



Nearer to Nature



Evolution

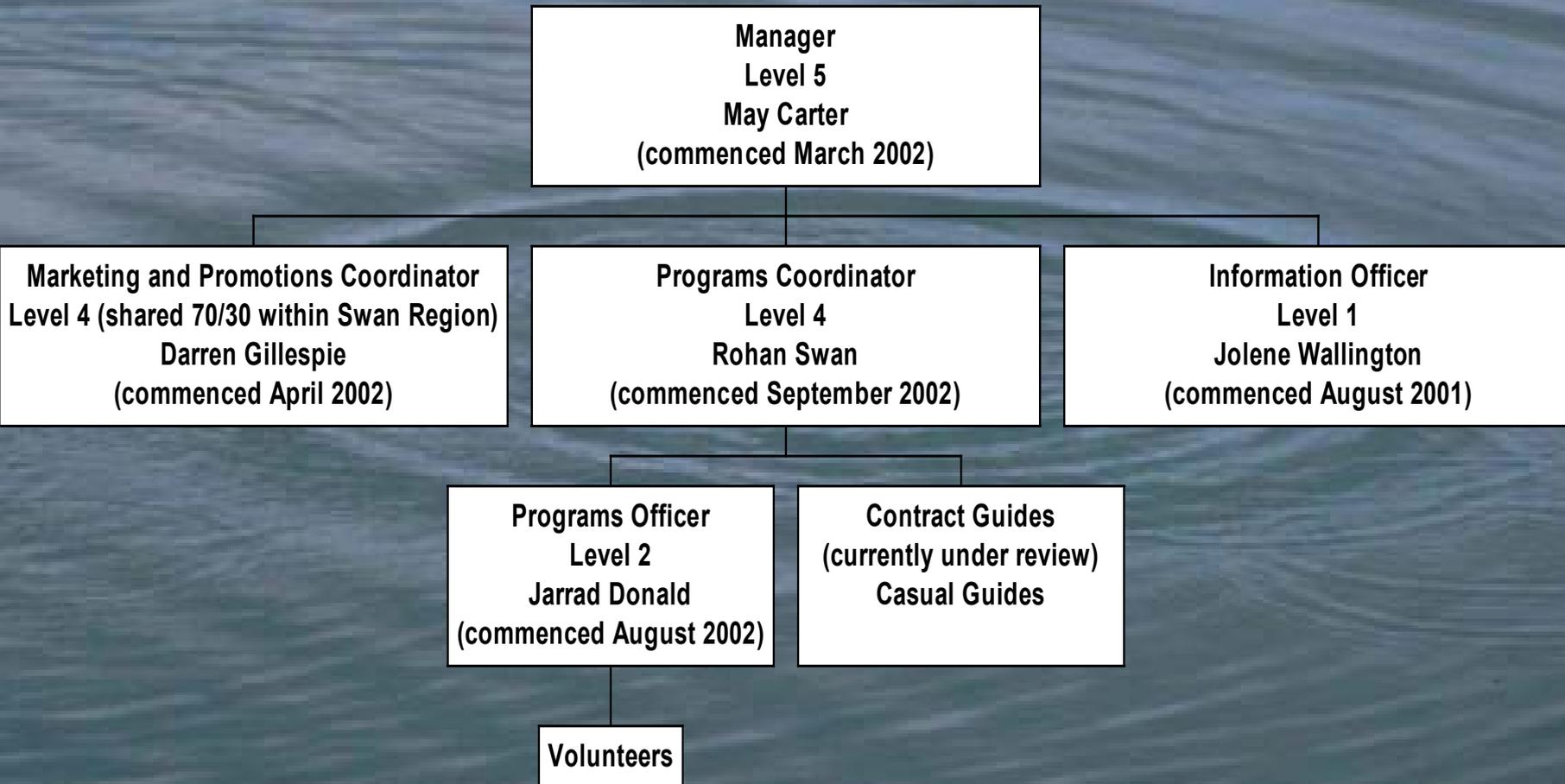
- **The Hills Forest Discovery Centre to Nearer to Nature**
- **Exploring Swan Region forest, bush, rivers and beaches**



Mission

- **Nearer to Nature interpretation programs provide nature-based educational and recreational experiences that raise awareness and understanding of natural, indigenous and historic values to meet Department of Conservation and Land Management's conservation objectives.**

Staff resources



Areas of operation

- Forest
- Urban bushland
- Rivers
- Wetlands
- Beach



Interpretive activity criteria

- **Nature-based interpretation of environmental, cultural and historical themes**
- **Develop knowledge, understanding and skills**
- **Engage and explore**
- **Enjoy and appreciate**

Leadership and training

- **Sound knowledge**
- **Presentation skills**
- **Able to develop and tailor activities to different audiences**

- **First aid qualifications and understanding of VRM responsibilities**

Internal relationships

- EcoEducation
- Perth Hills District
- Swan Coastal District
- Regional Parks
- VIS
- Indigenous Heritage Unit
- Bibbulmun Track Project
- Volunteer Coordinators



Community partnerships

- **Environmental Education Centres**
- **Local government**
- **Friends of ... and conservation groups**
- **Friends of Bibbulmun Track**
- **Departments of Education and Sport and Recreation**

Future directions

- **Review current operations and develop Business and Marketing Plan**
- **Keep on moving on – Perth and beyond!**