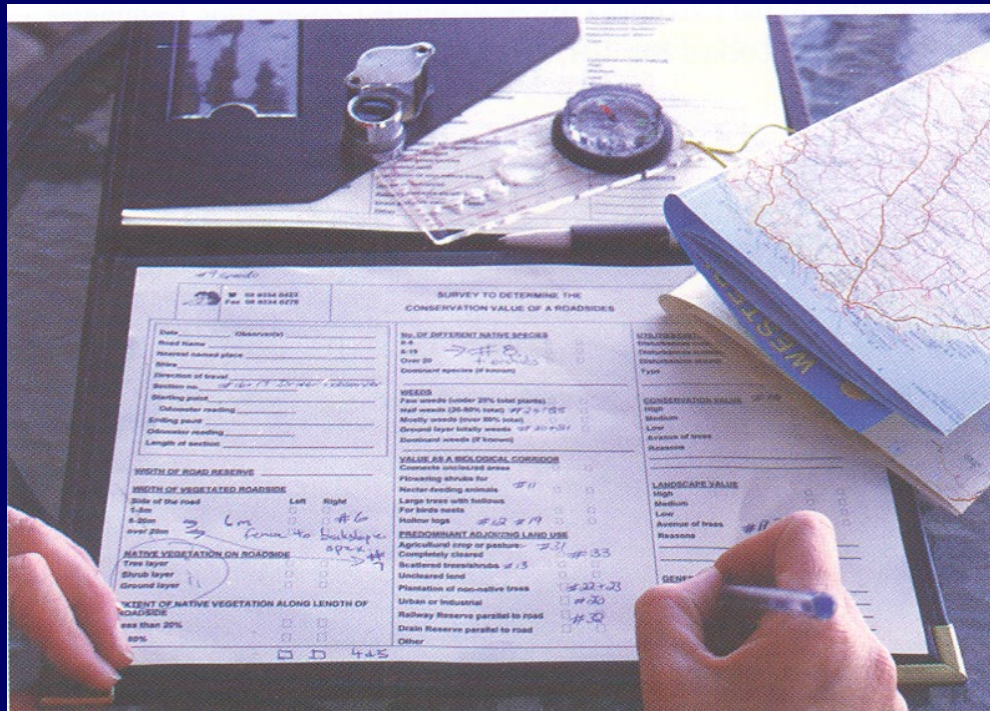


The Roadside Conservation Committee



Roadside Mapping Project

Where are Roadside Corridors?

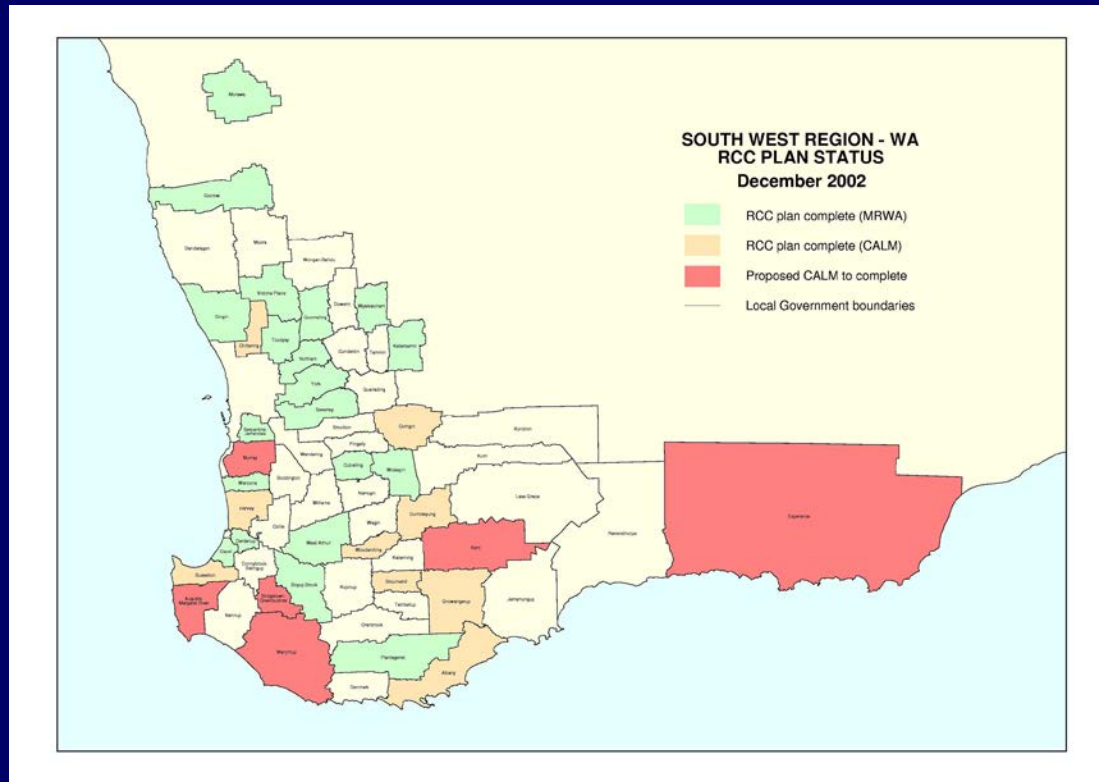
□ Since **1989**, the RCC has been working with local communities and Local Governments

□ **The aim:** to assess and map all of the roadsides within the south-west land division



Where are Roadside Corridors?

▣ Surveys completed in **35 Shires**



▣ The work is mostly carried out by **community volunteers**

Why Assess and Map Roadside

Roadsides?

- Increases awareness of the conservation status of roads in your local area,



Generally, **high conservation value roadsides** are scenic, weed-free, diverse in native plants and may connect remnants.



Weedy roadsides have a **lower conservation value**

- Enables more effective management

Why Assess and Map Roadside?

Carnaby's
Cockatoo
relies upon
roadside
vegetation



□ **Assists** in the protection, conservation and rehabilitation of roadside vegetation,

□ **Identifies sensitive areas**, important for those carrying out roadworks and maintenance activities within the road reserve.



A roadside
heritage site

What information is collected?

- Width of road reserve
- Width of vegetation on roadside
- Structure and extent of native vegetation
- Diversity flora
- Weeds (general and nominated)
- Adjoining land use
- Utilities
- Fauna observed
- General comments

Purpose of the Roadside Conservation Value Map:

□ Provides an inventory of the condition of the roadside vegetation.



□ The map can be incorporated as a management and planning tool.

□ Can be referenced prior to roadworks and maintenance activities.



Weeds and Roadsides

Narrow strips of linear vegetation are highly susceptible to weed invasion.



Grassy weeds
are common
along denuded
roadsides

During the Roadside Survey, specific weeds can be recorded and mapped onto clear overlays.

As a Management and Planning Tool

Example: Degraded roadside areas
(low conservation value)

- can be identified as areas important for rehabilitation, or



Watsonia
infestations require
ongoing weed
control

- as areas in need of specific management techniques, such as weed control programs.

As a Management and Planning Tool

Utilities:

- Placement of pipelines, telecommunications, gas and power lines to avoid high conservation value roadsides.



As a Management and Planning Tool



The Map can be used for:

- Developing regional or district fire management plans,
- Planning tourist routes,
- Identifying key areas for Landcare and Bushcare projects.
- Identifying importance to the Shire's overall conservation network.

On the ground:

- Revegetation projects,
- Protect and enhance wildlife corridors,
- Promote significant wildflower areas, historical and cultural sites for tourism,



On the ground:

- **Weed control programs,**



- **Planning roadside maintenance activities.**

Overlays



Examples include:

- **the presence of weeds,**
- **degree of weed infestation,**
- **the location of environmentally sensitive areas, or**
- **future planned developments.**

Other Information...



- Report and Management Guidelines accompany the Roadside Conservation Value Map.
 - Results of the roadside survey
 - Legislation
 - Management Techniques
 - Tree roads, Flora roads
 - Special Environment Areas
 - Roadside Action Plans

Thank you



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