

Bankwest *Landscape* Conservation Visa Card

Project Completion Report

Project Title: Bob Blackburn Reserve – Installing limestone on existing track

Works were undertaken at Bob Blackburn Reserve in early 2007 as proposed in the funding application (see attachment 1).

Before Limestoning

This track is regularly used by local walkers and bike riders to access the recreation centre at the northern end of the track from the residential area at the southern end.



Figure 1: The central north-south track at Bob Blackburn reserve before the limestoning - Looking from North to south.

After Limestoning

The Bankwest *Landscape* Conservation Visa Card funding provided to this project contributed towards the cost of limestoning this track.



Figure 2: The central north-south track at Bob Blackburn reserve after the limestoning - Looking from south to north.

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Project application for funding

Submissions of grants for small projects that should directly and clearly benefit a species currently ranked as Critically Endangered or Endangered or Vulnerable or an ecological community that is databased and ranked as Critically Endangered or Endangered or Vulnerable, or produce information on species or communities thought to be Critically Endangered or Endangered or Vulnerable so their listing and ranking can be undertaken. Projects on species that are under consideration for ranking as CR will also be considered.

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Proponents: Melissa Hoskins, Fiona Felton

Introduction: / Summary

Bob Blackburn Reserve (9.14ha) in the City of Armadale contains two occurrences (4.66ha) of the Endangered Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) known as '*Banksia attenuata* and/or *Eucalyptus marginata* woodlands of the eastern side of the Swan Coastal Plain'. Upgrading the existing sand track to limestone would reduce the risk spreading *Phytophthora cinnamomi* (*P.c.*) through the Reserve from the three existing infestations.

Background:

The Endangered TEC '*Banksia attenuata* and/or *Eucalyptus marginata* Woodlands of the Eastern Side of the Swan Coastal Plain' which occurs at Bob Blackburn Reserve is highly susceptible to *P.c.* infestation.

Through grants and recurrent budgets the City of Armadale has undertaken various works at Bob Blackburn Reserve to reduce the risk of spreading disease and ensure the protection of the TEC. These works include the installation of limestone on existing tracks, the installation of interpretive information, controlling access and regular application of phosphite. Laying limestone on the one remaining sand track will allow the City to effectively manage *P.c.* at this site in turn protecting this TEC.

Conservation Outcome: Protection of the endangered TEC by reducing the risk of *P.c.* being spread throughout the reserve.

Project Timing: Early 2007

Project Budget: \$2,500 from Bankwest *Landscape* Conservation Visa Card. \$2000 of funding from the City of Armadale. The balance of approximately \$5000 will be covered by the Natural Heritage Trust Funding secured by the Department of Environment and Conservation via the Swan Catchment Council.