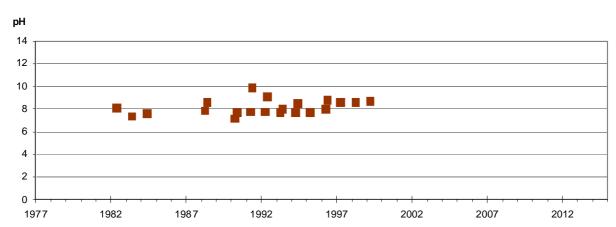
Thomsons Lake is a component of the 'Forrestdale and Thomsons Lakes' system, which is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' Convention on Wetlands, and is also listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Thomsons is in the Swan Coastal District (headquartered in Wanneroo) of the Swan DPaW Region.

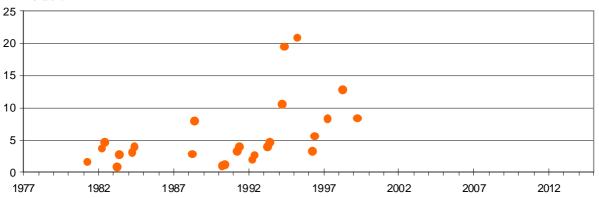
## TOOLIBIN IM

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



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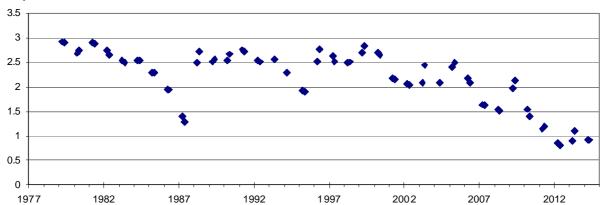
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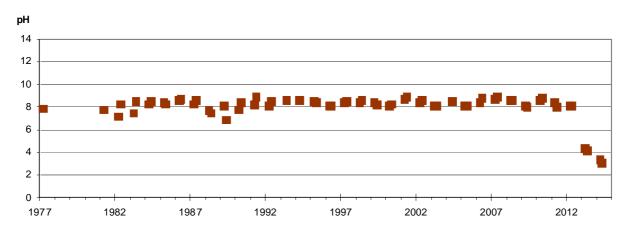
Toolibin Lake is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' Convention on Wetlands and is also listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Toolibin is in the Toolibin Lake Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment and is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

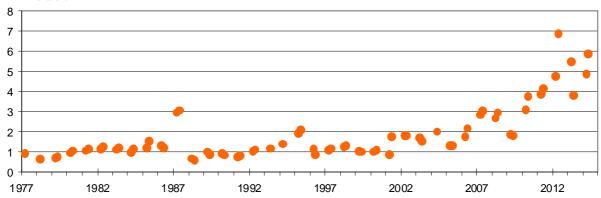
### **TORDIT-GURRUP**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



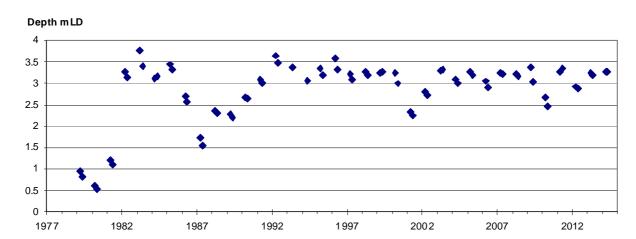
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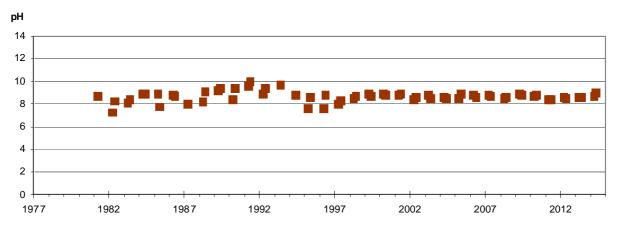
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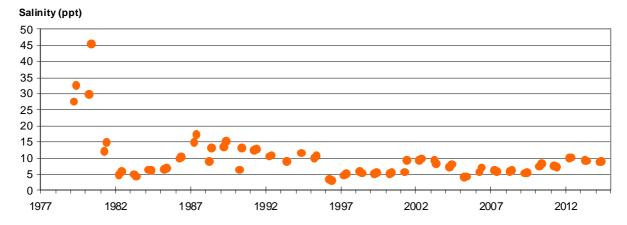
Tordit-Gurrup is a component of the 'Muir-Byenup System', which is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' Convention on Wetlands, and is also a component of the 'Byenup Lagoon System' listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Tordit-Gurrup is within the former Muir-Unicup Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment and is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

# TOWERRINNING IM





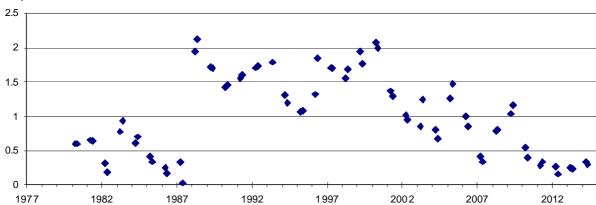


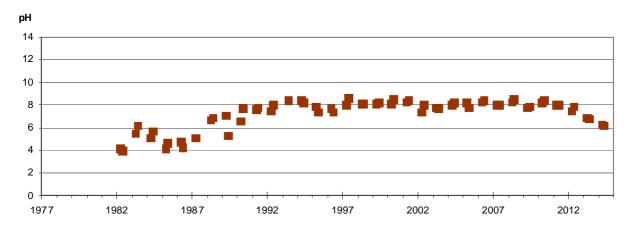
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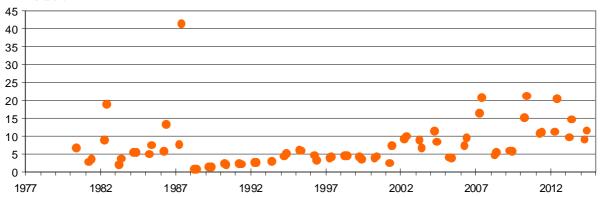
### **UNICUP**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



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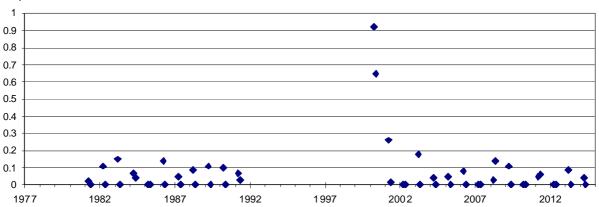
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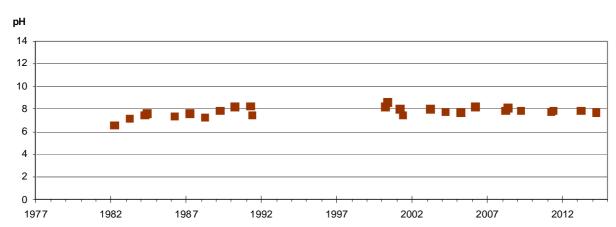
Unicup is a component of the 'Byenup Lagoon System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Unicup is within the former Muir-Unicup Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment and is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

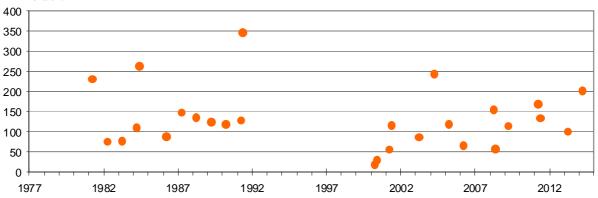
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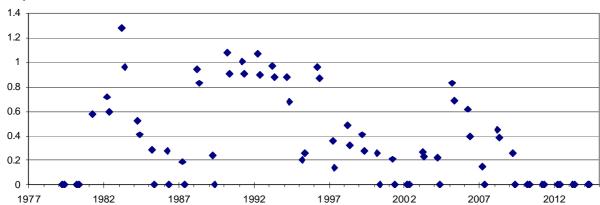
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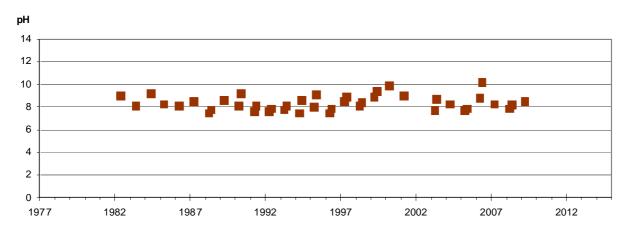
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Varley is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

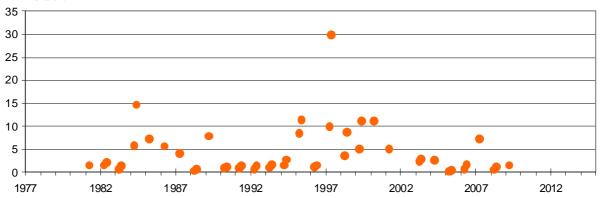
### **WALBYRING**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



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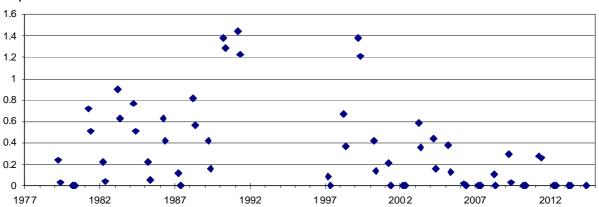
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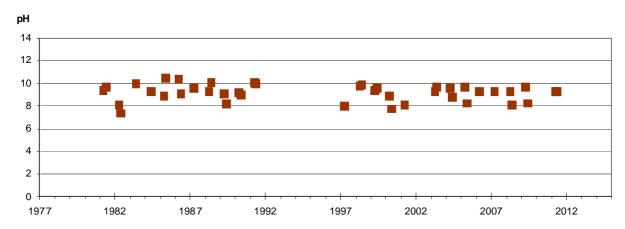
Walbyring is a short distance downstream from, and potentially receives overflow water from, the Toolibin Lake Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment.

Walbyring is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

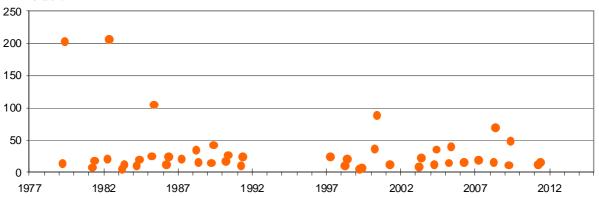
# WALYORMOURING IM

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)

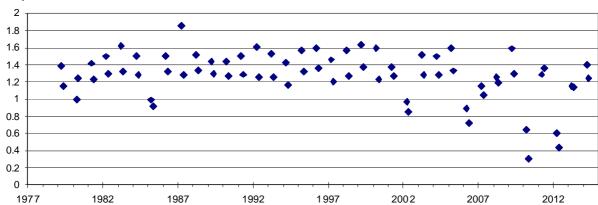


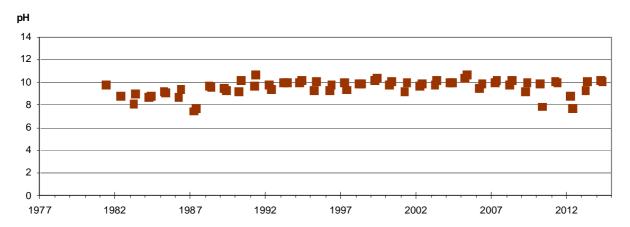
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Walyormouring is in the Central District (headquartered in Merredin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

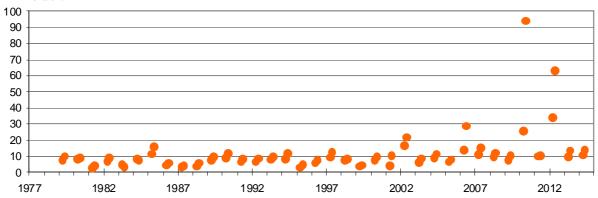
### WANNAMAL







### Salinity (ppt)



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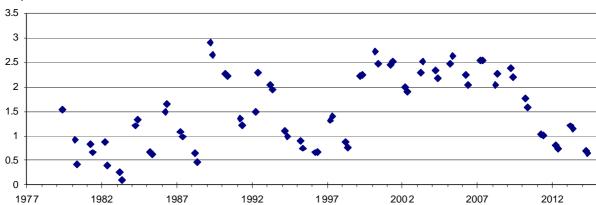
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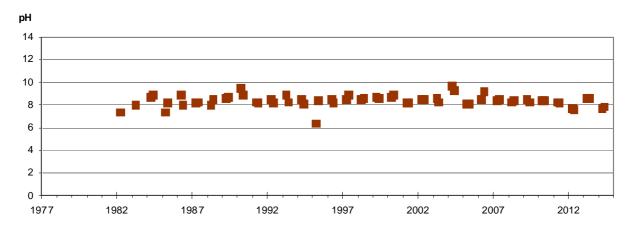
Wannamal is a component of the 'Wannamal Lakes System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Wannamal is in the Swan Coastal District (headquartered in Wanneroo) of the Swan DPaW Region.

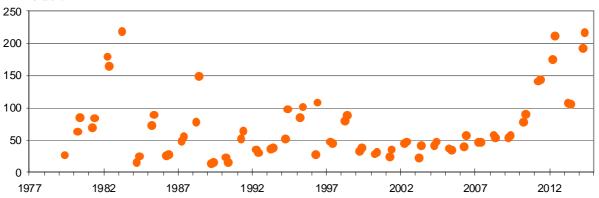
### **WARDEN**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



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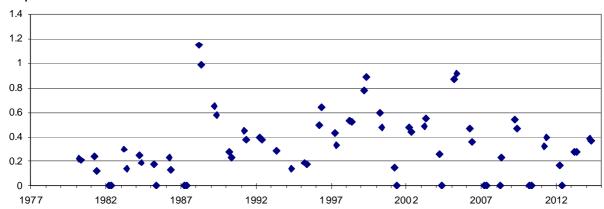
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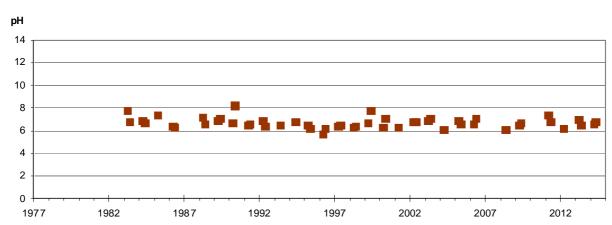
Warden is also a component of the 'Lake Warden System' listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Warden is within the former Esperance Lakes Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment and is in the Esperance District of the South Coast DPaW Region.

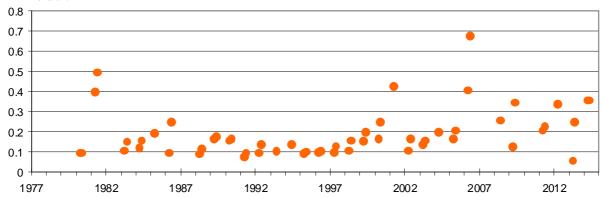
### **WARRINUP**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



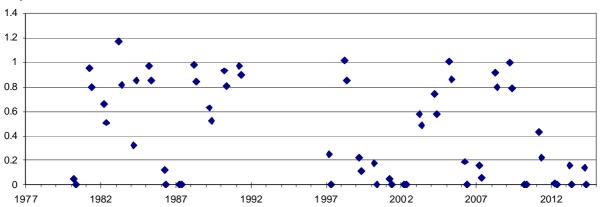
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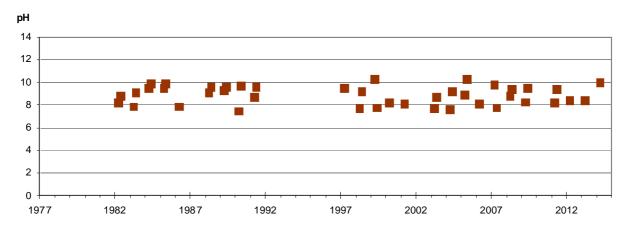
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Warrinup is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

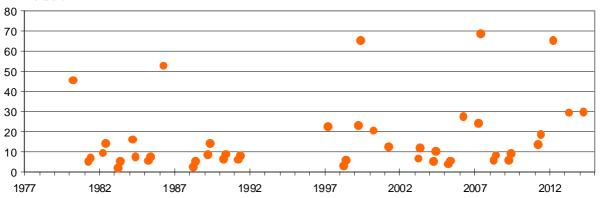
### **WEST ARTHUR 5456**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



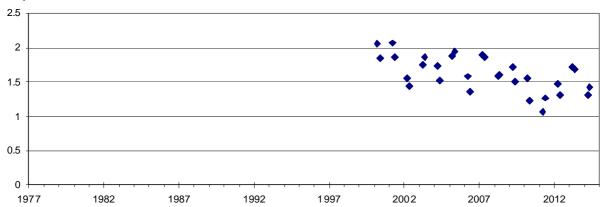
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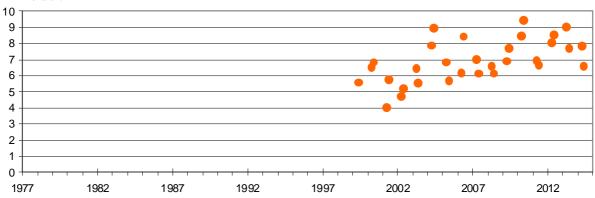
# WHEATFIELD IM

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### Salinity (ppt)



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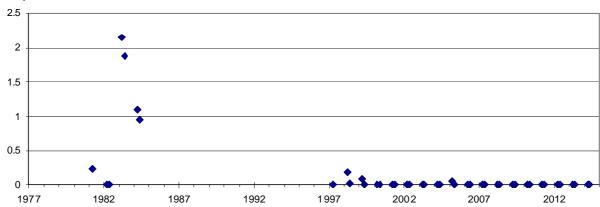
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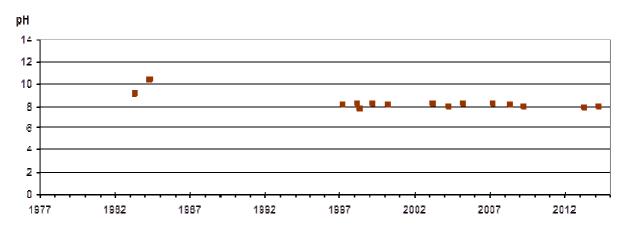
Wheatfield is part of the 'Lake Warden System' listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the 'Ramsar' Convention on Wetlands and is also part of the 'Lake Warden System' listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Wheatfield is within the former Esperance Lakes Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment and is in the Esperance District of the South Coast DPaW Region.

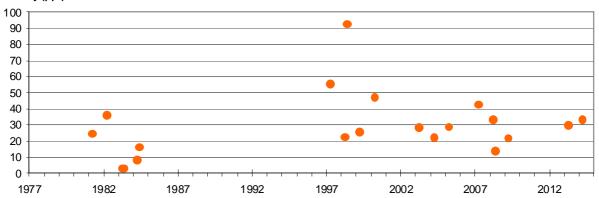
## WHITE (NARROGIN)

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



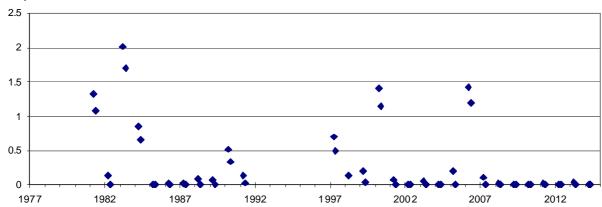
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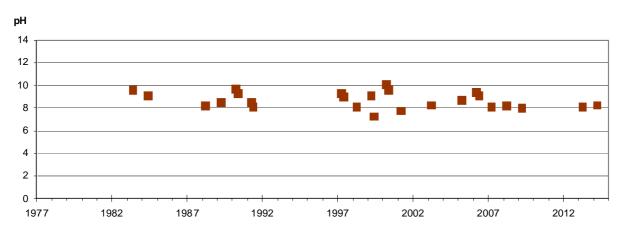
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White (Narrogin) is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

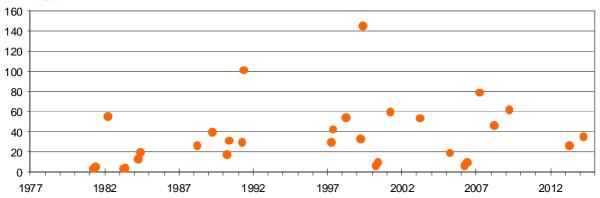
### WHITE WATER

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



#### Notes:

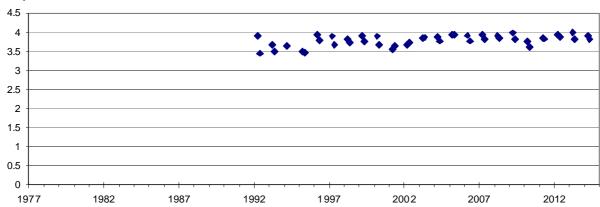
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White Water is a component of the 'Yealering Lakes System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

White Water is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

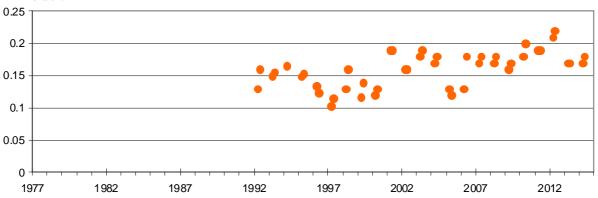
### **WILSON**

### Depth mLD



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### Salinity (ppt)



#### **Notes:**

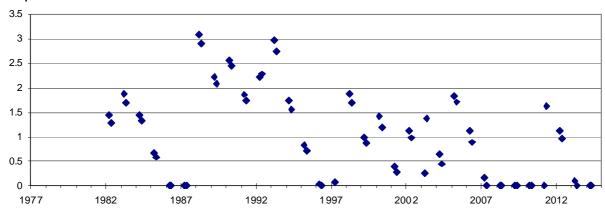
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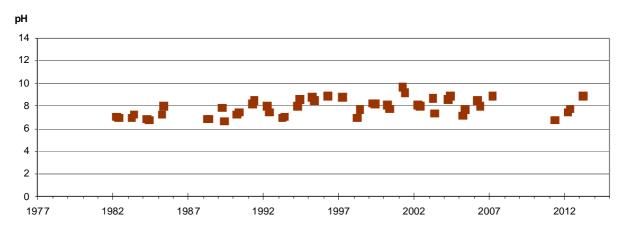
Wilson is a component of the 'Gingilup-Jasper Wetland System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Wilson is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

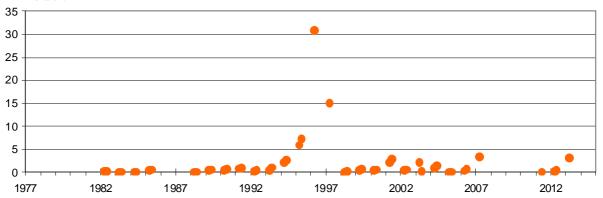
# $\mathbf{YAALUP}^{\mathbf{IM}}$

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)

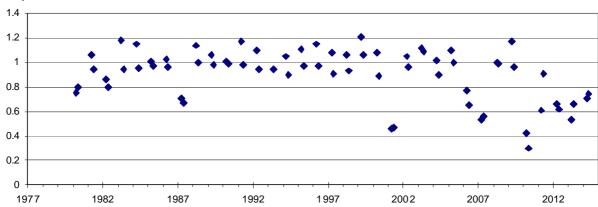


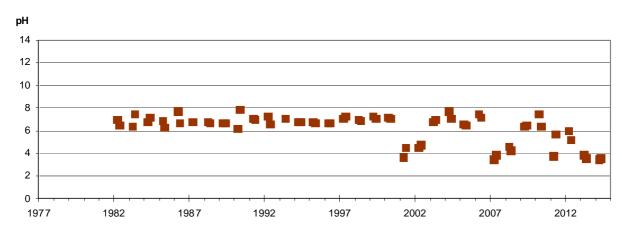
- Notes: 1.  $^{\text{IM}}$  indicates this is one of 25 wetlands Intensively Monitored for additional biological and physico-chemical attributes.
- 2. Year labels are positioned at 1<sup>st</sup> July each year.
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Yaalup is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

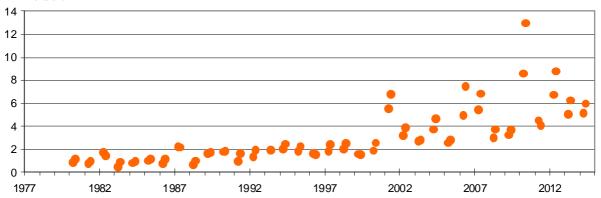
### **YARNUP**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



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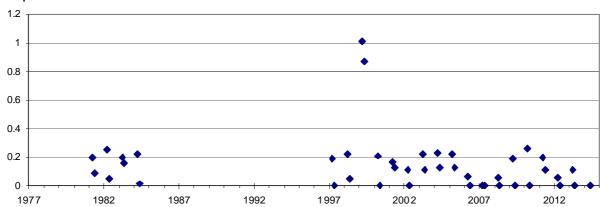
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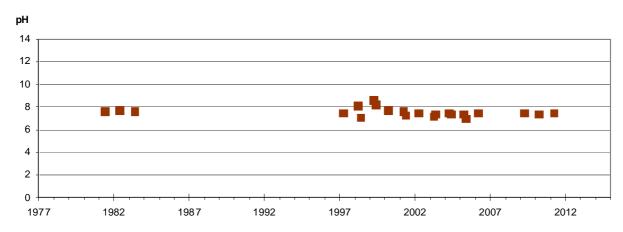
Yarnup is within the former Muir-Unicup Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment.

Yarnup is in the Donnelly District (headquartered in Pemberton) of the Warren DPaW Region.

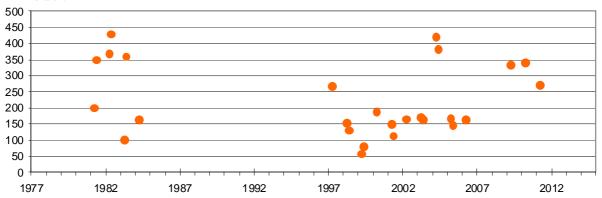
### YARRA YARRA

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



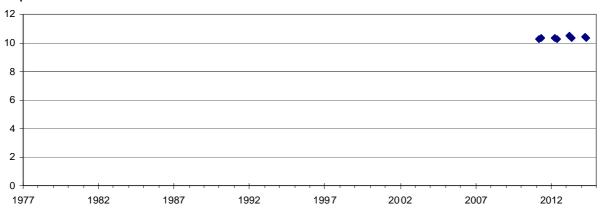
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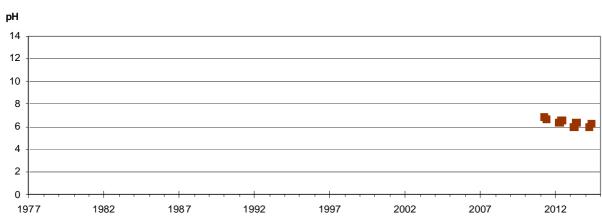
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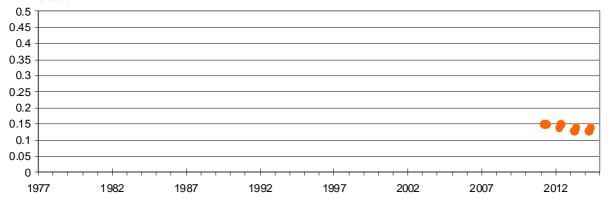
### **YEAGARUP**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)

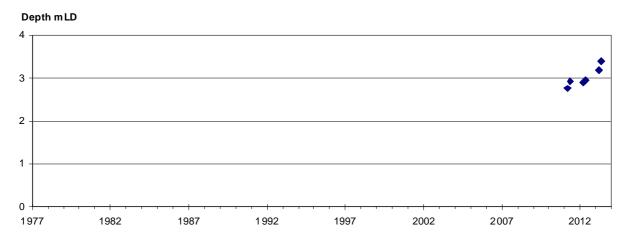


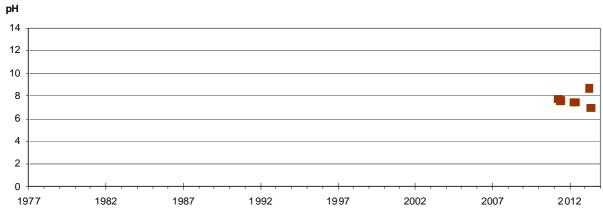
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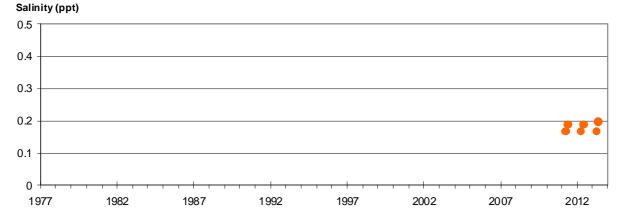
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### YEAGARUP SOUTH







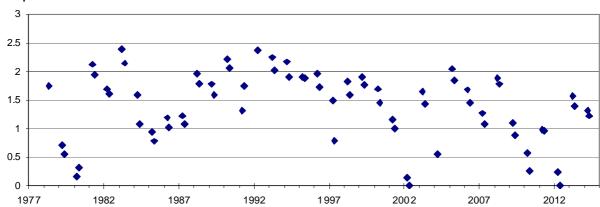
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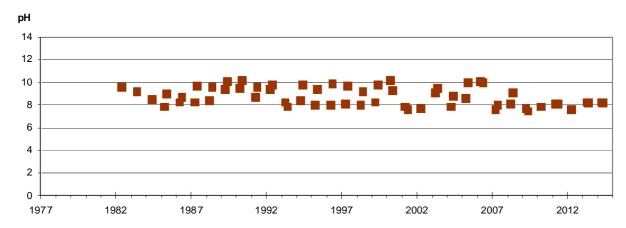
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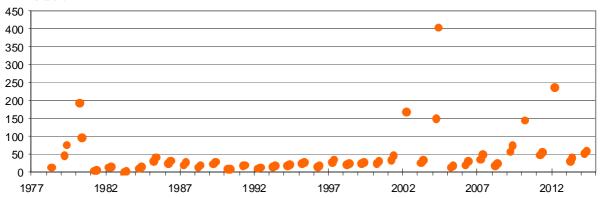
### **YEALERING**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



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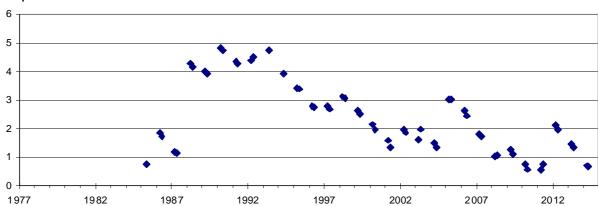
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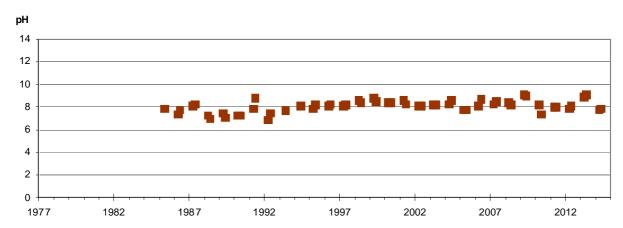
Yealering is a component of the 'Yealering Lakes System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Yealering is in the Great Southern District (headquartered in Narrogin) of the Wheatbelt DPaW Region.

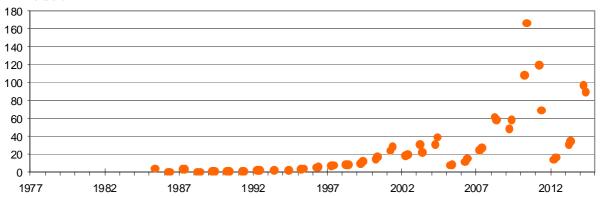
### **YELLILUP**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



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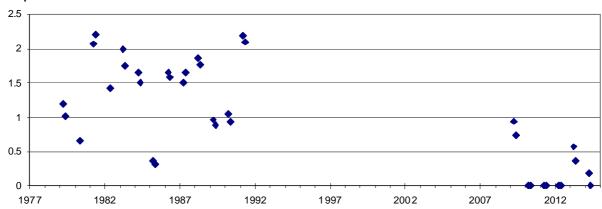
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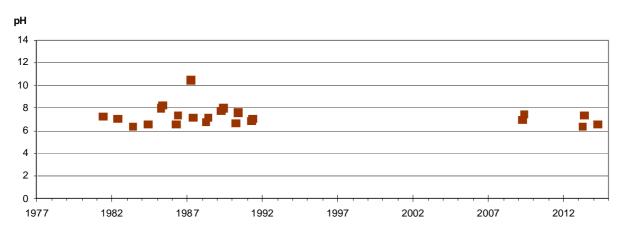
Yellilup Lake is a component of the 'Yellilup Yate Swamp System', which is listed in the 'Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia'.

Yellilup is in the Albany District of the South Coast DPaW Region

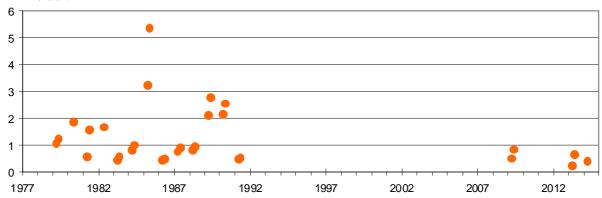
### **YURINE**

### Depth mLD





### Salinity (ppt)



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Yurine is in the Swan Coastal District of the Swan DPaW Region