



SERCUL

ANNUAL REPORT

2017-18



South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare

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WELCOME

Welcome to the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare's (SERCUL) 2017-18 Annual Report to our stakeholders and community.

SERCUL is the sub-regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) organisation that operates within the metropolitan and peri-urban areas of the Canning River Catchment. As part of the community we work with State and Federal Government agencies, Local Governments, businesses and volunteers to care for the environment and our local communities. This is done in many ways; working to improve biodiversity, protecting riverine environments, working with turf managers to sustainably improve turf best management practices, and engaging with our extensive community network to increase knowledge and skills in environmental management.

We are extremely proud of this year's achievements, which we have undertaken in partnership with the community and a range of other important project partners and stakeholders. Through these partnerships we have been working together to improve the health of our land and waterways.



EXECUTIVE MESSAGES

From the Chair - Pat Hart



It is difficult to know where to begin to write this annual report. Of the 16 years that I have been Chairperson of SERCUL, I have found this year to be the most difficult.

The sad demise of the Swan River Trust following its merger into the then Department of Parks and Wildlife in July 2015, reached another low point in the past 12 months when it became just a branch of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). The destruction of this once respected, specialist organisation has seen many fine staff with strong community connections leave or transfer to other parts of the Department. The abolition of the Swan River Trust has, in my opinion, been to the detriment of the Swan Canning system and reflected a decline in its importance for the State Government. The official rhetoric that this river system is highly valued and a State 'icon' is belied by the reduced State Government funding and staffing for its repair and management. This has necessitated other

organisations, community groups and local government having to take on roles that should be undertaken by State Government because the work is critical for the rivers' ongoing health and management. I can only hope that the State Government's financial commitment to our Swan and Canning River system will return to the level that it so rightly deserves now that the State financial outlook appears to be looking positive.

While SERCUL has for years received some core funding, it has not been sufficient to support all the varied roles we undertake in our sub-region. This funding deficiency now requires SERCUL to run its Environmental Services Unit as a small, not-for-profit business with its income critical for SERCUL's financial sustainability. Over the next 12 months we need to make some major decisions about the future of SERCUL; in essence whether we can afford to deliver all the Objectives of our Constitution without taking on unacceptably high business risks. I joined SERCUL as a volunteer to assist in furthering the health of our environment, not to also manage a small business.

I would like to thank those staff of the DBCA Rivers and Estuaries Branch with whom we work closely for their ongoing support; all the local governments in our sub-region for their support and commitment to their environmental responsibilities, particularly to our waterways. To Perth NRM for their support and all other agencies and organisations that we have worked with over the year – thank you.

Thank you to Amy Krupa our CEO who has recently taken on that role and thank you to my Executive Committee for their time, in particular my deputy Stephen Johnston who has been of great assistance and whose support I greatly appreciate.

I would finally like to thank most sincerely SERCUL's amazing staff who go above and beyond their roles to further SERCUL's objectives. Such is their commitment that many of them have volunteered to reduce their working hours to help balance our budget.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Hart', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pat Hart
Chairperson

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES

From the CEO - Amy Krupa



The 2017-18 financial year has been challenging for the SERCUL Executive Committee and staff on a number of fronts.

During the 2017-18 financial year some major staffing changes occurred at SERCUL which has shaped how we go about our business. Brett Kuhlmann, our previous CEO, resigned in November 2017 due to family reasons and Glen Byleveld, General Manager and Julie Robert, Special Projects Manager left the organisation around the same period to take up other opportunities. The loss of these three highly experienced managers was felt by the staff but this also provided an opportunity for staff members to step up and take on more responsibility in their areas which they did accordingly.

This financial year also saw us implement a new accounting and payroll system and a complete overhaul of our Chart of Accounts. This was not an easy process that took many, many months to get right and I would like to say a big thank you to our Finance team of Monica Estrada, Jose Alcala and Farina Gandadjaja for all the

hours they worked on this and their commitment to ensuring it was implemented correctly. This new accounting system and how we manage our income and expenses in the system showed us that we were not in the stable financial position that we thought we were in as is indicated in the Profit and Loss statement that is part of this annual report. This has led us to thoroughly review our overhead administrative costs to reduce them where possible, to some staff voluntarily reducing their hours to help save money in our largest expenses area, wages, and for our Environmental Services Unit to attract more fee for service work through tenders and requests for quote. To the staff that have volunteered to reduce their hours to help with our budget a huge thank you for your passion and commitment to keeping SERCUL financially viable. Matt Grimbly and Dan Friesen have also stepped up to the challenge of attracting more fee for service work for our Environmental Services Unit and for applying for major grants through our landcare program. After many sleepless nights and a lot of work by the Executive Committee and senior staff we are now heading in the right direction.

Amazon frogbit, an aquatic weed, was also a priority during this financial year. Increased outbreaks of this weed occurred throughout the SERCUL region, and further afield around Perth, resulting in SERCUL hosting a stakeholder forum in partnership with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development in June 2018 to have this weed declared as a pest organism. Amazon frogbit has recently been gazetted as a declared species under section 22(2) - no Control Category for the whole of the State. SERCUL were hoping that Amazon frogbit would be declared as a C3 - management category but as none of the State Government agencies were willing to take on the compliance of this level the no Control Category was the only option. We are heartened though that Amazon frogbit is now a declared species and we will be working over the coming years to implement an Amazon frogbit management, education and research project to highlight the impact of this threatening aquatic weed.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to our Executive Committee for putting your faith in me to take on the role of Chief Executive Officer. While my first few months in this position have certainly not been easy, I have enjoyed the challenge and also greatly appreciate the unwavering support from the SERCUL staff.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Krupa".

Amy Krupa
Chief Executive Officer

STAFF and COMMITTEE

STAFF EMPLOYED DURING 2017-18

Jose Alcala – HR Payroll and Administration Officer
Daniel Barczy – Landcare Officer, ESU
***Anneliese Bone** – Landcare Officer, ESU (Oct 17)
Natasha Bowden – Environmental Education Officer/
Education and Promotion Manager
***Glen Byleveld** – General Manager (Nov 17)
Caitlin Conway – Water Quality Officer/Volunteer
Coordinator
Megan Crotty – Landcare Officer, ESU
Monica Estrada – Business and Finance Manager
Erin Farley – Environmental Education Officer
Dan Friesen – Community and Grants Manager
Farina Gandadjaja – Administration and Financial Assistant
Matthew Grimbly – Environmental Services Unit Manager
Amy Krupa – Education and Promotion Manager/Chief
Executive Officer
***Brett Kuhlmann** – Chief Executive Officer (Nov 17)
***Noratiah Larry** – Work for the Dole Supervisor (Jan 18)
John Maliunas – Landcare Officer and Precinct Manager
Daniel Millea – Landcare and DNIP Officer
***Catherine Morgan** – Landcare Officer, ESU (Apr 18)
Darren O'Brien – Landcare Officer, ESU
Tarnisha Ogilvie – Booyi Program Coordinator
Wilson Orjuela – Landcare Officer, ESU and OHS Officer
Andy Owen – Landcare Officer, ESU
***Tony Parrelli** – Landcare Officer, ESU (Nov 17)
Saw Ta Pweh – Landcare Officer, ESU
***Jakub Pyrchla** – Work for the Dole Supervisor (Feb 18)
***Julie Robert** – Special Projects Manager (Dec 17)
Melinda Snowball – Promotions and Graphic Design
Officer/Volunteer Coordinator
Lat Too – Landcare Officer, ESU
Russell Walczak – Work for the Dole Supervisor/
Landcare Officer, ESU
Dr Rose Weerasinghe – Ecologist
Cat Williams – Community Liaison/Landcare Officer
(City of Canning) and BCCG Coordinator

NEW STAFF (2018)

Isabella Streckhardt – Work for the Dole Supervisor
Timothy Frodsham – Landcare Officer, ESU
Alexei McKay-Koodravsev – Landcare Officer, ESU

LGSWA STAFF:

Kylie Hosking – Little Green Steps WA Education Officer
Megan Mentz – Little Green Steps WA Program Manager

*No longer working - left the organisation during the 2017-2018
financial year

ESU - Environmental Services Unit

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair: Pat Hart
Deputy Chair: Stephen Johnston
Treasurer: Max Houghton
Member: Marc Lane
Member: Kobi Bradshaw-Chen
Member: Marie Taylor



ACHIEVEMENTS and HIGHLIGHTS

17 185
Hours of volunteer contribution



\$558 792
Total value of volunteering



167 486
Plants installed



18 852
People received education,
via direct information or
on-ground contact



53
Community on-ground
restoration work days



67
Schools engaged in
on-ground activities and
environmental education



37
Friends of Groups engaged



89
Waterway sample sites



612
Samples collected in the
Perth Region



We held our annual volunteer breakfast in March 2018 and were lucky enough to have Minister for Environment, Stephen Dawson MLC join us. Minister Dawson helped us present wheelbarrows and shovels to community groups who entered a competition that was run in conjunction with the breakfast. The groups provided stories and photos of their project sites and achievements that were then used to promote the groups through the SERCUL Facebook page.



The Kaalitj-ngort Koondaam - Dragonfly Dreaming (Brentwood Living Stream) Project was officially launched in April 2018. SERCUL implemented this project over the last two years in partnership with a number of stakeholders including the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions; Yelakatj Moort Noongar Association and the City of Melville. The site has now been officially handed over to the City of Melville to manage.

OUR Constitution

SERCUL, as an incorporated, independent community environmental organisation, are able to bring together the community, State and Federal Government agencies, Local Governments, businesses and educational institutions to plan for, develop and implement projects that will improve the natural environment using a strategic and integrated approach.

SERCUL is a sub-regional organisation that operates within the metropolitan and peri-urban areas of the Canning River Catchment. The area covered takes in most of the southern and eastern suburbs of Perth and includes Dyarguu (the Canning River), the Southern-Wungong River and parts of Derbarl Yaragan (the Swan River).

VISION

To have, as a given, the natural resources of the South Region of Perth managed in a healthy and sustainable manner by all stakeholders for future generations.

MISSION

The aim is to use integrated Natural Resource Management to develop cultural change in how the community views and interacts with the environment while promoting and actively participating in the improvement of the health of waterways and other ecosystems within the South Region.

OBJECTIVES

- a. To identify priority Natural Resource Management issues in the South Region in partnership with Local Government, State Government and industry.
- b. To ensure biodiversity within the South Region is monitored, protected and enhanced.
- c. Assist community, State and Local Government in the coordination of Natural Resource Management in the South Region.
- d. Support and encourage the implementation of best management practice of natural resources within the South Region.
- e. Recognise and embrace Aboriginal, cultural and natural heritage.
- f. Foster research on matters relating to the South Region's natural and cultural heritage.
- g. Work in partnership with Local Government, State Government and industry to educate the wider community to protect our natural resources.
- h. Support and encourage the formation and training of community environment groups.
- i. Support the development and implementation of projects that occur outside the South Region that align with and benefit the delivery of the SERCUL objectives.
- j. Administer the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc. funds to promote the objectives and outcomes of the Association.

OUR Projects



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

- Phosphorus Awareness Project
- Bennett Brook Education Program
- Fertilise Wise Fertiliser Training
- Mozzie Wise Program
- Booyi Cultural Program
- Little Green Steps WA



COMMUNITY CAPACITY

- Volunteer Program
- Community Group Support
- Work for the Dole Program
- Bannister Creek Catchment Group
- Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group



LANDCARE & RESTORATION

- Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program
- Canning River Restoration
- Booragoon and Blue Gum Lakes
- Bull Creek Catchment Restoration
- Hydrocotyle Eradication Program
- Bowra & O'Dea and Trillion Trees Memorial Groves Project
- Horley Road Wetland Rehabilitation
- Wetlands to Waves Habitat Corridor
- Woodman Point Restoration
- Yagan Reserve Restoration



MONITORING & RESEARCH

- Water Quality Monitoring
- Adenia Research Program
- Horley Road Wetland – Biomonitoring



The South Region is defined as consisting of those parts of the Cities of Armadale, Belmont, Canning, Cockburn, Fremantle, Gosnells, Kwinana, Melville, Rockingham, South Perth, Shire of Kalamunda and Towns of East Fremantle and Victoria Park which fall within the boundary of the Swan Natural Resource Management Region.

Environmental EDUCATION

Phosphorus Awareness Project

Coordinated by Amy Krupa and Natasha Bowden

PROJECT PARTNERS: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Service.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: The Phosphorus Awareness Project is an education campaign that aims to educate the general community about the impact of too many nutrients in the Swan and Canning River systems and wetlands, and how to reduce those levels.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- **14 displays** at the Perth Garden Festival, Frontiers of Science Community Expo and other community festivals, speaking with more than **7350 people**. **Six volunteers** representing SERCUL at these displays for a **total of 42.5 hours**.
- **234 school presentations** to **6460 students** from Kindy to Year 12.
- **20** planting sessions of **2160** plants were planted by **640** school students equating to more than **570** volunteer hours.
- **17** community presentations to **310** people.
- **2018 LGA Annual Nutrient Survey** sent to Local Governments in May. Received 21 responses and report in currently being written.
- Supported groups with project resources on **34** occasions.
- Hosted **Canoeing on the Canning** with **15** teachers and community members attending this professional development workshop.
- On the organising committee of **Catchments, Corridors and Coasts** and presented at this three-day course attended by **20** participants.
- Over **2166** of the five Fertilise Wise Project brochures distributed at events and to nurseries and community groups.
- Over **1785** of the five Grow Local Plants brochures distributed at events and to nurseries and community groups.
- Over **14 685** Phosphorus Awareness Project brochures, stickers and other resources distributed.
- The Phosphorus Awareness Project has been in media articles on **10** occasions this year, including in the newspaper, newsletters and a blog.
- **Four** Education Newsletters are distributed each year to approximately **300** schools and teachers.

FUNDED BY: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Service.

ALGAE BUSTER



**PHOSPHORUS
AWARENESS
PROJECT**



Top: Canoeing on the Canning; Middle: Catchments, Corridors and Coasts; Bottom: Planting session with school students.

2160 PLANTS INSTALLED

646 VOLUNTEERS

620.5 VOLUNTEER HOURS

VALUE = \$9983

Environmental EDUCATION

Bennett Brook Education Project

Coordinated by Amy Krupa and Natasha Bowden

PROJECT PARTNERS: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Service.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: This project is an extension of the Phosphorus Awareness Project into the Bennett Brook/Saint Leonards Creek Catchment. Over the project residents and students in the catchment will be educated about protecting the waterways using the existing Fertilise Wise and Freshwater Fauna education programs.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- **44** school presentations to **1315** students from Kindy to Year 12.
- **Two** community presentations to **45** people.
- **One** Fertilise Wise Fertiliser Training session with **18** turf managers trained from three organisations.
- Brochure distribution – over **1890** Phosphorus Awareness Project resources distributed including Fertilise Wise and Grow Local Plant brochures.
- Freshwater Fauna Teacher Packs - **37** primary and **seven** secondary packs have been given to schools in the area.

FUNDED BY: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Service.

ALGAE BUSTER



PHOSPHORUS
AWARENESS
PROJECT



School students identifying macroinvertebrates

Fertilise Wise Fertiliser Training

Coordinated by Amy Krupa and Natasha Bowden



PROJECT PARTNERS: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Service; South Metropolitan TAFE.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: This project aims to train school gardeners, turf managers and Local Government officers in fertiliser best management practices, specific to Perth. The training is organised by SERCUL and delivered by John Forrest, a lecturer in turf management at South Metropolitan TAFE, Murdoch.



Participants testing soil at a Fertilise Wise Fertiliser Training session

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- **Three** training sessions held with **41** turf managers trained from **18** organisations including public and private schools, Local Governments, universities, golf clubs, country clubs and turf contractors.
- Partnership with the Water Corporation to provide this training for school gardeners.
- **One** display at the Parks and Leisure WA Conference with **100** people spoken to.

FUNDED BY: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Service.

Environmental EDUCATION

Mozzie Wise Program

Coordinated by Dr Rose Weerasinghe, Amy Krupa and Natasha Bowden

PROGRAM PARTNERS: East Swan River Contiguous Local Authority Group (ESR CLAG) – Towns of Bassendean and Victoria Park and Cities of Bayswater, Belmont and Swan and Department of Health.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: The aim of the program is to educate local communities and school children on all aspects of mosquito breeding prevention and personal protection. Informed communities that act upon their knowledge play a critical role in preventing mosquito borne-diseases, providing mosquito control and reducing the use of chemicals. The Mozzie Wise School Education Program is linked to the relevant Science Learning Area of the Australian Curriculum and provides Teacher's Guides for Kindy to Year 10.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

- Presented **34** Being Mozzie Wise incursions to **877** students.
- Conducted **three** Mozzie Wise Education Workshops at Biology, Earth and Environmental Science (BEES) day.
- Mozzie Wise presentation at WA Local Government Association (WALGA) Forum in Collie.
- Mozzie Wise educational activity stall at the Community Science Expo.
- A Mozzie Wise Community awareness display and 102 surveys were conducted at the Autumn River Festival, City of Bayswater.
- Two community awareness sessions including presentations and activities.

FUNDED BY: ESR CLAG, CLAG – City of Canning and the Department of Health.



Mozzie Wise display at the Science Expo

Booyi Cultural Program

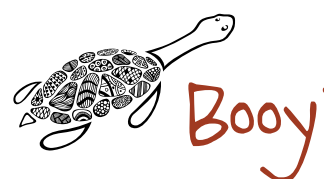
Coordinated by Tarnisha Ogilvie

PROGRAM PARTNERS: Yelakitj Moort Noongar Association.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: The Booyi Cultural Program aims to deliver an interactive educational program that teaches the understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures and to engage people to see the land around them through the eyes of the Noongar people. In understanding this vision and appreciation, people are encouraged to value our rivers, wetlands and natural areas.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: This year the program has presented to a total of 1818 participants ranging from students at Early Learning Centres to High School teachers.

FUNDED BY: State NRM Program.



18 INCURSIONS

1 EXCURSION

1818 PARTICIPANTS

4 EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

13 PRIMARY SCHOOLS

2 HIGH SCHOOLS

Environmental EDUCATION

Little Green Steps WA Program

Coordinated by Megan Mentz and Kylie Hosking

PROGRAM PARTNERS: Cities of Armadale, Canning and Cockburn and the Waste Authority.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: Little Green Steps WA (LGSWA) supports Education for Sustainability (EfS) in the early years sector. This includes childcare centres, family day care, primary schools, preschools, kindergartens, and out of school hours care services for children aged 0-8 years. LGSWA provides professional development workshops, resources, newsletters, ideas and networking opportunities to anyone that would like to improve their understanding of sustainability and link these practices with the Early Years Learning Framework and the National Quality Standard.

LGSWA has partnered with the Cities of Armadale, Canning and Cockburn and the Waste Authority this year. Each partnership entails an LGSWA staff member focusing specifically in two local government areas for the equivalent of one day a week, the City of Armadale for half a day a week and the Waste Authority for half a day per week. LGSWA is a program of the Australian Association for Environmental Education WA Chapter with HR management provided by SERCUL.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

- Continued an 18 month partnership with Waste Wise Schools
- Began a three year grant program with the City of Armadale.
- Continued a two year partnership with the City of Cockburn.
- Continued a two year partnership with the City of Canning.
- Delivered four 2018 Reducing Waste workshops across Perth and Albany.
- Delivered two extra Sustainability Workshops in Perth.
- Delivered two NEW 'Energy, Air and Transport' workshops and improved 'Conserving and Protecting Water' workshop.
- Continued the development of two Sustainability Directories for Early Years Educators in the Cities of Canning and Cockburn.
- Facilitated two Sustainable Schools WA network meetings for Early Years educators in the City of Canning.
- Provided two Sustainability planning sessions for member early years services.
- Attended five community events in this period; WASEF Expo Dec 2017; Catchments, Corridors and Coasts Expo Jan 2018; STEM in Early Years Conference and Expo Feb 2018; Teddy Bear's Picnic in Cockburn and Harmony Day for Communicare in Canning.

**14 WORKSHOPS/
EVENTS**

**270 PEOPLE
WHO ATTENDED
WORKSHOPS**

**1100 PEOPLE ON
NEWSLETTER
MAILING LIST**

7 VOLUNTEERS

**360 VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

VALUE = \$12 136

FUNDED BY: Cities of Armadale, Canning and Cockburn and the Waste Authority.





Community **CAPACITY**

Volunteer Program

Coordinated by Melinda Snowball and Caitlin Conway

PROGRAM PARTNERS: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Service.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: SERCUL's volunteer management program allows volunteers to learn, gain experience and give back to the community whilst contributing valuable on-ground and administrative work. In 2017-18, the program has accommodated numerous corporate volunteering groups, regular volunteering groups and individual volunteers who have all helped SERCUL enormously. Based on their skill set and interests, these volunteers have assisted with work both at SERCUL and on-ground at SERCUL's many project sites. SERCUL would like to thank all the volunteers for their continued dedication and support to our organisation.

FUNDED BY: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Service and SERCUL.

SERCUL Volunteers:

81 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

1387 VOLUNTEER HOURS

10 CORPORATE/LARGE GROUP VOLUNTEERING DAYS

395 VOLUNTEER HOURS

A special mention to our regular volunteers:

Doug Murphy - 170 HOURS

Tina Thorne - 142 HOURS

Emily Rankin - 112 HOURS

Bentley Health Unit - including Nathan, Shane, Robert, Lance, Les and Karen - TOTAL 301 HOURS

VALUE = \$40 317



Top left: Corporate Group, LINK, planting sedges along the Canning River; Top right: Our long standing volunteer Emily helping to plant; Bottom left: Information stall at the Riverton Library to attract more volunteers, Bottom right: Izzy, our Work for the Dole Supervisor, and volunteer Cirilo from ECU.



Community CAPACITY

Community Group Support

Coordinated by Monica Estrada, Jose Alcala, Dan Friesen and Melinda Snowball

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: Assisting and supporting community groups is a large focus for SERCUL where we build capacity of volunteer groups to deliver on ground environmental outcomes. As the range of groups SERCUL engages is incredibly diverse we adapt our assistance to suit their needs providing support in a variety of ways.

SERCUL, through Austcover (the provider of the Community Environment Insurance Program), provides Public Liability Insurance to six 'Friends of' SERCUL member groups, to enable them to continue to operate on public land. Each group holds an independent policy coordinated by SERCUL.

SERCUL supports nine community groups in the region by hosting web pages on the SERCUL website. Community group events and work days are also advertised on the SERCUL website on the Events Calendar, on the SERCUL Facebook page and in SERCUL newsletters.

SERCUL continues to provide financial management and/or payroll assistance to the following Community Groups:

- Bannister Creek Catchment Group
- Wilson Wetlands Action Group
- Canning River Regional Park Volunteers
- Friends of Queens Park Bushland
- Australian Association for Environmental Education WA Chapter

SERCUL auspiced grants for the following groups:

- Friends of Paganoni Swamp
- Friends of Wireless Hill
- Friends of the Spectacles
- Friends of Fremantle Beaches
- Murdoch Environmental Restoration Group
- Befriending the Neighbourhood Owl
- Friends of Forrestdale

Other ways SERCUL provides assistance to community groups:

- grant writing;
- grant support and management;
- access to volunteer labour;
- access to equipment;
- developing volunteer work plans;
- hosting community events;
- technical advice and support;
- plant ID;
- weed control techniques;
- educational opportunities;
- training workshops;
- insurances and;
- administration services.

FUNDED BY: SERCUL and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Service

**37 COMMUNITY GROUPS
ASSISTED**

**11 AUSPICED GRANTS
SUPPORTING 6 COMMUNITY
LANDCARE GROUPS**

**6 COMMUNITY GROUPS
PROVIDED PUBLIC LIABILITY
INSURANCE**

**HOST 9 WEB PAGES FOR
COMMUNITY GROUPS**

**HOSTED 24 COMMUNITY
PLANTING EVENTS**

7 CORPORATE EVENTS



Environment Minister, Stephen Dawson at the volunteer breakfast helping present awards to community groups



Community **CAPACITY**

Work for the Dole Program

Coordinated by Dan Friesen, Jay Pyrchla, Russell Walczak and Nora Larry

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: SERCUL has continued to implement Work for the Dole programs through the job service provider atWork Australia. This program enables us to assist community groups by supporting their activities with in-kind labour through activities such as planting, weed control, woody weed removal, erosion control, fire track maintenance, fencing and rubbish removal. This service is provided free of charge and has been a valuable resource in assisting groups to improve their outcomes and tackle tasks that would otherwise be daunting for volunteers to accomplish.

Over the 2017-18 year SERCUL hosted a total of five programs each running for a six month period. Each program ran two days a week and mobilised up to 11 participants to project sites across the south east metropolitan area.

FUNDED BY: atWork Australia and the Australian Government.

ROCKINGHAM PROGRAM: This program focussed on restoring and rehabilitating coastal reserves and regional parks between Rockingham and Fremantle. Participants completed conservation activities and worked with a range of stakeholders to deliver environmental outcomes.

PROGRAM PARTNERS: Friends of the Spectacles, Friends of Paganoni Swamp, Coastcare NRM, City of Rockingham and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

5065 PLANTS INSTALLED
38 HA WEED MANAGEMENT
150 M FENCING INSTALLED
100 M TRACK MAINTENANCE
1155 TOTAL PARTICIPANT HOURS

SPEARWOOD PROGRAM: This program focussed on coastal reserves and regional parks within the Spearwood area and surrounds. Participants restored and rehabilitated nature reserves and worked in conjunction with a range of stakeholders.

PROGRAM PARTNERS: Friends of Fremantle Beaches, Friends of Hollis Park, Friends of Rossmoyne Park, Friends of Cantonment Hill, Murdoch University, Coastcare NRM, City of Fremantle and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

6420 PLANTS INSTALLED
7 HA WEED MANAGEMENT
150 M² EROSION CONTROL
200 M TRACK MAINTENANCE
2502 TOTAL PARTICIPANT HOURS



Dune rehabilitation being undertaken by the Spearwood Work for the Dole participants



Community **CAPACITY**

Work for the Dole Program

UPPER CANNING PROGRAM: This program provided on ground environmental rehabilitation for many sites along the Canning River, Roley Pools, urban drain networks, Mary Carroll Park and other urban bushland sites across the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells.

PROGRAM PARTNERS: Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group, Friends of Mary Carroll Wetland, Friends of Forrestdale, Friends of Roley Pools, City of Armadale, City of Gosnells.

10 000 PLANTS INSTALLED
.26 HA WEED MANAGEMENT
30 M FENCING
2 KM TRACK MAINTENANCE
2490 TOTAL PARTICIPANT HOURS



Sedge planting by the Upper Canning Program participants



CANNING COMMUNITY LANDCARE: This program implemented urban bushland/wetland revegetation activities across the South East Region of Perth. Participants undertook weed control, planting, erosion control, feral tree removal and brush cutting.

PROGRAM PARTNERS: Friends of Booragoon and Blue Gum Lakes, Friends of Bull Creek Catchment, Bannister Creek Catchment Group, Friends of Brolga Lake, City of Canning, City of Armadale, Bickley Brook Camp and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

24 850 PLANTS INSTALLED
10.5 HA WEED MANAGEMENT
75 M² EROSION CONTROL
2040 TOTAL PARTICIPANT HOURS



SERCUL's new disability ramp built by the Construction Program participants

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM: This programs primary project was improving access to the SERCUL homestead with the construction and installation of a new wheelchair ramp to the SERCUL entrance. Picnic tables and park benches were also built and supplied to Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp, our neighbours the Gosnells Emergency Operations Centre as well as our own homestead and the Beckenham Open Space.

Community **CAPACITY**

Bannister Creek Catchment Group

Habitat Enhancement of Bushlands within
Bannister Creek Catchment

Coordinated by Cat Williams



PROJECT PARTNERS: SERCUL and City of Canning.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: The two main activities in this project are to maintain weed control and perform infill planting across four hectares of catchment bushlands; Vellgrove Eco-Corridor and Bannister Creek – Bywood. Bannister Creek – Bywood is the site of the Living Stream 1 and 2 projects which were initiated in the late 1990s. BCCG has been a grateful recipient of SALP funding for all 20 years of the program.

The aim of the infill planting is to introduce typical yet absent or under-represented species to the bushland and build resilience through strong edges. The BCCG is also collecting seed from the area and conducting some small direct seeding trials. The BCCG continues to receive strong engagement from students of Bannister Creek Primary School.

FUNDED BY: Perth NRM and the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program.

10 922 PLANTS INSTALLED

4 HA WEED MANAGEMENT

194 VOLUNTEERS

527.75 VOLUNTEER HOURS

VALUE = \$15 638

SCHOOLS: Leeming SHS,
Lynwood SHS, Cannington
Community College

KEY EVENT

Bannister Creek Primary School

Schools Tree Day:

126 students installed

1075 plants into floodplain



Photos by ALCOA. Top left and right: SALP 2018 planting event at Bannister Creek, Bywood Way – Cat and ALCOA volunteers, Bottom: The new Bywood Way footbridge, Bannister Creek.

Community **CAPACITY**

Bannister Creek Catchment Group

Bannister Creek Weed Control and Understorey Development

Coordinated by Cat Williams

PROJECT PARTNERS: SERCUL and City of Canning.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: This project is centred on the Bannister Creek Reserve across an area totalling 4.8ha. This portion of the reserve contains the former Urban Waterways Renewal and Final Living Stream projects. Activity will focus on infill planting supported by two rounds of chemical weed control. There is also a dedicated amount of funding for the reduction of *Typha orientalis* through the creek. Where possible *Typha* will be replaced with pockets of *Baumea articulata* so that important habitat is not lost.

The BCCG successfully sought funds for the design and print of a brochure for the Bannister Creek Reserve, which will be launched with a plant giveaway later in 2018. The brochure will contain information about plants and problem weed species. It will also fold out to show a map with sites of significance in the life of the landcare projects at Bannister Creek connected as a 4km walk trail.



14 151 PLANTS INSTALLED

4.8 HA WEED MANAGEMENT

276 VOLUNTEERS

800.6 VOLUNTEER HOURS

VALUE = \$24 528

SCHOOLS: Leeming SHS, Lynwood SHS, Cannington Community College

KEY EVENT

National Tree Day -

83 Volunteers installed over **3000** plants into Bannister Creek Reserve



Other Activities

GROUPS SUPPORTED: Jandakot Regional Park Volunteers, Canning River Regional Park Volunteers, Friends of Queens Park Bushland and Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands.

3218 Plants Installed (outside Bannister Creek Catchment)

PLACES: Canning River Regional Park, Jandakot Regional Park, Clifton Reserve and Maniana Reserve.

466.5 Volunteer Hours from **273** individual volunteers at a value of **\$10 477.50**

KEY EVENTS:

- Joint **Earth Day** Activity with CRRPV for schools at CREEC – 119 students engaged from five different schools.
- **Plant Salvage** at Portcullis Drive in Willetton with the City of Canning and support from CRRPV, Chevron, APACE and BCCG. Funded jointly through SALP and State NRM.

We salvaged approximately 300 plants. 192 plants went into our Vellgrove site under the BCCG SALP grant. 105 plants went into the Bannister Creek Renville site under the State NRM grant. We have active growth from *Stylidium*, *Desmocladius* and *Dasypogon* which is really encouraging as they are not present in either bushland.



Plant salvage at Portcullis Drive in Willetton

Community CAPACITY

Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group

*Coordinated by: Community Landcare Coordinator – Narelle Mewburn,
Community Landcare Officer – Shane Hunter (resigned Feb 2018),
Jen Francis and Nora Larry (Feb–Jun 2018).*



PROGRAM OVERVIEW: Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group (AGLG) cares for the Upper Canning, Southern and Wungong Rivers and their tributaries. In the 2017-18 financial year AGLG undertook restoration works at 21 restoration sites, representative of bushlands and river foreshores, both within the City of Gosnells and the City of Armadale. The AGLG continues its goal of extending previous river foreshore restoration works along the Canning River with a vision of linking sites and creating a continuous habitat corridor.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: In 2017-18, AGLG was fortunate to continue work with some very dedicated friends groups and passionate members of the community. A new group 'Friends of Astley River Park' started work on their patch with support from the City of Gosnells and the Community Rivercare funding from Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

A total of 21 community work days were held, mostly during the winter and spring months with our major plantings events being National Tree Day and Bushcare's Major Day Out. AGLG also invite school groups and other community groups to participate in tree planting activities and during the 2017-18 financial year AGLG were joined by 16 different schools, including some outside of the catchment. The AGLG were involved in community events including a weed information workshop, the Kelmscott Show, the Spring into Armadale Festival, and Little Scribblers Harmony Week celebrations.



New Friends of Astley River Park logo



Green Army group

During the 2017-18 winter/spring planting season AGLG planted a massive 101 183 seedlings, approximately 13 000 plants short of the previous two years. Due to staff changes in this financial year it was planned to cut back the planting numbers to ensure all facets of the organisations projects were not neglected. We were also pleased to have assistance one day a week from a Work for the Dole team and a half day a week from the Harry Hunter Rehabilitation Centre, this brought much needed extra hands along to our sites. The 2017-18 financial year also saw AGLG maintain a very successful Facebook page to continue reaching out and raising community awareness and participation in our landcare activities.

Community **CAPACITY**

Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS for AGLG in the past year were the completion of two of our restoration projects, the procurement of a brand new 4x4 vehicle under the Growing Stronger Communities Federal Government Grant, the adoption of four new sites, and the start-up of a new 'Friends of' Group.

Sites completed and handed back to each of the Cities for management include the City of Armadale's Fancote Park Stage 3 site, funded under the Australian Government's 20 Million Tree section of the National Landcare Program and DBCA's Riverbank Program. The second was at Sutherlands Park in the City of Gosnells under the 25th Anniversary Grants of the National Landcare Program.

Three new sites for the AGLG in the City of Gosnells include the Fremantle Bridge site on the banks of the Southern River. This project is jointly funded under the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA's) Riverbank Pro-active funding with contributions from the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) and the City of Gosnells. Another new site was the Comrie Road wetland, another funded under the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program (SALP), a conservation category wetland in the City of Gosnells. This project aimed to increase the buffer between main roads and the unique vegetation community remaining within the Southern River Complex, this project also activated the adjacent primary school in a planting and education day. Thirdly, the Astley River Park has been funded under Round 1 of the Community Rivercare Program to undertake planting and weed control until July 2020.

As previously noted the Friends of Astley River Park are a newly formed group and look after the section of the Canning River between Cargeeg Bridge and Ferres Road Bridge. They have been actively collecting rubbish out of the river and undertaking plenty of hand weeding. They are passionate about their patch and prefer not to use herbicide in this section of the foreshore on the Canning River. This small group are a greatly welcomed asset to the City of Gosnells and to the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group.

FUNDED BY: City of Armadale; City of Gosnells; Australian Government's National Landcare Programme; Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions; Swan Alcoa Landcare Program; State NRM Program and Perth NRM.



21 RESTORATION SITES

21 COMMUNITY WORK DAYS

16 SCHOOLS ENGAGED

4 COMMUNITY EVENTS

101 183 PLANTS INSTALLED

2248 VOLUNTEERS

5849.5 VOLUNTEER HOURS

VALUE = \$250 170

Landcare & RESTORATION

DNIP – Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program

Coordinated by Daniel Millea

PROGRAM PARTNERS: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Service; City of Canning; City of Gosnells; Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and the Water Corporation.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: SERCUL assists the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Services with coordinating and delivering monitoring and maintenance activities at Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program sites within the Cities of Canning and Gosnells.

PROJECT OUTCOMES: Coordination of project partners, vegetation and water quality monitoring, planting and weed control. Active sites within this period include Wharf Street Wetland, Anvil Way Wetland, Liege Street Wetland and Bickley Basin.

FUNDED BY: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Services.

12 VOLUNTEERS

**90 TOTAL
HOURS**

VALUE = \$3034



Freshwater mussel found in the Upper Canning

Canning River Restoration

Coordinated by Russell Walczak

PROJECT PARTNERS: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Parks and Wildlife Service and the City of Canning.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: The project encompasses two sites within the Canning River Regional Park in which the aim is to revegetate degraded areas while also completing weed control of priority species to protect and enhance existing remnant vegetation and also allow new revegetation areas to be established. Currently in its fifth year of management by SERCUL the project continues to see excellent results.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- Planting event with Rehoboth Christian College and Earth Day Pledge a Sedge planting day. Both events supported by Bannister Creek Catchment Group
- 12 hectares of weed control
- Implementation of vegetation monitoring plots to compare the outcomes of chemical versus weed control on the Samphire communities.

**10 143 PLANTS
INSTALLED**

138 VOLUNTEERS

**100 VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

VALUE = \$3371

FUNDED BY: State NRM Program



Planting event with Rehoboth Christian College



Landcare & RESTORATION

Booragoon and Blue Gum Lakes

Coordinated by Russell Walczak

PROJECT PARTNERS: City of Melville, Friends of Booragoon and Blue Gum Lakes.



PROJECT OVERVIEW: This project aims to enhance the habitat and biodiversity of the two reserves through revegetation and weed control working directly with the friends of Booragoon and Blue Gum Lakes. The focus this year shifted towards revegetating the transitional and dryland areas of the reserves.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- Hosting of four community planting events with the Friends of Booragoon Lake and Rossmoyne Senior High School.
- Increased coordination and engagement efforts with City of Melville to more effectively manage the reserves in partnership.

FUNDED BY: State NRM Program and Swan Alcoa Landcare Program.



**28 086 PLANTS
INSTALLED**

127 VOLUNTEERS

**381 VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

VALUE = \$12 844



Friends of Booragoon and Blue Gum Lakes community planting day

Landcare & RESTORATION

Bull Creek Reserve Restoration

Coordinated by Dan Friesen

PROJECT PARTNERS: Friends of Bull Creek Catchment, Rossmoyne Senior High School Bushrangers and the City of Melville.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: Bull Creek Reserve is situated in the north-east of the City of Melville in the suburb of Bull Creek. It is part of Bush Forever Site 338, and is considered a high priority catchment under the Swan Canning Water Quality Improvement Plan.



SERCUL began assisting the Friends of Bull Creek Catchment in 2012-13 to support them in achieving their vision to restore Bull Creek into a healthy catchment. In that time hectares of Blackberry, Lantana and *Acacia longifolia*s have been cleared; hundreds of thousands of sedges have been planted; almost every weed you can imagine a modern urban drain can throw at you has been tackled and have engaged and educated numerous corporate groups, church groups, schools and scouts. From managing a few hundred square meters of creek line to now managing a huge six hectares, this has all been made possible by the enormous effort of the friends group committing thousands of volunteer hours of in-kind labour in planting, weeding, watering, survival rate studies, flora surveys, raising public awareness, community events, hosting politicians, aboriginal cultural events and even attracting international students to take interest in Bull Creek Reserve.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- Strong community engagement with three community planting events, engagement of the Rossmoyne Senior High School Bushrangers and of Conservation Volunteers Aboriginal Unit



- Managing over six hectares of Bull Creek Reserve
- Attracted an additional \$175 000 over two years through Perth NRM's Swan Canning River Recovery Program to further expand the restoration site with an estimated 65,000 seedlings to be planted.

FUNDED BY: State NRM Program and Swan Alcoa Landcare Program.



Before and after removal of blackberry investment and revegetation

**18 132 PLANTS
INSTALLED**

191 VOLUNTEERS

**1669 VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

VALUE = \$56 262

Landcare & RESTORATION

Hydrocotyle ranunculoides Eradication Program

Coordinated by Matt Grimbly

PROGRAM PARTNERS: Perth NRM, Hydrocotyle Working Group (City of Canning; Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions; Water Corporation; Wilson Wetlands Action Group).

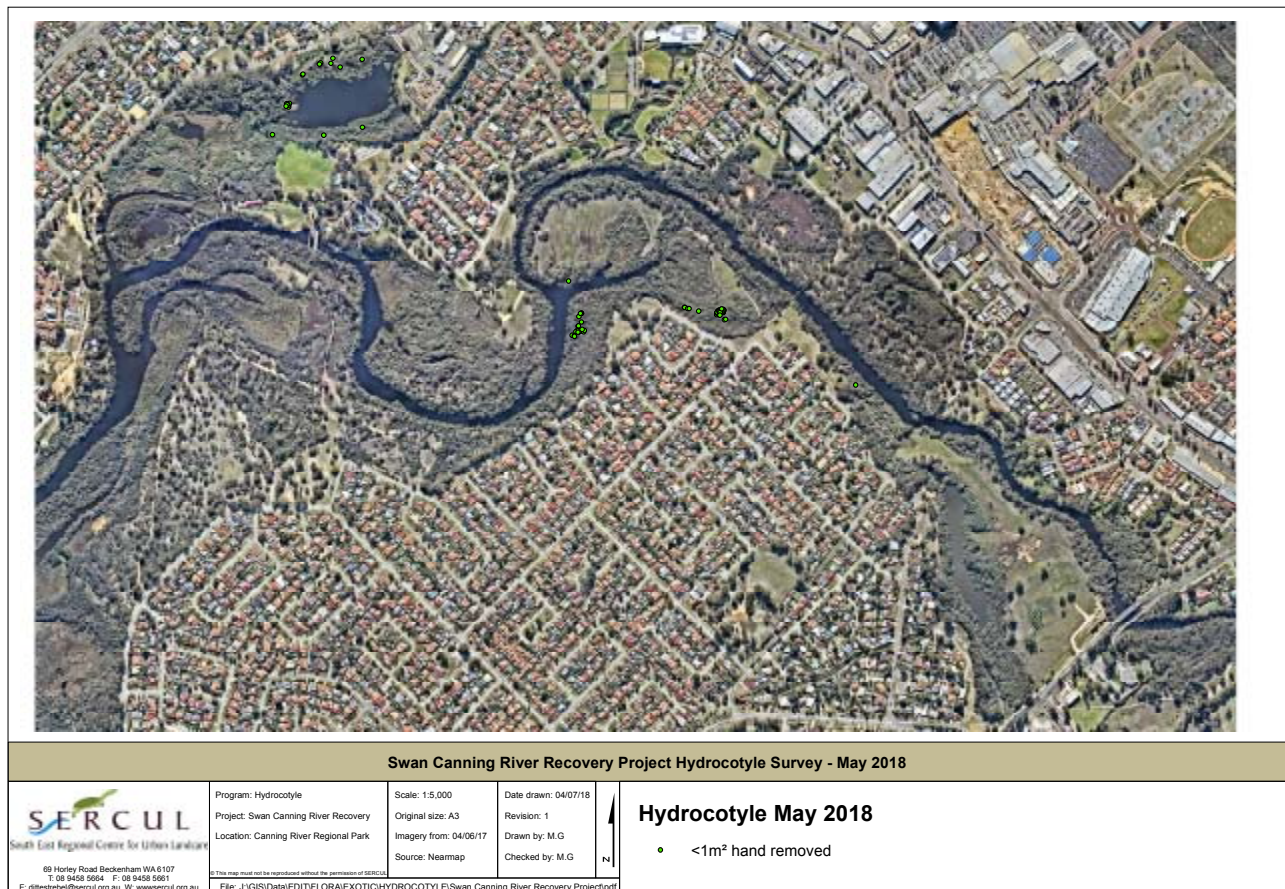
PROGRAM OVERVIEW: *Hydrocotyle ranunculoides* has been a major problem in the Canning River and its tributaries since the early 1990's, at times covering the Canning River from bank to bank upstream from Kent St Weir. This project is a continuation of the first round of the Swan Canning River Recovery Project which greatly reduced *Hydrocotyle* coverage and abundance. Now that *Hydrocotyle* levels have been reduced the goal is to completely eradicate it from the Canning River Catchment by project completion in June 2020.

There is no mature *Hydrocotyle* remaining in the entire catchment and it is now germinating from seed only. It is expected that by the time of project completion in 2020 the seedbank will have been exhausted and *Hydrocotyle* will have been eradicated.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- 21 hectares of weed management of *Hydrocotyle*.
- No mature *Hydrocotyle* remaining in the entire catchment.

FUNDED BY: Perth NRM through the Swan Canning River Recovery Project.



The extent of *Hydrocotyle* remaining in the Canning River Catchment

Landcare & RESTORATION

Bowra & O'Dea and Trillion Trees Memorial Groves Project

Coordinated by John Maliunas

PROJECT PARTNERS: Bowra & O'Dea, Trillion Trees and Western Australian Planning Commission.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: The Bowra & O'Dea and Trillion Trees Beckenham Memorial Park project commenced in 2008 with the goal to create Memorial Groves for the families of Bowra & O'Dea clients. Each Grove has approximately 4000 trees and native plants. This project will continue until 2021, with each established Memorial Grove being preserved for a minimum of 25 years.

PROJECT OUTCOMES: Hosted two major planting days, one with Sathaya Sai and the second with Bowra & O'Dea, Trillion Trees and Rotary, installing over 4000 seedlings and contributing nearly 700 volunteer hours. The memorial groves project has been extended for another three years (2019-2021).

FUNDED BY: Bowra & O'Dea Funeral Directors

4080 PLANTS INSTALLED
122 VOLUNTEERS
695 TOTAL HOURS
VALUE = \$23 428



Top: 2017/2018 memorial grove. Bottom: Sathaya Sai group.

Landcare & RESTORATION

Horley Road Wetland Rehabilitation

Coordinated by Dr Rose Weerasinghe, Cat Williams and Anneliese Bone

PROJECT PARTNERS: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: SERCUL has been working hard to rehabilitate the Conservation Category Horley Road Wetland, located adjacent to the SERCUL office. The wetland was previously dominated by exotic grasses (*Paspalum distichum* and *Cynodon dactylon*) and other weeds, which can prevent the germination of native wetland species, reduce macroinvertebrate habitat variety and provide pockets of stagnant water for mosquitoes and midges to breed. Comparison of previous and post-works monitoring data collected in the wetland will allow the effect of this rehabilitation on macroinvertebrates and water quality to be assessed.

PROJECT OUTCOMES: During the wetland dry season, the grasses were controlled in a three stage process. Firstly chemical control was carried out by SERCUL staff and then a controlled burn was conducted by our neighbours Gosnells Volunteer Fire Service on an in-kind basis to assist with the removal of the thick mass of dead couch. Finally, earthworks were conducted to remove the remaining dead grass material with voluntary consultancy and supervision from wetland consultant Karl Karu.

Natural regeneration of native species *Bolboschoenus caldwellii* (foreshore) and *Eleocharis acuta* (inundated area) was then able to occur in the bare sediment. Manual weed control and planting have also been conducted with help from the Bentley Health Unit, Murdoch University, corporate group volunteers and SERCUL staff seeing a total of 4231 plants installed.

FUNDED BY: Healthy Wetland Habitats Grant from Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

**4231 PLANTS
INSTALLED**
51 VOLUNTEERS
**450.5 TOTAL
HOURS**
**VALUE =
\$15 186**



Left: SERCUL staff planting day at Horley Road Wetland, Middle: Karl Karu – voluntary supervision during Couch removal trial, Right: Control burn trial by Gosnells Volunteer Fire Service.



Horley Road wetland – after rehabilitation, drone photo by Rodney Wallington.

Landcare & RESTORATION

Wetlands to Waves Habitat Corridor

Coordinated by Dan Friesen

PROJECT LOCATION: Pioneer Park, City of Cockburn.

PROJECT PARTNERS: Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor, City of Cockburn.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: The Wetlands to Waves Habitat Corridor connects the Beeliar Wetland chain from Bibra Lake to the Indian Ocean. This project was specifically looking at restoring a section of degraded bush in City of Cockburn managed Pioneer Park adjacent to Bibra Lake and the recently cleared land on the Roe 8 footprint. This project was initiated in order to support the recently activated community enabling them to engage in restoration activities and provide them with guidance, workshops and training opportunities in order to enhance their efforts in restoring what is one of very few East-West habitat corridors in the Perth Metropolitan Region.

PROJECT OUTCOMES: Hosted a community planting event for the Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor in the Beeliar Regional Park in Bibra Lake.

FUNDED BY: State NRM Program.



**3000 PLANTS
INSTALLED**

.4 HA WEED CONTROL

50 VOLUNTEERS

**150 VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

VALUE = \$5057



Before and after revegetation at Beeliar Regional Park

Landcare & RESTORATION

Woodman Point Restoration

Coordinated by Dan Friesen

PROJECT LOCATION: Woodman Point, Coogee

PROJECT PARTNERS: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: Woodman Point Regional Park is a 252 ha reserve situated 9 km south of Fremantle and contains a wide variety of ecosystems from shrublands, heath and scrub to Quindalup woodlands. It includes Tuart and Rottnest tea tree communities both of which have seen considerable decline due to the increased pressures of urbanisation on our coastal regions.

This project specifically addressed a .8 hectare section of a degraded primary dune system providing brushing and restoring native habitat in order to improve the reserves overall resilience and decrease the impact of coastal erosion by providing dune stabilisation works.

PROJECT OUTCOMES: Installation of 14 549 native seedlings and bagged along with 1.5 hectares of dune stabilisation.

FUNDED BY: State NRM Program.



Dune revegetation at Woodman Point

14 549 PLANTS INSTALLED

1.5 HA WEED CONTROL

892.5 VOLUNTEER HOURS

VALUE = \$30 086

Landcare & RESTORATION

Yagan Reserve Restoration

Coordinated by Dan Friesen

PROJECT LOCATION: Yagan Reserve, City of Canning

PROJECT PARTNERS: Canning River Residents Environment Protection Association (CRREPA), City of Canning.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: Yagan Reserve forms part of the Bush Forever site 338 and forms a habitat corridor connecting the Canning River with the Bull Creek Reserve. With remarkably intact and weed free sections along the foreshore and native canopy across the site the reserve suffers from a largely degraded understory and in particular along Bull Creek which traverses the site before entering the Canning River. This project is the first stage of a long term vision to enhance the understory, increasing its ecological functions by restoring natural habitat values and contributing to improving water quality of the Bull Creek Catchment prior to it's entry to the Canning River. Through a staged approach this project is controlling woody weeds such as Japanese peppers, blackberry, lantana and *Acacia longifolia* in addition to managing the weedy understory replacing it with native sedges and midstory.

PROJECT OUTCOMES: Hosted a community planting event with CRREPA and two school excursions with 80 students from Mercy College and Ardross Primary School.

FUNDED BY: State NRM Program.



**8479 PLANTS
INSTALLED**

1.5 HA WEED CONTROL

91 VOLUNTEERS

**560 VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

VALUE = \$18 878

+ 4,500 NATIVE SEDGES
donated by Bruce Ivers



Planting day with CRREPA at Yagan Reserve



Monitoring & RESEARCH

Water Quality Monitoring

Coordinated by Caitlin Conway

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: SERCUL works with multiple state and local government authorities to conduct water quality monitoring programs, providing data used to improve wetlands and waterways throughout the Perth region. By working closely with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), SERCUL produces accurate, reliable data based on best practice sampling and data management procedures. For each program, SERCUL assists stakeholders to assess their water quality data requirements; prepares a sampling and analysis plan (SAP); undertakes the sampling, collates and analyses the data and produces a report highlighting important findings and providing recommendations.

SERCUL manages Water Quality Partnership Programs within several key catchments of the Swan-Canning river system. These projects, which are supported by DWER; relevant local government authorities; the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage/Western Australian Planning Commission (Whiteman Park) and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), have promoted a cooperative approach to water quality monitoring. Data generated by these programs is entered into DWER's Water Information (WIN) database and has been used by DBCA Rivers and Estuaries Branch to implement local Water Quality Improvement Plans. SERCUL also runs independent water quality monitoring programs for local governments in areas where water quality is of particular local interest.

In 2018, SERCUL also worked with the DWER Pollution Response Unit and the Water Corporation to monitor water quality in a Water Corporation drain in a portion of a catchment known to have pollution issues.

Furthermore, SERCUL has provided assistance to DWER to sample water, sediment and macrophytes for three projects established as part of the Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program (DNIP). DNIP is funded through DBCA Rivers and Estuaries Branch as part of the Healthy Catchments Program, which aims to reduce nutrients entering the Swan and Canning Rivers from their catchments.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

DWER/LGA Water Quality Partnership Programs:

Three programs implemented:

- Bennett Brook catchment (City of Swan, City of Bayswater and Whiteman Park (WAPC/DoPLH));
- City of South Perth catchments (City of South Perth);
- Melville Bull Creek catchment and Melville Lakes (City of Melville).

Independent water quality monitoring programs for LGAs:

Two programs implemented:

- Cygnia Cove estate (City of South Perth);
- Lake Claremont (Town of Claremont).

Water Corporation drainage sampling:

- Conducted logging of water physicochemical parameters at ten sites on fifteen sampling occasions with assistance from Water Corporation.

Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program:

- Assisted DWER with water (monthly basis), sediment and macrophyte (quarterly basis) monitoring at three DNIP projects: Anvil Way Compensation Basin, Liege Street Wetland and Wharf Street Constructed Wetland.

FUNDED BY: Cities of South Perth, Bayswater, Swan and Melville; Town of Claremont; Whiteman Park (WAPC); Department of Water and Environmental Regulation; Water Corporation; Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Rivers and Estuaries Division.

9 PROJECTS

44 SAMPLING EVENTS

89 SAMPLE SITES

523 WATER SAMPLES COLLECTED

41 SEDIMENT SAMPLES COLLECTED

**48 MACROPHYTE SAMPLES
COLLECTED**

VALUE = \$226 200



Monitoring & RESEARCH

Adenia Research Project

Habitat rehabilitation and saltmarsh mosquito management in the Canning River Regional Park tidal flats

Coordinated by Dr Rose Weerasinghe and Caitlin Conway

PROJECT PARTNERS: SERCUL, Curtin University and City of Canning.

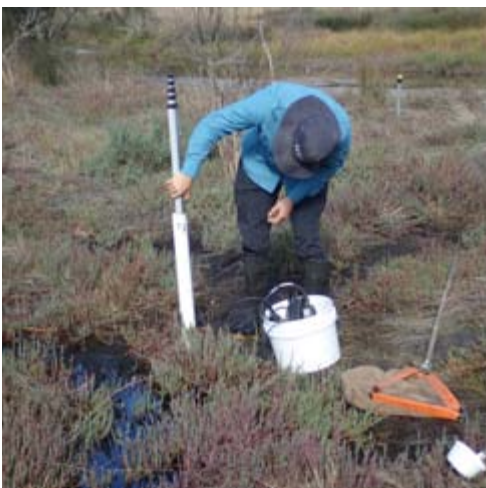
PROJECT OVERVIEW: The aim of this project is to evaluate the effectiveness of restoration of tidal influx to improve vector mosquito control and ecosystem function in an area of saltmarsh in the unique Canning River Regional Park (CRRP) tidal flats. Restoration of tidal influx has been demonstrated internationally to effectively control mosquitoes through a combination of flushing, increased predation and reduced oviposition and could also greatly improve the coverage of native samphire communities, macroinvertebrates, other fauna and ecology of the salt marsh ecosystem. As such, this project has the potential to provide both human health and environmental benefits.

Two degraded saltmarsh areas close to the Adenia Lagoon, identified to support high levels of mosquito breeding, were selected as trial sites. The first phase of the project was to establish the existing ecological condition of the saltmarsh sites. This involved monitoring of mosquito breeding activity, presence of other macroinvertebrates, groundwater quality and vegetation surveys. Weed control was also conducted at the sites at this stage, primarily to control weedy saltwater couch growth. The second phase of the project is to conduct structural changes to re-establish tidal influx to the saltmarsh. Finally, post works monitoring will be conducted to allow the effectiveness of this form of integrated habitat management to be assessed as a long term source reduction approach to control mosquitoes in the CRRP.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- Completed all State NRM funded weed control and management activities.
- Continued baseline ecological and water quality monitoring.
- Curtin University and North Metro TAFE students conducted monitoring of macroinvertebrates and water quality in both the pools and lagoon.
- The City of Canning installed new culverts to reconnect tides between the upper and lower marsh areas at study sites.
- Planned and received permission from Swan Canning Riverpark committee to do further minor structural changes to re-establish tidal influx to the saltmarsh. These works are planned for late 2018.

FUNDED BY: Lotterywest and State NRM Program.



17 VOLUNTEERS
340 TOTAL HOURS
VALUE = \$11 461

We appreciate the Curtin University student Sithira Randeniya (supervised by Dr Ranjan Sarukkalige) for contributing monitoring data to our project as part of his final year Civil Engineering Undergraduate project.

Left: Ground water monitoring at Adenia, Right: Samphire with flowers



Monitoring & RESEARCH

Horley Road Wetland - Biomonitoring

Coordinated by Dr Rose Weerasinghe and Caitlin Conway

PROJECT OVERVIEW: Monitoring of the Conservation Category Horley Road Wetland has been conducted by SERCUL and volunteers on an in-kind basis since 2016. The Horley Road Wetland was selected for the study due to its ecological and sociological value within the Yule Brook system. The information obtained from this research can be used to assist wetland managers in managing wetland mosquito populations for human health and environmental purposes.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To collect ecological data that will contribute to a better understanding of mosquito breeding in relation to other ecological factors in this system and similar systems;
- To record ecological changes that may be occurring in the wetland as a result of wetland rehabilitation;
- To provide an opportunity for University and TAFE students and community volunteers to participate and learn wetland rehabilitation, ecological monitoring and analysis.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- Continued monitoring of mosquito larval counts, other macroinvertebrate populations, water quality physicochemical parameters in the wetland;
- Bird and reptile surveys conducted at the wetland;
- Post rehabilitation-monitoring of mosquito larvae and macroinvertebrates commenced with Murdoch University and South Metro TAFE students.

FUNDED BY: SERCUL in-kind.

6 VOLUNTEERS
67 VOLUNTEER HOURS
VALUE = \$2259



Top: Horley Road Wetland with new natural regeneration of *Bolboschoenus*.
Bottom: Monitoring with University students

Environmental SERVICES

Coordinated by Matt Grimbly, Dan Friesen, Natasha Bowden and Caitlin Conway

Environmental Services are undertaken on a fee for service basis. The specific intent of this delivery model is to generate income to support community groups in our region. It is recognised that in an ever tightening and diminishing funding environment there is limited external financial support provided to this area. Environmental Services undertaken by SERCUL are in the areas of Monitoring and Research, Education and Promotion and Landcare and Restoration. The majority of proceeds that are generated by the Environmental Services Unit come from Landcare and Restoration.

This financial year has seen SERCUL deliver many weed control, bushland maintenance and revegetation projects for a wide range of clients. Work has included the control of weeds in sensitive remnant bushland, the successful control of serious aquatic weeds such as Amazon Frogbit, revegetation of river foreshore and bushland areas, manual control of large infestations of woody weeds and erosion control on the river foreshore.

CLIENTS INCLUDED:

- Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group
- Lynwood SHS
- Bannister Creek Catchment Group
- City of Armadale
- City of Canning
- City of Cockburn
- City of Fremantle
- City of Gosnells
- City of Nedlands
- City of Perth
- City of Swan
- DPIRD - Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Friends of the Spectacles
- Friends of Wireless Hill
- Main Roads
- Murdoch University Environmental Restoration Group
- PACT Construction
- Swan Estuary Reserves Action Group
- Town of Cambridge
- Water Corporation

Wireless Hill Park Weed Management

Coordinated by Daniel Millea

CLIENT: Friends of Wireless Hill.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: This project commenced in 2009 with the Friends of Wireless Hill contracting SERCUL to undertake manual weed management in the Wireless Hill Park area. Work has involved the management of perennial veldt grass (*Erharta calycina*) and other seasonal weeds such as *Gladiolus caryophyllaceus* in the sensitive wildflower walk areas where chemical weed control is not viable.

With the Friends group successful in securing ongoing funding, weed management has been able to continue and excellent results over the past seven years have been achieved.

This year hand weeding has been focused on the paths of the wildflower walk area, opposite the main carpark in the heart of the reserve.



Rattle beaks at Wireless Hill Park



Financial REPORT

Auditors Report

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Chartered Accountants



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Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH EAST REGIONAL CENTRE FOR URBAN LAND CARE INC (SERCUL)

Scope

I have audited the financial statements of **SERCUL** which has been classified as a non general purpose account, for the year ended 30 June 2018.

The Association's committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements. The information the statements contain and the accounting policies used are determined by the committee so as to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of these accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members.

I disclaim any assumption of responsibility, for any reliance on this report or these accounts, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than for which they were prepared.

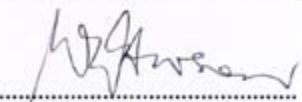
My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether these accounts are free of material misstatements. My audit procedures include an examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts shown in these accounts. These tests have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, these accounts are fairly presented.

My audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on this basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly the operating results of **SERCUL** for the 2017/2018 financial year and its financial position at 30 June 2018.

Signature of Auditor:
Name of Auditor:


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22 August 2018

It was noted that the 2017/2018 year and the 2016/2017 year resulted in deficits. The 2018/2019 budget currently is forecasting another deficit year.

SERCUL's management are well aware of the recurrent deficits. They await external decisions on the go ahead of land care activities which will produce additional income.

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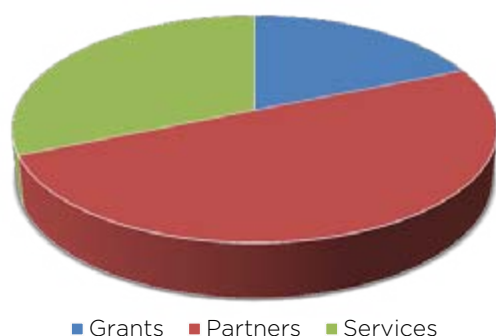


2017-18 Financial Overview

SERCUL's income is derived through three main areas; grant projects, partnership projects and service delivery.

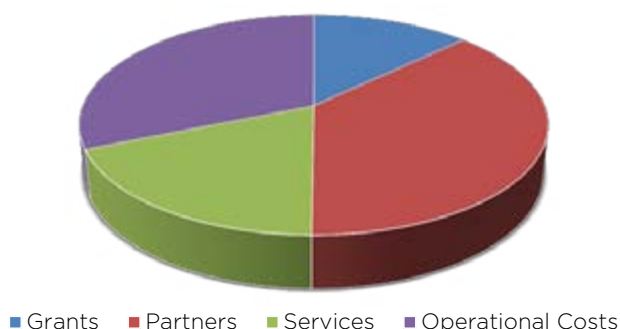
- **Grant projects** funding is usually received in advance and there is a requirement for a significant in-kind value-adding to deliver the grant in accordance with the funding agreement. These grant projects typically do not provide funding for an officer to coordinate the project. In 2017-18 \$317 861 (equal to 19% of the total income) in grant funding came from project delivery.
- **Partnership projects** are a coordinated delivery by multiple organisations and sometimes provide funds for an officer to deliver and coordinate the project. The funding is usually received in advance and covers the costs associated with the delivery of the project. Significant in-kind value adding is delivered through the coordinated approach and delivery of the project. In 2017-18 \$846 269 (50% of the total income) came from partnership projects
- **Service delivery** is undertaken to generate income for the organisation to support the otherwise unfunded outcomes supporting the vision and mission of the association. Services include weeding, spraying, planting, brush cutting, monitoring and research, and environmental education. In 2017-18 \$529 174 (31% of the total income) came from the delivery of services.

2017-18 Income



Our **direct costs** for operational delivery during 2017-18 were a combination of delivering on existing commitments which rolled over from the previous financial year (from Grants \$269 240 and Partners \$271 127) and delivery on new commitments made during this financial year. Grant funded projects comprised 14% (\$263 182) of the direct costs for operational delivery, partnership projects 39% (\$761 612), services 20% (\$380 925) and the remaining 33% (\$638 681) corresponded to the operational costs (expenses) of the organisation. Through the overhead costs associated with the grants, partners and services delivery SERCUL managed to bring \$477 358 in funds which were used to cover direct costs of delivery (\$361 533) and operational expenses (\$115 825).

2017-18 Expenditure



A comparison of the 2016-17 and 2017-18 **Balance Sheets** shows a **decrease in SERCUL's total equity of almost 25%** reflecting a decrease of less than 1% of SERCUL's total current assets but an increase of almost 22% in current liabilities due mainly to grants/partners funds received in advance. There was \$255 897 of unpaid customer invoices in the 2017-18 income at the end of the financial year. These invoices are expected to be paid in the first quarter of the 2018-19 year.



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2017-18 Financial Overview

At the end of the financial year SERCUL had a gross profit of \$404 249 but after covering the organisation's expenses recorded a net loss of \$223 215.

SERCUL has been able to cover the recorded losses from 2016-17 and 2017-18 but the SERCUL Executive Committee and Managers are aware that this situation cannot be maintained for the short or medium term. They have put in place procedures to carefully monitor the current and predicted financial performance and have undertaken a cost reduction exercise while remaining committed to delivering SERCUL's vision and mission.

Major changes in our accounting practices and systems during 2017-18 provided the Executive Committee and senior management with a much clearer, more accurate and detailed view of SERCUL finances and a solid, reliable foundation for financial decision-making. These include:

- changing the Chart of Accounts to better identify the sources and type of income (Grants, Partnerships, Environmental Services, and Donations) matching costs of the different areas of services delivered (Landcare, Education, Monitoring and Research and Community Capacity).
- recording income received differently - funds received in advance for grants and partners are now recorded as a liability in the Balance Sheet and only brought to the Profit and Loss according to SERCUL's budget prediction of estimated costs during the period the outcomes will be delivered;
- differentiating in the Profit and Loss the direct costs related to the delivery of SERCUL's services from those related to the unfunded expenses associated with the organisation's operations;
- changing the accounting software from Reckon (Quick Books) to MYOB;
- modifying how the payroll expenses are recorded - whether they are associated with service delivery and/or administration/operational activities; and
- changing the way SERCUL recognised overhead costs associated with service delivery.

There are several important qualifying points in relation to the 2017-18 loss:

- **Significant accounting mistakes** in 2016-17 resulted in a prior year adjustment of income of \$32 553 recorded twice and a failure to recognise \$70 749 as income paid in advance. Had these adjustments been properly recorded, the loss for 2016-17 would have been \$109 533 compared with the \$6231 reported loss and the 2017-18 loss would have been \$119 912.
- **Un-invoiced work in progress** totalled \$36 472 for which costs were incurred up to 30 June 2018 for the delivery of grants, partnerships and services projects but invoices were not raised until after that date when the service was completed or payments were scheduled.
- **Insurance** of \$65 327 was paid in 2017-18 but most of the expense is for the 2018-19 year.
- **Long Service Leave expense** is a net negative amount of \$17 842 which corresponds to the adjustment of the provision for 2018-19 (\$87 755), which was less than the initial provision calculated at 30/06/17 (\$113 176) in the Balance Sheet due to payments to staff members who took some long service leave and others who left the organisation being incorrectly charged to wages accounts.

To limit the risk of a recurrence of the errors that were made in 2016-17, SERCUL now works closely with an external accountant and is proposing to change its auditor to a partnership that specialises in the not-for-profit sector.

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Balance Sheet

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Accrual Basis

South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2018

	This Year	Last Year	\$ Difference	% Difference
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash on Hand				
SERCUL Petty Cash	\$166	\$145	\$21	14.8%
PAP Petty Cash	\$100	\$64	\$36	55.9%
Total Cash on Hand	\$266	\$209	\$57	27.4%
Cash at Bank				
Working Bank	\$12,785	\$128,585	-\$115,800	(90.1)%
High Int - Social Investment	\$305,097	\$441,228	-\$136,131	(30.9)%
Public Environmental Fund	\$1,337	\$502	\$835	166.5%
Total Cash at Bank	\$319,220	\$570,315	-\$251,095	(44.0)%
Short-Term Investments				
Term Deposit - 1388	\$600,115	\$5,000	\$595,115	11,902.3%
Term Deposit - 0877	\$414,960	\$875,950	-\$460,990	(52.6)%
Total Short-Term Investments	\$1,015,074	\$880,950	\$134,125	15.2%
Other Current Assets				
Prepaid Project Expenses	\$36,472	\$86,162	-\$49,690	(57.7)%
Prepaid Insurance/Rego Expense	\$65,327	\$0	\$65,327	NA
Accounts Receivable	\$255,897	\$168,083	\$87,814	52.2%
Total Other Current Assets	\$357,695	\$254,244	\$103,450	40.7%
Total Current Assets	\$1,692,255	\$1,705,718	-\$13,463	(0.8)%
Non-Current Assets				
Fixed Assets				
Computer Equipment	\$7,520	\$38,444	-\$30,924	(80.4)%
Less: Acc Dep Comp Equipment	-\$7,518	-\$36,372	\$28,854	79.3%
Office Equipment	\$7,500	\$29,915	-\$22,415	(74.9)%
Less: Acc Dep - Off Equipment	-\$7,499	-\$28,368	\$20,869	73.6%
Plant and Equipment	\$76,460	\$154,561	-\$78,101	(50.5)%
Less: Acc Dep Plant & Equip	-\$63,251	-\$123,287	\$60,036	48.7%
Motor Vehicles	\$184,699	\$172,419	\$12,280	7.1%
Less: Acc Dep Motor Vehicles	-\$146,515	-\$144,911	-\$1,604	(1.1)%
Total Fixed Assets	\$51,396	\$62,401	-\$11,005	(17.6)%
Total Non-Current Assets	\$51,396	\$62,401	-\$11,005	(17.6)%
Total Assets	\$1,743,651	\$1,768,118	-\$24,467	(1.4)%
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Trade Payables				
Credit Card	\$2,731	\$5,279	-\$2,547	(48.3)%
Trade Creditors	\$13,507	-\$352	\$13,859	3,937.5%
Accrued Expenses	\$0	\$98,014	-\$98,014	(100.0)%
Total Trade Payables	\$16,239	\$102,940	-\$86,701	(84.2)%
Employee Benefits/Provisions				
Provision for Annual Leave	\$55,598	\$51,109	\$4,489	8.8%
Prov for Long Service Leave	\$87,755	\$113,176	-\$25,421	(22.5)%
Prov for LSL - AAEE	\$5,288	\$2,001	\$3,288	164.3%
Provision for Wages/Salary	\$24,974	\$0	\$24,974	NA
PAYG Withholdings Payable	\$15,682	\$0	\$15,682	NA
Allowance Accrued	\$0	\$196	-\$196	(100.0)%
Superannuation Payable	\$27,714	\$0	\$27,714	NA
Total Employee Benefits/Provisions	\$217,012	\$166,482	\$50,530	30.4%

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

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South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2018

	This Year	Last Year	\$ Difference	% Difference
Other Payables				
Advance payments	\$3,275	\$15,670	-\$12,395	(79.1)%
Grants Received in Advance	\$765,708	\$540,367	\$225,341	41.7%
Parental Leave Funds	\$1,414	\$0	\$1,414	NA
Total Other Payables	\$770,397	\$556,037	\$214,360	38.6%
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,003,648	\$825,459	\$178,189	21.6%
GST				
GST Collected	\$70,861	\$70,047	\$814	1.2%
GST Paid	-\$20,417	-\$40,161	\$19,744	49.2%
Total GST	\$50,444	\$29,886	\$20,558	68.8%
Total Liabilities	\$1,054,092	\$855,345	\$198,747	23.2%
Net Assets	\$689,559	\$912,773	-\$223,214	(24.5)%
Equity				
Retained Surplus/(Accu Loss)	\$912,773	\$919,004	-\$6,231	(0.7)%
Current Year Earnings	-\$223,214	-\$6,231	-\$216,983	(3,482.2)%
Total Equity	\$689,559	\$912,773	-\$223,214	(24.5)%

***Note:** Funds committed for the delivery of projects in 2017–18, recieved in advance from grants and partnerships

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Profit and Loss

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South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare

Profit & Loss

July 2017 through June 2018


	This Year	Last Year	\$ Difference	% Difference
Income				
Grants Income	\$317,861	\$188,616	\$129,245	68.5%
Partnership Income	\$832,028	\$1,713,356	-\$881,327	(51.4)%
Service Landcare Delivery	\$492,974	\$1,034,988	-\$542,014	(52.4)%
Service Education & Promotion	\$10,815	\$62,155	-\$51,340	(82.6)%
Service Monitoring & Research	\$25,385	\$17,311	\$8,074	46.6%
Community Capacity	\$14,240	\$0	\$14,240	NA
Fundraising Income	\$830	\$1,589	-\$759	(47.8)%
Other	\$9	\$213,241	-\$213,232	(100.0)%
Vehicle Cost Recovery	\$0	\$58,411	-\$58,411	(100.0)%
Total Income	\$1,694,143	\$3,289,667	-\$1,595,524	(48.5)%
Direct Costs				
Landcare Services Delivery	\$748,110	\$1,859,871	-\$1,111,761	(59.8)%
Education Delivery	\$208,219	\$167,101	\$41,118	24.6%
Monitoring & Research Delivery	\$88,601	\$182,328	-\$93,726	(51.4)%
Community Capacity Delivery	\$244,963	\$467,600	-\$222,637	(47.6)%
Total Direct Costs	\$1,289,894	\$2,676,899	-\$1,387,005	(51.8)%
Gross Profit	\$404,249	\$612,768	-\$208,518	(34.0)%
Expenses				
Administration and General	\$41,074	\$119,058	-\$77,983	(65.5)%
Employee Costs - Indirect	\$281,906	\$176,776	\$105,131	59.5%
Wages & Salaries - On Costs	\$220,327	\$215,473	\$4,853	2.3%
Property & Communication Expen	\$55,905	\$77,307	-\$21,402	(27.7)%
Governance Expenses	\$29,453	\$24,327	\$5,126	21.1%
Total Expenses	\$628,664	\$612,940	\$15,724	2.6%
Operating Profit	-\$224,415	-\$173	-\$224,242	(129,927.8)%
Other Income				
Wages Subsidy	\$0	\$7,125	-\$7,125	(100.0)%
Works Comp Reimbursement	\$8,437	\$0	\$8,437	NA
Parental Leave Funds	\$4,170	\$0	\$4,170	NA
Interest Received	\$29,075	\$36,182	-\$7,108	(19.6)%
Other Reimbursement	\$1,180	\$0	\$1,180	NA
Gain on Sale - Non-curr. Asset	\$908	\$0	\$908	NA
Correction of Income	-\$32,553	\$0	-\$32,553	NA
Total Other Income	\$11,217	\$43,307	-\$32,090	(74.1)%
Other Expenses				
Interest Paid	\$90	\$0	\$90	NA
Loss on Sale of Non-Curr Asset	\$9,926	\$0	\$9,926	NA
Asset Purchase - Motor Vehicle	\$0	\$13,636	-\$13,636	(100.0)%
Asset Purchase - Plant & Equip	\$0	\$35,730	-\$35,730	(100.0)%
Total Other Expenses	\$10,016	\$49,366	-\$39,350	(79.7)%
Net Profit/(Loss)	-\$223,214	-\$6,231	-\$216,983	(3,482.2)%

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.



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Statement by the Management Committee




STATEMENT BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SOUTH EAST REGIONAL CENTRE FOR URBAN LANDCARE (INC.)

In the opinion of the Members of the Committee;


- (a) The accompanying Profit and Loss Statements are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Group for the year ended 30th June 2018.
- (b) The accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group as at the end of that period.
- (c) At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The Accounts of the Group have been prepared in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee.


Kobi Bradshaw-Chen
Treasurer

Date: 27th August 2018


Patricia Hart
Chairperson

Date: 27th August 2018

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2018-19 New PROJECTS

Restoration of Bull Creek Catchment Stage 2 – Enabling Communities for Healthier Rivers

PROJECT PARTNERS: Friends of Bull Creek Catchment, Rossmoyne Senior High School Bushrangers, City of Melville, Conservation Volunteers Australia and SERCUL.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: This project will partner with the City of Melville, Friends of Bull Creek Catchment, Rossmoyne Senior High School Bushrangers Unit and Conservation Volunteers Australia to deliver a community restoration project.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Remove large 3m high blackberry thickets that currently dominate the site across one hectare
- Remove Japanese peppers, Lantana and *Acacia longifolia* across one hectare
- Revegetate 65,000 native seedlings across one hectare
- Host 1-2 community planting events per year
- Maintain less than 5% weed coverage across one hectare
- Produce two promotional / media releases in relation to the project per year
- Support and provide capacity building for the Friends of Bull Creek Catchment.

FUNDED BY: Swan Canning River Recovery Program 2.0 through Perth NRM.



Blackberry infestation at Bull Creek

Bodkin Park – A Living Stream for Healthier Communities

PROJECT PARTNERS: City of South Perth, Water Corporation and SERCUL.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: This project will in partnership with the City of South Perth, Water Corporation, SERCUL and the local community, convert 300 m² of a currently boarded drainage asset at Bodkin Park into a living stream improving both community amenities and water quality outcomes before entering the Canning River.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Community consultation and awareness raising
- Minor infrastructure - installation of two Gross Pollutant Traps (City of South Perth in-kind contribution)
- Earthworks - removing wooden boards and battering drainage banks (Water Corporation in-kind contribution)
- Revegetation - installation of native wetland species at 9 per m² and dryland species at 3 per m²
- Community planting events
- Weed control and site maintenance - ongoing through the life of the project until completion and handover to improve revegetation outcomes.

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Bordered drain at Bodkin Park

2018-19 New PROJECTS

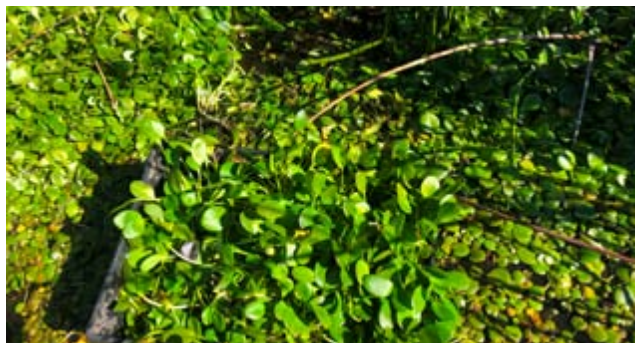
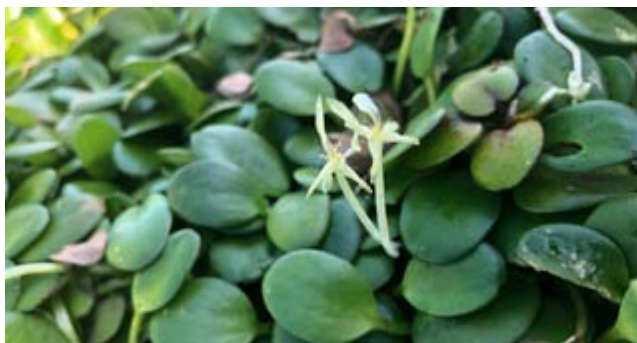
Amazon Frogbit Management Program

PROJECT PARTNERS: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide on-site consultation with possible development of management plans for land managers for Amazon Frogbit outbreaks
- Provide resources to react to infestations immediately when land managers have budget restrictions
- Assist or increase treatment frequency of current infestations
- Contact/visit aquarium/water garden shops, advise and make aware of the issues with Amazon Frogbit and request that they refrain from selling. Distribute posters and brochures to stores.
- Contact local governments/land managers/environment groups and raise awareness of the weed and what they need to do once identified including social media, newsletter updates, presentations at NRM forums
- Hold regular meetings to coordinate and keep stakeholders engaged in control efforts
- Hold training sessions on Amazon Frogbit and other aquatic weeds using the Aquatic Weed Management Manual
- Attend the Perth Garden Festival to promote problems with Amazon Frogbit and other aquatic weeds to general community
- Set up and conduct field trial of the effect of salinity levels and wind and waves on Amazon Frogbit
- Set up and conduct field trial of seed viability and growth rate of Amazon Frogbit
- Research and evaluate risk of Water Poppy and other potential weeds from the aquarium/water garden trade.

FUNDED BY: Swan Canning River Recovery Program 2.0 through Perth NRM.



Left: Amazon Frogbit flower, Right: Dense matting of Frogbit

Bickley Brook WQIP – Lakewood Cove Reserve Restoration

PROJECT PARTNERS: Conservation Volunteers, City of Gosnells and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

PROJECT OVERVIEW: This project is an extension of the Mandarin Road Urban Waterways Renewal site and in partnership with the City of Gosnells and DBCA, SERCUL will address the infestation of introduced grasses and various woody weeds and the revegetation of 16,446 plants (native wetland and dryland species) across 3059 m² of Lakewood Cove Reserve. This will improve the sites biodiversity, increase natural habitat values and provide water quality outcomes for the Bickley Brook.

FUNDED BY: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Acknowledgements

The success of the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare's project delivery is a direct result of financial and in-kind contributions from the following Australian Government Departments and funding programs, WA State Government Departments and funding programs, Natural Resource Management Organisations, private businesses, Local Governments and community groups. We would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank you for your assistance over the 2017-18 year which has allowed us to achieve the outcomes highlighted in this report.



Thank You

Improving the health of our land and waterways is at the forefront of SERCUL's operations and values.

We would like to sincerely thank the local community across the South region for their ongoing support and commitment to helping us achieve our aims this year.

We are greatly honoured to work alongside our project partners, industry partners, government agencies, local government, Aboriginal organisations, community groups and volunteers in the delivery of NRM and Landcare in the South region. We share our achievements with this positive and nurturing network.

To the many organisations and individuals who have provided support and volunteering for our NRM projects this year, we sincerely thank you.

As we commence the 2018-19 financial year, we look forward to continuing to work together to achieve more environmental and community outcomes for the South region, so that it continues to prosper.



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