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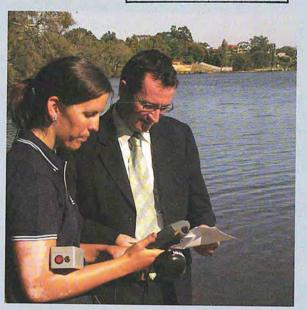
Healthy Rivers Program launchedern AUSTRALIA

In December former Environment Minister Mark McGowan and Swan River Trust chairman Charlie Welker unveiled the new \$40.6 million Healthy Rivers Program.

Announcing the Draft Healthy Rivers Action Plan in the morning to the media at Tranby House in Maylands, Mr Mark McGowan said \$3 million for five years had boosted recurrent funding for the rivers.

"The new Action Plan focuses on reducing nutrients in priority areas and working together to tackle more global issues, such as the impacts of climate change," Mr McGowan said.

"It has been developed from ten years of solid water quality data, sound science, an independent evaluation of the existing program and stakeholder input."



Trust officer Alison McGilvray demonstrates how data is collected for the Foreshore Assessment Project to former Environment Minister Mark McGowan

Swan River Trust chairman Charlie Welker described the eight programs of the Action Plan in greater detail at a stakeholder function the same evening.

"The Trust will deliver a much more integrated plan, with a strong emphasis on community engagement," Mr Welker said.

"Everybody has a responsibility to fix up and protect our river system, which is why a range of programs have been developed to get as many people as possible involved."

The draft plan includes:

- River Health Program \$10.59million;
- Healthy Catchments Program \$10.59million;
- Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program \$5.87million;
- Riverbank Program \$7.36million;
- Healthy Rivers Action Plan Program co-ordination \$1.7million;
- Land Use Planning Program \$1.25million;
- River Science Program \$1.7million; and
- River Guardians Program \$1.4million.

Contact the Trust on (08) 9278 0900 or visit www.swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au/healthyrivers for more information. See inside this edition of RiverView for more details.



New era for the Swan and Canning rivers

In September Parliament passed new legislation providing greater protection to the Swan and Canning rivers.

When the Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006 comes into effect in mid- 2007, it will establish the Swan Canning Riverpark. The legislationwillenablemorecoordinated management of commercial and recreational activities, and rural and urban influences on the rivers.

Strategic programs manager Darryl Miller said the legislation would replace the Swan River Trust Act 1988 and the Environmental Protection (Swan and Canning Rivers) Policy 1997.

"Environmental targets will be set for the health and use of the Riverpark, in consultation with stakeholders and the community, included in regulations and tabled in Parliament," Mr Miller said.

"Development of regulations under the new legislation began in November, with four workshops."

The regulations can be viewed under Legislation & policies at www.swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au, and are open for public comment until 3 February 2007.

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Funds for foreshore protection and restoration

The State Government in November announced nearly \$400,000 for 16 new foreshore protection and rehabilitation projects.

Former Environment Minister Mark McGowan said the grants were provided by the Riverbank Program to protect the health of the Swan and Canning rivers.

"Since 2002 this Government has committed more than \$2.74 million to nearly 100 foreshore protection and rehabilitation projects," Mr McGowan said.

"Funding in this round will help local and State Government land managers to plant more than 85,000 local native trees, shrubs, herbs and sedges and undertake other foreshore protection and rehabilitation activities.

"Healthy foreshores are essential for maintaining the health of the rivers. Foreshore vegetation stabilises riverbanks and provides habitat for a wide range of local fauna, including fish and migratory birds."

More information about the Riverbank Program is available on the Trust's website www.swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au.

Swan River, Banks Reserve in East Perth

Town of Vincent \$172,059

Foreshore enhancement works, including protection and enhancement of existing vegetation, erosion control works and the planting of local native vegetation.

Canning River, Canning River Regional Park

Local environmental community groups \$82,000

Foreshore rehabilitation works including weed control and revegetation at several sites along the Canning River.

Swan River, Success Hill in Bassendean

Town of Bassendean \$35,258 Development of a detailed landscape and foreshore rehabilitation plan for the Success Hill Reserve.

Swan River, Viveash

City of Swan \$30,000 Foreshore rehabilitation works including erosion control, weed management and the planting of local native vegetation.

Canning River, Gosnells and Huntingdale

City of Gosnells and Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group \$22,996 Rehabilitation works along the Canning River at John Okey Davis Park in Gosnells and Corriedale Springs in Huntingdale, including weed control and revegetation.

Canning River, Armadale

City of Armadale and Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group \$20,115 Rehabilitation works including weed control and re-establishment of local foreshore vegetation at four sites along the Canning River.

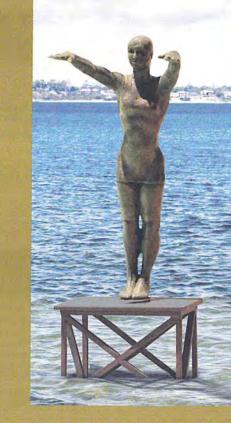
Swan River, Blackwall Reach Parade in Bicton

City of Melville \$18,206

Rehabilitation works including weed control, planting and stabilisation of riverbanks.

Canning River and tributaries

City of Gosnells and Taro Project Steering Group \$9,400 Second phase of the Taro control project along the Canning River and its tributaries.



The statue depicts a swimmer ready to dive into the water, and stands at around 2.5 metres in height

Public comment for Crawley statue invited

You are invited to comment on a proposed public art project, at Mounts Bay Road, Crawley.

The Crawley Baths were a notable landmark as a popular recreational facility on the Swan River during the early to mid 20th century.

The City of Perth proposes to commemorate this place and time in Perth's social history with the installation of public artwork at the baths' original site.

The proposed artwork is a bronze figure of a swimmer ready to dive into the water. Around 2.5 metres in height, the statue will stand on a timber platform 15 metres from the shoreline, supported by a single steel pile driven into the riverbed up to 4.5 metres.

Given the site's significance, the Trust has called for public submissions to gauge opinion on the proposal. Submissions can be lodged with the Trust via email or post up until 28 December 2006.

For more information, contact the Trust on (08) 9278 0900.

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Air race draws thousands to Swan River shore

Up to 300,000 people and hundreds of boats attended an air race held above the Swan River in November.

Swan River Trust communications manager Wendy Yorke said the Trust issued community messages reminding the public to look after the rivers, while enjoying the event.

"Shorelines are fragile and easily damaged by people trampling vegetation to get in or closer to the water," Mrs Yorke said.

"With many spectators visiting the foreshore for the air race, the Trust took the opportunity to remind the community that crowds congregated in and along the water placed stress on the rivers and shorelines.

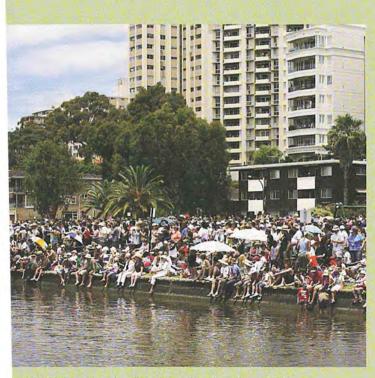
"We reminded skippers to stick to the speed limit to avoid eroding the shoreline with their boat wash. We asked boat owners to ensure their boats were in good working order so no oil or fuel leaked into the river.

"Onshore spectators were reminded to avoid damaging shorelines and frightening wildlife by staying clear of foreshore vegetation.

"The rivers are for everyone's enjoyment and the Trust encourages the community to look after these precious natural assets."

At large spectator events along the rivers, you can minimise your impact by:

- using courtesy mooring buoys at Barrack Square, Blackwall Reach, and Matilda, Freshwater and Mosman bays;
- not disturbing vegetation or damaging riverbanks when launching and retrieving your boats, tenders and dinghies;
- taking your rubbish home with you;
- anchoring in areas clear of seagrass and never tying up to shoreline trees;
- refuelling carefully to ensure you do not contaminate the rivers;
- reporting activities which may be harmful to the rivers and shorelines by calling the Trust on 9278 0900 or after hours on 0419 192 845.



Avoid damaging shorelines by staying clear of vegetation



Weir boards are removed annually at the beginning of winter, and replaced at the beginning of summer to prevent habitat loss when the water level upstream can drop



Kent Street Weir gets makeover

Swan River Trust waterways officers removed 16 sets of jarrah boards in winter and installed polyethylene boards in their place at the Kent Street Weir this spring.

The walkway was closed to the public for the day while ten Trust waterways officers and contractors spent 13 hours waist-deep in water installing the boards.

The jarrah boards donated to the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare will be used for ongoing fencing and landscaping projects.



During Spring, 35 black swans and six cygnets were sighted along the South Perth foreshore by Trust waterways officers. This is the most seen in the past three years. Always take fishing lines, lead sinkers and tackle home with you to avoid harming wildlife, and prevent dogs and other pets from chasing birds.

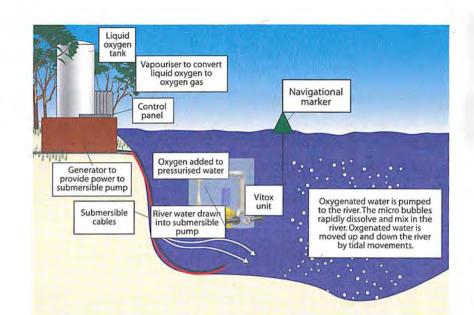
Bird life on the Swan



Help Keep our rivers healthy

Fertilise wise tips

- When planting, apply fertiliser by mixing into the soil at the bottom of the hole.
- Subsequent fertilising should be around the root zone only when nutrient deficiency is apparent and when plants are actively growing in spring.
- Only feed plants when they need it and use small amounts of fertiliser more frequently.
- Avoid fertilisers based on manures that contain excessive levels of phosphorus, because this can leach through soil into groundwater.



How the Vitox unit works

Oxygenation breathes life into the Swan

An oxygenation plant has now been installed on the east bank of the upper Swan River at Guildford Rd Bridge.

Swan-Canning Cleanup Program manager Kirilee King said the unit would help the Swan River to function in low oxygen conditions.

"Each Autumn in recent years, low oxygen levels in the upper Swan and associated *Karlodinium micrum* algal blooms have caused fish deaths," Ms King said.

"Similar oxygenation tests in the lower Canning River have significantly increased levels of dissolved oxygen, reduced nutrient levels, improved aquatic habitats and reduced the risk of fish kills.

"The plant is capable of pumping up to three tonnes of oxygen into the river each day through the submersible unit.

"Results from this trial will be collected over a six-month period and incorporated into the second stage of the feasibility study to determine if a long-term oxygenation unit in the Swan River is viable."

Improved oxygen levels in the Swan River will:

- provide better habitat for fish and other aquatic life;
- · improve cycling of nutrients in the river;
- · speed up the breakdown of organic matter;
- · retain nutrients in sediment; and
- · reduce the occurrence of algal blooms.

Great Gardens wraps up another season

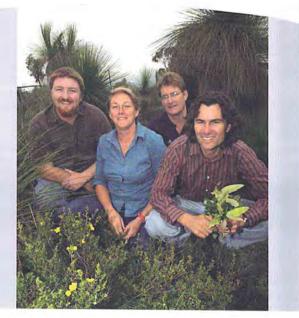
Nearly 1300 people attended the spring series of Great Gardens workshops this year, with 12 workshops held from September to November.

Since spring 2003, the Trust supported environmental education program has attracted more than 12,400 participants to 132 workshops across Perth and in the south west.

The Great Gardens team also conducted mini-seminars at Lifestyle Villages, Perth Zoo, Fremantle Fashion Festival and other community events.

For more information about Great Gardens workshops, go to www.greatgardens.info or contact the Swan River Trust on 9278 0900.

Right: The Great Gardens team: John McWilliams, Sabrina Hahn, Garry Heady and Chris Ferreira





From the Minister

The health of the Swan and Canning rivers is extremely important to the Western Australian community. Unfortunately, due to years of unhealthy practices, the health of the river catchment is suffering and this manifests



itself through algal blooms, low oxygen levels and fish kills. The Carpenter Government is working on a number of fronts to address these problems.

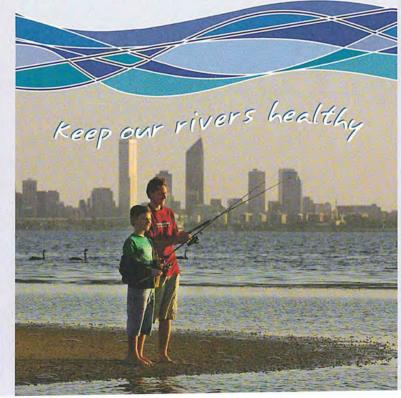
In the past year, I have announced a number of initiatives to improve the health of our waterways, including:

- new legislation the Swan Canning Rivers Management Act September 2006;
- an additional levy on gaming machine revenue at the Burswood Casino, which will see \$15 million go to the Swan and Canning rivers over the next five years;
- plans for a phase-out of river-harming phosphorus fertilisers on the Swan Coastal Plain;
- the trial of a submersible unit at Guildford to oxygenate a section of the upper Swan River;
- · the launch of the Draft Healthy Rivers Action Plan; and
- \$1.4 million in additional funding to expand the Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program in the Ellen Brook Catchment.

The Healthy Rivers Action Plan outlines the way forward for the next five years and integrates the activities of all groups and individuals working with and around the rivers. I encourage you to read the Plan and provide comment so we can work together to keep our rivers healthy.

Mark McGowan, MLA

MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT; RACING AND GAMING; PEEL AND THE SOUTH WEST



Swan-Canning Cleanup Program achievements 2005-06



- Committed \$4.49 million for four years for the longterm oxygenation of the Swan and Canning rivers. Trials began at Guildford in November.
- Worked with local government on issues including nutrients, irrigation and foreshore management.
 Published the Foreshore Management Guidelines.
- Established the Scientific Systems Inquiry Group (SSIG) to determine the value of using decision support systems, including catchment and estuarine computer models, in managing the Swan and Canning rivers.
- Provided \$425,000 to Sub-regional groups to support delivery of catchment management outcomes and work with the community on water and industry-related issues.
- Began assessment of non-nutrient contaminants heavy metals, pesticides and herbicides – delivered to and present in the rivers.
- The Great Gardens Program won a 2005 WA Environment Award for Promoting Behaviour Change and was a finalist in the 2006 Banksia Awards.
- Contributed \$350,000 to 41 community environmental groups for 100 onground projects through the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program.
- Demonstrated improved water quality and the reduction of nutrients through extensive monitoring of the award winning Liege Street Wetland in Cannington.
- More than 800 people attended 14 Heavenly Hectares seminars, nine Property Planning workshops and seven field days.
- Monitored water samples and reported environmental information to the community weekly through the Algae Activity Report.

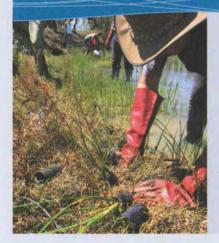
Healthy Rivers Program

The second phase of the Swan-Canning Cleanup Program, the Healthy Rivers Program has been developed by the Swan River Trust to protect the environmental health and community benefit of the Swan and Canning rivers by improving water quality.

The Draft Healthy Rivers Action Plan was released in early December 2006 and is open for public comment until March 2007. The new action plan focuses on eight key programs to drive a more integrated approach for future river management.

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Healthy Catchments



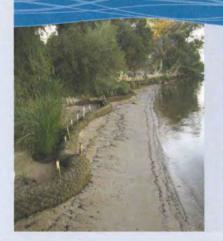
A 30 per cent reduction in nutrient inputs to priority catchments by 2015, through setting nutrient reduction targets for the eight priority catchments and focusing action on improving land management practices. Tackling the main source of the nutrient problem by implementing a Government initiative to phase out water-soluble phosphate fertilisers in sensitive catchments, and improve fertiliser practices in rural and urban communities.

New initiative \$2 million to fund community groups for onground works in the aight highest

Provide an integrated response to improving water quality.



Riverbank



Work in partnership with local government to assess, stabilise and restore foreshore areas along the Swan and Canning rivers. To protect and rehabilitate an area equivalent to ten per cent of the Swan Canning foreshore each year.



Coordination

Healthy Rivers Program

The Healthy Rivers Program is designed to protect the environmental health and community benefit of the Swan and Canning rivers by improving water quality. This will be achieved by:

- · reducing nutrients and other contaminants;
- minimising sediment loads entering the rivers;
- increasing oxygen levels in the rivers; and
- protecting and rehabilitating the foreshores.

During the next five years the eight programs detailed on this page will be implemented. These include a \$3 million package of new initiatives.

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River Health

Maintain and improve the

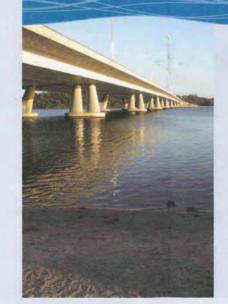


ecological health of the Swan and Canning rivers by increasing oxygen levels through long-term, large-scale oxygenation; reestablishing river flow regimes; and trialing new intervention techniques. A special focus will be on fish and crustacean populations that have declined in recent years, such as the Western School Prawn, Perth Herring and Cobbler. The Trust will work with key stakeholders to better understand and sustain these species.

New initiative

\$150,000 to work with the Department of Fisheries and partners to identify the key factors affecting fish and crustacean populations.

Land Use Planning



A net decrease in nutrient inputs from future land developments by improving planning schemes and policies, applying Water Sensitive Urban Design principles and using environmental offsets to reduce the overall pressures of urban growth.



River Guardians



Actively engage the Perth community in 'hands-on' activities that protect and restore the Swan Canning foreshores and waterways. New initiative \$250,000 to establish a River Guardians pilot program for the Perth community.

Drainage Nutrient Intervention



Undertake onground works to remove nutrients from drains and tributaries before water is discharged into the Swan and Canning rivers. The focus is on nutrient-rich urban drains and the rural drains of the Ellen Brook Catchment.

River Science

Develop and implement a five-year research and innovation program to provide sound technical information for managing the Swan Canning river system. Establish a Technical Advisory Panel to advise the Trust on the impacts of climate change on the river system and develop adaptation strategies. New initiative \$700,000 to establish partnerships with universities and research institutions to develop a new research and innovation program.



A new approach

Following the positive results of last year's evaluation of the Swan-Canning Cleanup Program the Swan River Trust developed this new Action Plan working closely with partners and the community.

A series of key stakeholder involvement events played an important role in developing the second stage of the Swan-Canning Cleanup Program. Hundreds of community members attended the first Cleanup Program Community Expo at the Autumn River Festival in April. A series of Focus Group

workshops and meetings were held with partners to develop recommendations for the Action Plan.

Leading scientists from around the world attended a River Science Workshop to review the science underpinning the management of the Swan Canning river system. A Community Forum followed the two-day workshop. Regular newsletters provided partners with information throughout the new Action Plan's development.

The draft Plan builds on our learnings from the Cleanup Program. It presents a new approach with more focused programs that fit with the Trust's new legislation. This will help coordinate river management activities between the community, local and State government.

Six action areas will be introduced across a range of programs to produce water quality outcomes for short, medium and long-term timeframes.

The priority will be on those catchments that contribute the greatest input of nutrients or other contaminants to the system in particular, the Ellen Brook, Mills Street Main Drain, and Southern River catchments.

The Trust thanks all partners and the community for their help with this important work. The future of the rivers is everyone's responsibility and we look forward to working together to keep our rivers healthy.

Have your say

The Swan River Trust would like to know what you think about the draft Action Plan. Please contact the Trust for further details.

Phone: (08) 9278 0900

Email: info@swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au Website: www.swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au/healthyrivers Closing date for submissions 31 March 2007





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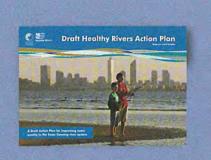
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Have your say on the future of the Swan and Canning rivers - visit www.swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au/ healthyrivers or contact the Trust on (08) 9278 0900.

Keep our rivers healthy



The Swan-Canning Cleanup Program II working group with Swan River Trust chairman: (L – R) Anthony Sutton, Bruce Hamilton, Jane Chambers, Charlie Welker, Kirilee King, Kelly Exell, Katinka Ruthrof and Malcolm Robb

Multi-layered approach

The State Government unveiled several new initiatives this year to improve the health of the Swan Canning river system.

New approach for the Cleanup Program

Former Environment Minister Mark McGowan launched the Draft Healthy Rivers Action Plan on 4 December, developed from ten years of solid water quality data, sound science, an independent evaluation of the existing program and stakeholder input.

Burswood Levy

An additional levy on gaming machine revenue at the Burswood Casino allocated \$15 million to the Swan and Canning rivers during the next five years for a range of programs to address the health of the rivers.

Fertilisers

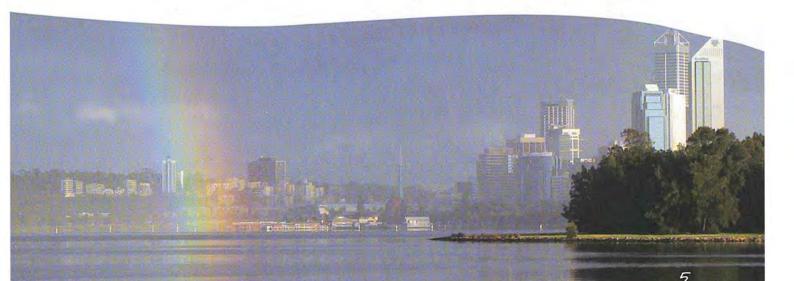
The State Government established a Working Group with the fertiliser industry to develop an action plan to phase out water-soluble phosphate fertilisers on the coastal plain during the next four years.

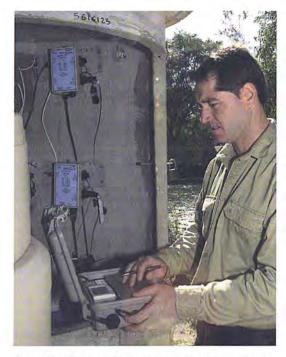
Drainage Nutrient Intervention

An additional \$1.4 million announced for the Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program will help stem the flow of excess nutrients into the Swan River from the Ellen Brook Catchment. This priority area has been identified as a high contributor of nutrients. It is the only subcatchment failing short and long-term phosphorus concentration targets, while nitrogen concentrations remain unacceptably high.

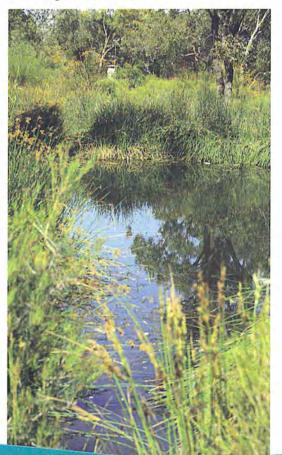
Oxygenation

Nearly \$4.5 million for the long-term oxygenation of the Swan and Canning rivers has been allocated for the next four years. A state-of-the-art oxygenation unit is being trialled at Guildford to boost oxygen levels in the Swan River.





Above: An officer monitoring water quality at the wetland Below: Liege Street Wetland



Liege Street Wetland wins State and national award

The Liege Street Wetland in Cannington has been recognised as a State and national success story.

After winning a national stormwater award at a conference in October, the project took out a second victory at the 2006 Western Australian Environment Awards.

Accepting the award for the Bush, Land and Waterways category, Trust general manager Rod Hughes said the wetland deserved the recognition it had received.

"The project is the first major initiative of the Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program, and has provided a model for future nutrient-stripping projects," Mr Hughes said.

"The Trust has relied on very strong community engagement and ongoing involvement - this was recognised by judges when it won a National Stormwater Industry Award at the 1st National Hydropolis conference.

"More than 70,000 native plants including 34 new local native species have created a diverse habitat for birds and other wildlife.

"I would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution of our partners - the City of Canning, Department of Environment and Conservation, Water Corporation, South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare and Two Rivers Catchment Group."



(L – R) South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare officer Tom Atkinson, City of Canning officer Steve Atwell, Swan River Trust officer Rachel Spencer, South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare coordinator Julie Robert and Swan River Trust general manager Rod Hughes



(L – R) Trust Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program officers Peter Adkins, Rachel Spencer and Debbie Besch with the Stormwater Industry Award

News in brief

- Two students were announced recipients of the first Ernest Hodgkin Trust student summer scholarships. The students, from Edith Cowan University and the University of Western Australia, will spend this summer contributing to a healthier future for the Swan and Canning rivers through their estuary research projects.
- Minister for the Environment and Heritage Ian Campbell released the Federal State of the Environment 2006 report in December. Produced every five years, the report tracks changes in a range of areas including atmosphere, biodiversity, human settlements, inland waters, coasts and oceans, natural and cultural heritage and the Australian Antarctic Territory.
- The popular Catchments, Corridors and Coasts course is now open for registrations. The course runs from 17 19 January 2007 and provides an overview of resources available to help address core environmental and sustainability issues across the State. For more information contact Catherine Baudains on (08) 9360 6393 or email c.baudains@murdoch.edu.au.





New funding for onground drainage works in the Ellenbrook area aim to reduce nutrients flowing into the Ellen Brook

New funding to address Ellen Brook nutrients

Nutrients flowing into the Ellen Brook from the Swan River will soon be tackled, with the State Government in September announcing an extra \$1.437 million for onground drainage works in the area.

The Ellenbrook area has the largest catchment of all sub-catchments on the Swan Coastal Plain and has been identified as a high contributor of nutrients.

Program manager Rachel Spencer said the new funds would be administered through the Swan River Trust's Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program.

"The program aims to implement onground works in the Swan Canning Catchment to strip nutrients from known nutrient-enriched drains before they enter the rivers," Ms Spencer said.

"Intervention works will be undertaken in partnership with the Ellen Brockman Integrated Catchment Group, and are expected to begin in 2007.

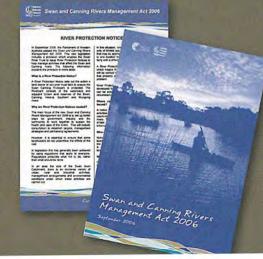
"These works may include restoring drains, re-establishing tributary vegetation, creating wetlands, and the use of the unique clay Phoslock[™] and other materials to remove nutrients."

Preliminary water quality analysis of another Trust drainage project, the Liege Street Wetland in Cannington, shows it is reducing phosphorus entering the Canning River by 61% and nitrogen by 35%.

Constructed in 2004, the wetland was the first major initiative of the Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program, and will be used as a model for upcoming projects, including the Ellenbrook works.

New publications

Information regarding the new Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006 including a River Protection Notices leaflet and general brochure has been published, and is available by calling the Trust on (08) 9278 0900 or logging on to www.swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au.



What's happening on our foreshores

The Helena River section of the Foreshore Assessment Project is now complete.

Swan River Trust officers have walked more than 70 kilometres to complete vegetation assessments of the Helena's foreshore as well as the Swan Avon River up to the Moondyne Creek confluence.

Letters sent to landholders requested appointmentsforvegetationassessments where land was privately owned.

Fieldwork will be completed by mid-December. To help private and public land managers with foreshore management issues, information will be available in the form of:

- · web-based mapping tools;
- a report card series; and
- practical guidelines.

Private landholder response was very positive and this cooperation will lead to a better understanding of the condition of our foreshores. Information specific to individual properties will be available to landowners.

The Foreshore Assessment Project is a joint initiative between the Trust and the Swan Catchment Council, who administer Natural Heritage Trust funding to the project.

The project recommends actions to better manage the river foreshores through increased understanding of their current condition and pressures.



Trust officer Alison Wilson in the field



A volunteer plants at Liege Street Wetland

Corporate volunteers roll up their sleeves

The Trust, project partners and corporate volunteers have planted more than 8,000 shrubs and sedges in the past three months.

Trust communications manager Wendy Yorke said 60 community volunteers had rolled up their sleeves at the Liege Street Wetland in Cannington; Bennett Brook in Caversham; Bickley Road Basin; and the Yule Brook Homestead in Beckenham.

"AMC Consultants, Curtin Volunteers, Chevron Australia, Woodside Energy and WA Tourism have all played an important role in keeping our rivers healthy," Mrs Yorke said.

"The Trust's Community and Corporate Care Day program gives volunteers the opportunity to learn about the environment while helping catchment groups achieve important onground environmental outcomes.

"Businesses in particular can make a significant contribution to the environment and their community by letting staff participate in these revegetation and restoration projects."

To find out more, contact the program coordinator at the Trust on (08) 9278 0914.



Report river dumpers

Swan River Trust waterways officers regularly pull rubbish from the rivers, including shopping trolleys, old tyres, light poles, and sometimes abandoned cars. Report any activities which may be harmful to the rivers and shorelines by contacting the office on 9278 0900 or after hours on 0419 192 845.

what's on

January

- New Year's Day
- 17-29 Catchments, Corridors, Coasts
- 26 Australia Day Swan River Skyworks celebration

February

- 2-8 World Wetlands Week
- 22 Swan Alcoa Landcare Program funding ceremony

March

30 Earth Day Expo

April

1 Healthy Rivers Community Expo - Autumn River Festival

For more information on these activities, please contact the Swan River Trust on 9278 0900 or email info@swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au.

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