



Norm Giblett and Brad Barton look at damage caused by erosion at Honeymoon Pool.

Far from the madding crowd

The unique appeal of fast flowing water and the wild environment of Wellington Dam and Lower Collie Valley area is becoming increasingly popular as people, tired of the congestion of the Murray Valley, seek more room to move appeals to many.

But these same people are placing enormous pressure on existing facilities.

Collie District staff have been collecting data on visitor numbers and their needs to cater for the visitor influx and protect the natural integrity of the area, and work has begun on upgrading and expanding recreation facilities.

At Honeymoon Pool camping and picnic site, the river banks worn by a million curious visitors were in danger of collapse. CALM and Leschenault Inlet Management Authority combined resources and in the last two summers have stabilised the banks with log walls constructed from jarrah regrowth thinnings. The campsite has been modernised, refurbished and expanded to provide a safer, more attractive and functional site.

A temporary camping ground in the area cleared for car parking at Potters Gorge, the site of the 1989 Kings Cup rowing regatta, is also planned.

