

# 2022

## **SERCUL** 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT



*Community improving the health of our land and waterways*



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# WELCOME

**Welcome to the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare's (SERCUL) 2021-22 Annual and Financial Reports to our partners, members and the 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 and the southern suburbs of Perth. As part of the community, we work with State and Federal Government agencies, Local Governments, businesses, schools, community groups and volunteers to care for the environment and our local communities. This is done in many ways: working to improve biodiversity; protecting riverine, wetland and bushland environments; and engaging with our extensive community network to increase knowledge and skills in environmental management.

We are very proud of this year's achievements, which were 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.





## CHAIR'S MESSAGE STEPHEN JOHNSTON

Among the many legacies SERCUL's founding chair and my predecessor, Pat Hart, left to us was a simple observation that I have had cause to reflect on frequently: "I became involved with SERCUL," Pat said, "because I had a passion for landcare. Now I find that I am getting sleepless nights because I am running a small business."

A few simple comparisons highlight the underlying cause of Pat's observation. Ten years ago when SERCUL was in the midst of implementing the Commonwealth-funded \$8 million Urban Waterways Renewal Project, that project alone accounted for half of SERCUL's \$5.41 million in annual income. Helped by delays - and therefore expenditure - on the Project works, it was a significant contributor to our reported surplus in 2011-2012 of \$1.25 million.

This year our total income was less than half that of 2011-2012 and while grants are still the major source, 42 per cent of SERCUL's income - the highest ever proportion - was generated by our main business unit - Landcare Services. Supporting that - and our other smaller business initiatives in water quality monitoring, education and graphic design - with an efficient, well managed organisation is essential if we are to continue facilitating and delivering the great range of community environmental initiatives well described in the rest of this annual report.

For the Executive Committee, this means that unfortunately we rarely have time to discuss environmental and natural resource management issues. Our principal focus has necessarily been over the past two years - and will continue to be in the foreseeable future - on enhancing SERCUL's corporate capacity, its governance, financial management and administration. That's just the reality for a not-for-profit with up to 30 staff that has to compete successfully with an increasing number of other environmental businesses for contracts with very tight profit margins.

Against that background, along with inflationary pressures and staff shortages across the whole economy, and following a \$74,000 deficit in 2020-2021 - the fifth recorded by SERCUL in seven years - and a budget forecast for another substantial deficit in 2021-22, it is with considerable pride that we can instead

report a surplus of \$83,591. It is a great result that is predominantly due to the hard work of SERCUL's wonderful staff, volunteers and the Executive Committee.

I would like to make particular mention of Monica Estrada who has made the difficult choice to return to her home country of Colombia to support her elderly mother. Monica joined SERCUL in September 2009 as the water quality monitoring officer and volunteer coordinator. By 2015 she had become water quality monitoring officer and business planning manager - an interesting combination - then the following year business and finance manager. It is in that role that Monica has served SERCUL with particular distinction over the last seven years as she oversaw a complete overhaul of SERCUL's accounting system that gave us a much clearer financial view of each part of our diverse operations and then more recently has worked with our now treasurer, Fiona Audcent-Ross and CEO Amy Krupa to get our financial reporting onto a fully accrual basis. While doing all that in the last two years she also returned part-time to her original role to oversee water quality monitoring. Monica is a great example of the loyal, long serving, highly capable, hardworking, and very adaptable staff that have been the key to SERCUL's continuing success.

With a quarter of the current financial year already behind us, we know that the financial challenges for SERCUL are only going to get harder, particularly with significant increases in salary costs. Our budget forecast is for a substantially reduced surplus. But as we approach our 20th birthday in July next year and reflect on all that has been achieved since 2003, none of these economic and corporate preoccupations will lessen our commitment to work with community and all levels of government to fulfil SERCUL's aims and objectives for the environment that have remained almost unchanged since our inception.

**Stephen Johnston**  
Chairperson



## CEO'S MESSAGE AMY KRUPA

Another financial year has come to an end and we are extremely proud this year to announce that we have made a profit of \$83,591. This time last year we faced a loss of \$74,446 so this means we have made over a \$150,000 turnaround this financial year. A number of factors have led to this success including some staff working reduced hours and the implementation of more efficient administration and financial processes. We have also seen growth in some areas with landcare environmental services bringing in more revenue this year than previous years. Our education and promotion team also expanded their saleable items range and have more new products that will be available soon. A big thanks to all SERCUL staff and our Executive Committee for the many great ideas and the time committed to steering this ship in the right direction!

I also need to say a huge thanks to the funding bodies and partners that provide us with grants and funding that allow us to implement some amazing projects and outcomes. The Rivers and Estuaries Branch, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and the City of Canning provide funding for salaries for a number of staff members at SERCUL which allows us to support many community groups in our region. This core funding then allows us to apply for grants such as State NRM; Swan Alcoa Landcare Program; Swan Canning River Recovery and DBCA Community Rivercare where we support even more community groups and achieve amazing onground outcomes. Please refer to the following pages in this annual report which highlight the many achievements that this funding has supported.

The Federal election this year also provided an opportunity to seek further funding for the Canning River and catchment. Pat Hart, Chair of the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group and SERCUL's Chair, Stephen Johnston worked with the South East Corridor Councils Alliance (SECCA) to lobby both major parties to make an election commitment to the Canning River. Both parties did announce commitments and with Labor winning the election \$10 million has been promised for the Canning. How and when this funding will be delivered is currently being determined but SERCUL will have a major role in the delivery of projects funded by this election commitment.

This year we were fortunate to have the WA Minister for Environment; Climate Action, Reece Whitby attend our volunteer celebration event in May at the SERCUL office. Minister Whitby spent a few hours speaking to the over 60 volunteers that attended the morning tea. We also had the pleasure of Bill Johnston, Member for Cannington and the Mayors from the Cities of Armadale, Gosnells and Canning attend this celebration to thank our wonderful volunteers.

This year also saw well deserved recognition for Jayson Sekhon and Pat Hart for their tireless efforts working in our environment and community. Jayson, SERCUL Community Landcare Officer, won the Young Landcare Leader Award at the WA Landcare Awards in November 2021. Jayson coordinated the Blue Gum Lake project with over 40,000 plants being installed over the previous summer months and this was a big part of why he won this award. Pat Hart, SERCUL Life Member and past Chairperson, was awarded with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of Armadale in the 2022 Australia Day Honours. Pat received this recognition due to her outstanding contribution to the Armadale community where she has been involved in many environment groups including the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group and SERCUL, Neighbourhood Watch, Roleystone Family Centre, Roleystone Bush Fire Brigade and many other organisations.

To finish, thanks to the many volunteers and community groups that help us achieve our incredible outcomes. We look forward to working with you all again next year.

**Amy Krupa**  
Chief Executive Officer



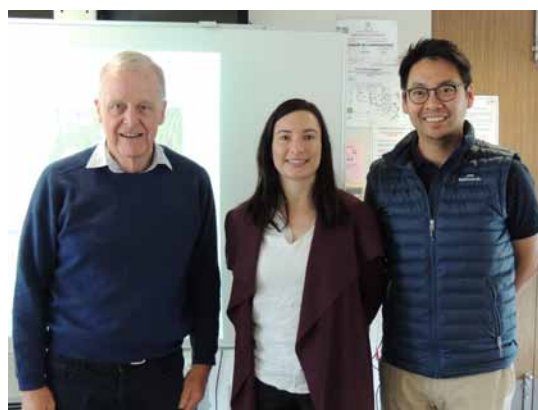


## STAFF EMPLOYED DURING 2021-22

Jose Alcala – HR, Payroll and Administration Officer  
 Matthew Barbour – Community Rivercare Officer  
 \*Daniel Barczy – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Matthew Bartley – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 \*Julian Beasley – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Natasha Bowden – Education and Promotion Manager  
 Warin Chotirosniramit – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Elbert Curtin – Environmental Services Supervisor, ESU  
 Kezang Dema – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Riley Dennis – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Gun Dolva – Environmental Monitoring Officer  
 Bethany Driscoll – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Jonathan Edgelow – Cleaner  
 Monica Estrada – Business and Finance Manager  
 \*Erin Farley – Environmental Education Officer  
 Farina Gandadjaja – Administration and Finance Officer  
 Raymond Grenfell – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Matthew Grimby – Environmental Services Manager  
 Alexandra Hegarty – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 \*Chloe Hill – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Amy Krupa – Chief Executive Officer  
 \*Candice Larkan – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Marco Lombard – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 John Maliunas – Landcare Officer, Shed and Vehicle Manager  
 \*Alexei McKay – Environmental Services Supervisor, ESU  
 \*Sarah Muller – Environmental Monitoring Officer  
 Jordan Murfit – Landcare Field Technician, ESU and OHS Officer  
 \*Darren O'Brien – Canning Community Landcare Officer  
 \*Wilson Orjuela – Landcare Field Technician, ESU and OHS Officer  
 Andy Owen – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Marcus Palandri – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Melaine Segers – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Jayson Sekhon – Community Landcare Officer  
 \*Gavin Shoesmith – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 \*Robyn Silberman – Environmental Monitoring Officer  
 Melinda Snowball – Promotions and Graphic Design Officer  
 Elliot Stewart – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Talen Stroot – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 \*Jon Waller – Landcare Field Technician, ESU  
 Dr Rose Weerasinghe – Ecologist  
 Catherine White – Canning Community Landcare Officer  
 Cat Williams – Community Landcare Manager  
 Niamh Williams – Environmental Education Officer  
 Odin Yorke – Environmental Services Supervisor, ESU

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Chair:** Stephen Johnston  
**Deputy Chair:** Kobi Bradshaw-Chen  
**Member:** Felicity Bairstow  
**Member:** Diane Dowdell  
**Member:** Fiona Audcent-Ross  
**Member:** Jacinta Riedel  
**Member:** Harry Sunarko



*Chair Stephen Johnston with new elected members, Jacinta and Harry at our 2021 AGM*

### AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WA CHAPTER STAFF:

Megan Mentz – Little Green Steps WA Program Manager  
 Belinda Bloxsome – WasteSorted Schools South Metro Support Officer and Little Green Steps WA Education Officer  
 \*Emma Malloch – Little Green Steps WA Education Officer

\*No longer working - left the organisation during the 2021-2022 financial year


ESU - Environmental Services Unit

## 2021-22 HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

 **over 4535** individuals  
contributed

 **10 869**  
hours of volunteering labour

**\$463 452**  
total value of volunteering

 **133** Landcare events

**119 120**  
Seedlings installed


**553 HA WEED MANAGEMENT**

*Value of volunteering: \$20/hr for children under 16 and \$50/hr for adults.*

 **105** EDUCATION WORKSHOPS, PRESENTATIONS AND  
DISPLAYS TO **2871** PEOPLE

**a+b=c 289** SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

Schools engaged in  
on-ground activities and  
environmental education **97**

 **30** Friends of groups supported

**1429** FACEBOOK TOTAL PAGE LIKES  
**27 595** FACEBOOK TOTAL PAGE REACH

**902**  PEOPLE SUBSCRIBED TO  
SERCUL AND EDUCATION  
NEWSLETTERS



### LANDCARE AWARD

Jayson Sekhon, SERCUL Community Landcare Officer, was awarded the Young Landcare Leader Award at the 2021 WA Landcare Awards. Jayson works closely with Friends of Groups in the Melville area where he implements a number of

projects. This is fantastic recognition of his work this year, especially the massive planting effort at Blue Gum Lake where over 40,000 plants were installed.

### MARC LANE RETIREMENT

At the 2021 AGM, long standing SERCUL Executive Committee member Marc Lane retired from the committee. Marc was on the committee for 12 years and was also Deputy Chair for most of those years.

A big thanks to Marc for his outstanding contribution to SERCUL over many years and we wish him well in his retirement.







SERCUL, as an incorporated, independent community environmental organisation, is 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 the Natural Resources of the South Region of Perth managed in a healthy and sustainable manner by all stakeholders for future generations.

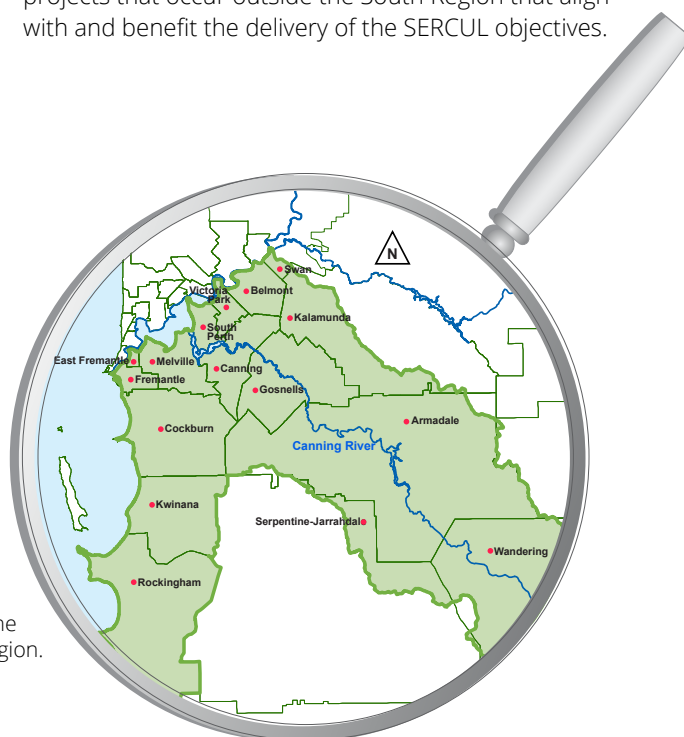
## MISSION

To use integrated natural resource management to foster cultural change in how the community perceives and interacts with the environment, whilst promoting and actively participating in the improvement of the health of waterways and other ecosystems within the South Region.

## OBJECTIVES

- To identify priority Natural Resource Management issues in the South Region in partnership with Community Groups, Local Government, State Government and Industry.
- Administer the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc. funds to promote the objectives and outcomes of the Association.
- Assist Community Groups, State and Local Government in the coordination and delivery of Natural Resource Management in the South Region.
- Support and encourage the implementation of best management practice of Natural Resources within the South Region.
- Recognise and embrace cultural and natural heritage.
- Foster research on matters relating to the South Region's natural and cultural heritage.
- Work in partnership with Community Groups, Local Government, State Government and Industry to educate the wider community to protect our natural resources.
- Support and encourage the formation and training of community environment groups.
- Support the development and implementation of projects that occur outside the South Region that align with and benefit the delivery of the SERCUL objectives.

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





## PROJECT LINKS TO OUR OBJECTIVES

Projects	Objectives								
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION</b>									
Phosphorus Awareness Project									
Mozzie Wise Program									
Little Green Steps WA									
WasteSorted Schools Program									
<b>COMMUNITY CAPACITY</b>									
Community Group Support									
Volunteer Program									
Enable and Sponsor Volunteer Groups (CSGL18013)									
Building Community Capacity (CSGL20026)									
Canning Community Landcare									
<b>LANDCARE AND RESTORATION</b>									
Combatting the Impacts of Urbanisation (CSGL19094)									
Resilient Landscape Program – Living Landscapes									
Nurdi Park									
Bull Creek									
Treasures Paddock									
Hydrocotyle Eradication Program									
Aquatic Weed Management Training									
River Health Improvement Program									
Iconic Project North and South									
Community Rivercare Grants									
Booragoon and Blue Gum Lakes									
Yule Brook Restoration									
Beckenham Memorial Groves Project									
<b>MONITORING AND RESEARCH</b>									
Water Quality Monitoring									
Horley Road Wetland – Biomonitoring									
Adenia Research Program									



ALGAE BUSTER



PHOSPHORUS  
AWARENESS  
PROJECT

## PHOSPHORUS AWARENESS PROJECT

COORDINATED BY: Natasha Bowden

The Phosphorus Awareness Project (PAP) is an education campaign that aims to educate the general community about the impact of too many nutrients entering waterways, in particular the Swan (Derbarl Yerrigan) and Canning (Djarlgarro Beelier) River systems and wetlands, and how to reduce those levels. It includes the Fertilise Wise campaign.

### SCHOOLS

255 SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS to 5958 students from Kindy to Year 12 at 43 Primary and 7 High Schools.

41 PLANTING SESSIONS during which 2520 plants were planted by 1990 school students and 93 teachers, equating to 1364 volunteer hours.

*Plants were used for revegetation projects, to beautify school gardens and to create frog habitat and Noongar Use (or 'Bush Tucker') Gardens. Planting events were tied in with classroom learning objectives.*

### COMMUNITY

10 DISPLAYS erected at workshops/fairs/open days/festivals held by various community groups, governments and not-for-profit organisations, which were interacted with by at least 1080 PEOPLE.

*Displays consisted of Phosphorus Awareness Project, Fertilise Wise and associated information available as pamphlets, stickers and on display boards.*

69 COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS to OSHC, Bush Ranger, Bush Cadet, River Ranger, teacher, garden, local government, community and homeschooling organisations, groups and clubs, that were attended by 1543 people.

### EVENTS

Organised a Fertilise Wise Training Session attended by 11 participants from the Education Department and the Cities of Stirling, Vincent and Fremantle.

Hosted the annual Canoeing on the Canning Professional Development Day which was attended by 16 teachers and community members.

### NUTRIENT SURVEY

The 2021 LGA Annual Nutrient Survey Report was sent out to all 30 Local Government Authorities (LGAs) in Perth. Responses were received from 23 LGAs and a report and scorecards published.

### VOLUNTEERS

Two Murdoch University interns contributed over 100 hours of volunteer work supporting the PAP program. Seventy five students contributed over 18 hours of volunteer work to the Clean Drains River Gains stencilling program.

### RESOURCES

Supported groups with PROJECT RESOURCES on 16 occasions. Over 1146 of the five Grow Local Plants brochures, 306 of the Fertilise Wise brochures and 7234 general Phosphorus Awareness Project brochures, stickers and other resources, have been distributed to nurseries, community and school groups, and at events.

The work of PAP has been promoted in the MEDIA on at least 58 occasions via newsletters, websites, social media such as Facebook and YouTube, and the Education Departments Connect.

The 13 VIDEOS on the SERCUL PAP YouTube Channel received an additional 1010 views.



North Harrisdale Primary students planting



Mary's Mount Primary student planting

This project is funded by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Rivers and Estuaries Branch and SERCUL.





## MOZZIE WISE PROGRAM

COORDINATED BY: Natasha Bowden and Dr Rose Weerasinghe

The Mozzie Wise Education Program was developed as a key component of SERCUL's integrated mosquito management approach within the Perth Region. SERCUL produced the Mozzie Wise Education Program and associated resource materials with the support of the Department of Health WA.

The aim of the program is to educate local communities and school children on all aspects of mosquito breeding prevention and personal protection and to increase children's science knowledge to help them understand the effect of their actions on the environment. 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 Educational Program is linked to the relevant Science Learning Area of the National Curriculum and provides a Teacher's Guide for levels from kindergarten through to high school.

### OUTCOMES:

- Mozzie Wise stall at the City Of Bayswater Avon River Descent Festival.
- Mozzie Wise Workshop at Environment House.
- Mozzie Wise presentation at the Australian Association for Environmental Education Conference.
- 34 Being Mozzie Wise incursions to students at Belmont Primary School, Carlisle Primary School, South East Metropolitan Language Development Centre, Noranda Primary School, Maylands Peninsula Primary School and North Parmelia Primary School.

This program is funded by SERCUL and the Cities of Bayswater, Belmont and Kwinana.



Rose and Don presenting Mozzie Wise activities at the Bayswater Avon Descent '21



Cloverdale Language Development Centre Mozzie Wise incursion





## LITTLE GREEN STEPS WA PROGRAM

COORDINATED BY: Megan Mentz and delivered with Emma Malloch & Belinda Bloxsome

Little Green Steps WA (LGSWA) is a program of the Australian Association for Environmental Education WA Chapter with HR management provided by SERCUL.

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, expo demonstrations 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.

### OUTCOMES:

#### PARTNERSHIPS

- Entered the third year of a three year partnership with WasteSorted Schools and began renewal for two more years.
- Completed the first year of a two year partnership with the City of Cockburn.
- Completed the final year of an 'open' partnership with the City of Canning.

#### WORKSHOPS

- Delivered six Reducing Waste workshops across Perth, with one in the Kalgoorlie region.
- Delivered four new Cloth in Childcare workshops to Early Years (EY) and Parents communities.
- Delivered two new Loose Parts Play workshops for EY settings.
- Delivered three extra workshops – one Cultural & Social Diversity for Cockburn FDC, St Kieran's PS & Mercy Care.

#### RESOURCES

- Created Sustainable Loose Parts Play Provocations Kit for EY Educators.
- Created the Sustainability Calendar for Early Years for a second year.

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Presented at Cockburn Early Years Network and the Cockburn Sustainability Group, Key Note presentation at REED conference, Canoeing on the Canning, Deputy Principals Network and provided activities at Froggy's Fun on the Green and presented at Earth Day Expo.

#### OTHER

- Attended a Strategic Planning Day for LGSWA & created a strategic and marketing plan.
- Successfully completed the WasteSorted Grant for Cloth Nappy Trial.

This program is funded by the Cities of Canning, Cockburn, Melville, Joondalup and the Waste Authority.

### WORKSHOPS

23 workshops delivered  
attended by 400 participants.

### MEDIA

2000 people subscribed to  
our mailing list.

### VOLUNTEERS

7 volunteers have contributed  
420 hours of volunteering with the  
value equating \$21 935.

75

MEMBERSHIPS

### PROJECT PARTNERS

Cities of Canning, Cockburn,  
Melville and the Waste Authority.

Subsidiary partners providing  
in-kind support: Cities of  
Bassendean, Fremantle, Kwinana  
& Kalgoorlie, Shire of Serpentine-  
Jarrahdale, Multicultural Futures,  
SERCUL, CREEC, EMRC,  
EY Services: Susan Teather-  
Wanslea, Bright Futures & Good  
Start ELC and the Nappy Guru.





## WASTESORTED SCHOOLS SOUTHERN METRO

COORDINATED BY: Belinda Bloxsome

WasteSorted Schools (WSS) Southern Metro is also a program of the Australian Association for Environmental Education WA Chapter (AAEE WA) with HR management provided by SERCUL. AAEE WA has partnered with the Waste Authority to provide on the ground WSS program support to schools in the southern suburbs of Perth.

Support includes:

- Incursions to promote responsible waste management behaviour, priority given to waste audit incursions
- Planning for the WSS Accreditation process and annual accreditation renewal
- Grant and project planning and support
- Staff presentations including workshops.

The aim was to actively engage and support teachers, students, and the school community by providing educational activities to increase knowledge and understanding of waste, avoiding waste, recovering waste as a resource and making landfill the last resort. Supporting the implementation of projects and actions that results in positive waste avoidance and minimisation behaviours becoming embedded into the day to day of teachers, students, and school communities was also achieved.

### OUTCOMES

Existing WSS school relationships continued to grow, and new schools were engaged and supported with embedding positive waste minimising behaviours in their school and community including rethinking, reducing their waste, and sorting waste items into the correct waste streams.

Waste audits provided an opportunity for schools to begin or continue to assess and monitor their schools waste to landfill. Often a waste audit highlighted achievements schools have accomplished reducing specific categories of waste to landfill due to waste minimisation projects schools have implemented. As well as highlighting achievements waste audits have also identified areas to begin new projects and areas to improve existing projects.

The WasteSorted race incursion has continued to be popular with schools and its flexibility has allowed for individualised learning for schools specific waste streams across a range of ages. Teachers coordinating school waste wise projects have communicated the benefits the WasteSorted race incursion has provided not only for the students to have practice and learning placing waste items in the correct waste streams but also for the teachers to provide awareness and knowledge of the schools waste minimising projects, encouraging active participation.

Support has been provided to schools throughout the year to become an accredited WasteSorted School and to support schools re-newing their accreditation. This guidance has often led to grant and project support and schools applying for WSS grants. This has been important for building relationships with schools and supporting schools through their individual waste wise journeys.

Supported 43 schools with a  
WASTE AUDIT INCURSION.

Supported 15 schools with  
WASTESORTED RACE INCURSION.

28 schools supported with  
accreditation/annual renewal  
accreditation and grant support.

Presented in collaboration with the  
WasteSorted Schools team two  
professional learning workshops.

316 teachers and  
5047 students engaged.



### PROJECT PARTNERS

WasteSorted Schools and  
SERCUL

This program is funded by the  
Waste Authority.





## COMMUNITY GROUP SUPPORT

SERCUL's Community Landcare team have had a busy year in support of the many varied landcare groups within the region. Throughout the 2021-22 financial year some 40 individual projects were implemented by 20 community environment groups, notably with the Friends of Paganoni Swamp running multiple projects across their 700 ha bushland utilising funding from several different agencies.

The most common support requested from SERCUL was to provide sponsorships and grant writing assistance. By the end of June 2022, we had a further 25 pipeline projects submitted for the next round of funding mainly through WA State NRM and the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program. Without sponsorship many groups would be simply unable to access the funds on offer but administering these grants does take time. We need to maintain strong compliance with the funding bodies, and this needs an eagle-eyed finance team and multi-tasking project officers. As is often the case, obtaining funds to support these staff remains problematic and we continue to request an admin percentage from successful sponsorship grants to help us support these roles.

SERCUL sponsored grants and/or grant applications for the following 20 groups through 2021-22:

1. Bungendore Park Environmental Group
2. Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
3. Friends of Fremantle Beaches
4. Friends of Booragoon & Blue Gum Lakes
5. Friends of Booyeembara Park
6. Friends of Greater Brixton Street Wetlands
7. Friends of Clontarf Hill
8. Friends of Forrestdale Lake NR
9. Friends of Gabbiljee
10. Friends of Hollis Park
11. Friends of Jandakot Regional Park
12. Friends of Jirdarup
13. Friends of Mosman Park Bushland
14. Friends of Paganoni Swamp
15. Friends of Samson Park
16. Friends of The Spectacles
17. Friends of Wadjup-Gabbilju
18. Friends of Wireless Hill
19. Murdoch Environmental Restoration Group
20. Wilson Wetlands Action Group

We also provide direct support for on-ground work, from placing plant orders and arranging deliveries, to loaning tools and equipment, augering for planting or in some instances helping to organise and supervise community landcare events to ensure projects are delivered to a high standard. We are also a source of free technical advice should anyone need help with plant ID for example or need to know the best method to deal with a particular weed.



Volunteer, Jane Brumley at Acourt Rd bushland, Jandakot Regional Park





## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

COORDINATED BY: Jayson Sekhon and Melinda Snowball

SERCUL manages a volunteer program which unites volunteers looking to give back, get involved, gain experience and learn about the landcare industry with SERCUL's projects which rely on community involvement. This year we had 36 active volunteers who have contributed over 1500 hours of in kind labour to our many onground landcare and research projects and support for our administration team. We have had Cannington Education Support Centre, the Bentley Health Unit and the Department of Justice Young Offenders Program continuing to maintain our homestead grounds and gardens, they have contributed over 130 hours. We would like to thank all the volunteers for their continued dedication and support to our organisation.

This program is funded by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Rivers and Estuaries Branch.

36  
ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

1783  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$89 150  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

## CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

More than 60 representatives from more than 20 community environment groups, two State Government ministers and three mayors gathered in perfect weather for the SERCUL volunteer morning tea on Saturday 21 May 2022. Guests enjoyed food from the grazing table funded by a Community Stewardship grant from the State Government's Natural Resource Management Program and drinks from the coffee van funded by Lotterywest through Volunteering WA, who also funded the door prize and the gift mugs emblazoned with the National Volunteer Week's 2022 theme, 'Better Together'.

After the Welcome to Country by Whadjuk Elder, Gail Wynne, the VIPs were introduced - Reece Whitby, Minister for Environment and Climate Action; Bill Johnston, Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services and Industrial Relations and member for SERCUL's local electorate of Cannington who is one of our most valued and long-time supporters. We also welcomed the Mayors of Armadale, Ruth Butterfield; Gosnells, Terresa Lynes, and Canning, Patrick Hall and acknowledged their strong support for the campaign for restoration of the Canning River.

In his speech, Mr Whitby recognised the critical importance of the volunteer workforce in undertaking hundreds of hours of on-ground conservation work which state and local governments could not possibly afford to do with paid staff. The Minister is well attuned to the importance of urban bushland as his Baldivis electorate encompasses some of the best examples in the southern suburbs of Perth including two Bush Forever sites, Leda Nature Reserve and Lake Coolongup Flora and Fauna Reserve along with Wellard Wetlands and Tamworth Hill Swamp Reserve.







## ENABLE AND SPONSOR VOLUNTEER GROUPS DELIVERING ON-GROUND OUTCOMES

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES – (CSGL18013, YEAR 4 OF 4)

COORDINATED BY: Cat Williams

This multi-year grant commenced in 2019 providing sponsorship of nine individual community landcare groups in the SERCUL region. A range of landcare activities aimed at protecting and improving the condition of urban bushlands was carried out. The grant was due completion in June 2022 however it was extended for three months to allow for some activities to be completed, considering delays and interruptions for volunteers and contractors over the past two years due to COVID-19.

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS AND KEY WORKS WERE FUNDED:

- Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor - supply of native tubestock for revegetation and resources for community landcare event
- Friends of Booyeembara Park - supply of native tubestock for revegetation and resources for community landcare event
- Friends of Bull Creek (Gabbiljee) - funds received for weed control, revegetation tubestock and community landcare events
- Friends of Clontarf Hill - supply of native tubestock for revegetation and support for community landcare event.
- Friends of Fremantle Beaches - supply of native tubestock for revegetation and support for community landcare event
- Friends of Hollis Park - supply of native tubestock for revegetation and support for community landcare event
- Friends of Paganoni Swamp - treatments and vehicle dieback control zones including limestone track installation
- Friends of The Spectacles - weed control, revegetation tubestock and funds for landcare events and workshops
- Friends of Wireless Hill - funds were received for manual weed control around sensitive orchid habitat.

16 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

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2  
WORKSHOP EVENTS

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15  
LANDCARE EVENTS

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9061  
PLANTS INSTALLED

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1025  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

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\$50 500  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING



*Friends of The Spectacles workshop on catchment health, water quality and macroinvertebrates with SERCUL*

### PROJECT PARTNERS

City of Fremantle  
City of Melville  
Department of Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions

This project is funded by  
the Western Australian  
Government's State NRM  
Program.



## BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY THROUGH VOLUNTEERING IN PERTH'S URBAN NATURAL HABITATS (CSGL20026, YEAR 1 OF 3)

COORDINATED BY: Cat Williams

This is the first year of a three-year sponsorship grant supporting eight landcare groups. Several of these projects are community partnerships with DBCA Regional Parks Unit and we thank DBCA for their continued support.

Interestingly, this grant for the first time, sponsors a group from just outside of the SERCUL region: The Friends of Mosman Park Bushland, who asked for sponsorship due to a lack of alternative organisations available to provide this service in their area.

FUNDS HAVE PROVIDED FOR A RANGE OF ON-GROUND WORKS AS FOLLOWS:

- Bickley Brook and Reservoir - revegetation tubestock, weed control and brochure production
- Friends of Harrisdale Swamp – feral bee control, tubestock and woody/climbing weed control
- Friends of Jandakot RP (Acourt Blocks) – tubestock and chemical weed control
- Friends of Jirdarup Bushland – motion sensing cameras for fauna monitoring and workshops
- Friends of Mosman Park Bushland – manual weed control assistance on limestone outcrop
- Friends of Samson Park – revegetation tubestock and community workshops
- Murdoch Environmental Restoration Group – project coordination, signage, feral bee control, weed control, dieback treatment and tubestock
- Wilson Wetlands Action Group – ground preparation, event funds, weed control and tubestock.



Planting day at Harrisdale Swamp.

205 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

5  
WORKSHOP EVENTS

13  
LANDCARE EVENTS

10 000  
PLANTS INSTALLED

1179  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$56 800  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

### PROJECT PARTNERS

Department of Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions

This project is funded by  
the Western Australian  
Government's State NRM  
Program.





## CANNING COMMUNITY LANDCARE

COORDINATED BY: Darren O'Brien and Catherine White

The Canning Community Landcare Officer is funded through a partnership with the City of Canning. This role provides support to Canning environmental community groups and Bannister Creek Catchment Group (BCCG). The Canning Community Landcare Officer supported five Canning groups including the Canning River Regional Park Volunteers, Friends of Queens Park Bushland, Friends of Rossmoyne Park, Canning River Residents Environment Protection Association and Wilson Wetlands Action Group. It has also been a busy year for BCCG, with six projects across the catchment. Despite being a year of weather extremes, and COVID-19, there has been massive support from the community. We would like to thank all the volunteers for their time and hard work in making sure these projects ran successfully. A massive thank you to the City of Canning for funding this position, and for also offering excellent technical advice, support and training.



### PROJECT PARTNERS

City of Canning  
Department of Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions  
Bannister Creek Catchment  
Group  
Water Corporation

1  
LANDCARE EVENTS

5.5 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

2000  
PLANTS INSTALLED

10  
VOLUNTEERS

40  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$2000  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

## ECOLOGICAL CORRIDOR REHABILITATION PROJECT

PROJECT LOCATION: Lambertia Creek, Ferndale

This is a multiyear project running from 2021-2023 at Lambertia Creek and the adjoining section of the Canning River Regional Park. Lambertia Creek connects to the Canning River at the same confluence as Bannister Creek. The project was designed to increase the ecological strength at the confluence and connects with work undertaken at Bannister Creek Adenia. The primary aim of this project is to increase the native vegetation coverage and reduce the spread of weeds into the Canning River Regional Park. This project also includes seed collection, to allow propagation of provenance stock for revegetation. This project was done in collaboration with the Bannister Creek Catchment Group, the City of Canning and DBCA.

### OUTCOMES:

A total of 2000 plants were installed this year and were comprised of provenance stock and general nursery stock. Seed collection over the summer went well, and next year the proportion of revegetation stock that is provenance will be higher. The majority of the year 2 planting was undertaken later in the season, which will be reflected in next year's report. Weeds were managed across 5.5 ha. Planting at this site was done by Murdoch University students and their hard work is much appreciated.



MUEnSA planting day

This project is supported by the Swan Canning River Recovery Project, delivered by Perth NRM through funding from the Australian Government.





## CANNING COMMUNITY LANDCARE CONTINUED

4  
LANDCARE EVENTS

4.8 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

1600  
PLANTS INSTALLED

### COMMUNITY CREATING RESILIENT BUSHLAND CORRIDORS

PROJECT LOCATION: Bannister Creek – Adenia Park

The project aim is to maintain and improve the ecological resilience of the Bannister Creek – Adenia Reserves by expanding the native buffer zone to protect the vulnerable saltmarsh community. This is the final year of this project. Thank you to all the volunteers who have contributed to this project over the last three years.

218  
VOLUNTEERS

300  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$9550  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

This project is funded by the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program.

5  
LANDCARE EVENTS

3.9 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

4136  
PLANTS INSTALLED

195  
VOLUNTEERS

324  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$10 137  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

### ENRICHING UNDERSTOREY DIVERSITY OF BANNISTER CREEK CATCHMENT CORRIDORS

PROJECT LOCATION: Bannister Creek, Bywood Way, Lynwood

Bannister Creek Catchment Group have done a lot of work at Bywood and Vellgrove over the past 20 years. Both areas are established living streams, with good canopy cover from mature trees. The first aim of this project was to increase the density of lower and mid-storey plants to create more habitat. The second aim was to reduce erosion and sediment entering the waterway by planting sedges along the riparian zone. The nature of Bannister Creek is that it is highly susceptible to weed outbreaks, due to being such a wet and dynamic site. Weed control was included to reduce weed density, and to address any new infestations. This project was done in collaboration with the Bannister Creek Catchment Group and the City of Canning.

#### OUTCOMES:

A total of 4136 plants were installed by five different community groups in the City of Canning. Despite a very hot summer, plant survival was high across both sites. Notably the sedges planted in the riparian zone have established well and have shown good growth so far. An area of 3.9 ha was managed in total, reducing the weed density and increasing the native vegetation coverage. A big thank you to the 195 volunteers that made this project possible.



This project is funded by the Perth NRM Swan Alcoa Landcare Program.



## CANNING COMMUNITY LANDCARE CONTINUED

### STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION TO BANNISTER CREEK CATCHMENT

This is a multi-year project running from 2021-2023 across the Bannister Creek Reserve. This project had two elements, to engage with the community and to set up some baseline monitoring data for macroinvertebrates along Bannister Creek. The workshops were aimed to help educate the community about the importance of wetlands both environmentally and culturally. Macroinvertebrate monitoring will enable a new measure of success for future revegetation projects, as well as giving a broader understanding of the ecosystem. This project was done in collaboration with the Bannister Creek Catchment Group and the City of Canning.

#### OUTCOMES:

Two workshops were hosted at Bannister Creek, one wetland with SERCUL and one Indigenous with Djiririly Dreaming. These workshops were well attended and demonstrated the public interest in learning more about Bannister Creek. Macroinvertebrate monitoring gave a snapshot into the health of the ecosystem. It also further demonstrated the dynamic nature of Bannister Creek, with quite different results being found in different seasons. Thanks to all those who attended a workshop or assisted with monitoring.

This project is supported by the Swan Canning River Recovery Project, delivered by Perth NRM through funding from the Australian Government.

4  
EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

2  
MONITORING EVENTS

90  
VOLUNTEERS

353  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$14 425  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

### ENHANCEMENT OF BANNISTER CREEK AND CANNING RIVER REGIONAL PARK BOUNDARY

PROJECT LOCATION: Bannister Creek - Adenia, Ferndale

This portion of Bannister Creek forms the confluence with the Canning River and is a very important ecological linkage. It is an area that is susceptible to rapid inundation due to rainfall events, which has been seen across the last two winters.

This project was run as a continuation of the works completed in the 2018-2021 DBCA Rivercare program funding. There were two major goals of the restoration works. The first was to support the existing revegetation through continued weed control; especially of morning glory, cyperus species and gladiolus which are the dominant weed species in this area, the second aimed to improve bank stabilisation through additional planting works along the riparian zone.

This project was done in collaboration with the Bannister Creek Catchment Group, City of Canning and DBCA.

#### OUTCOMES:

4081 sedges were installed along the edge of the bank, which has helped to reduce erosion. The dense planting technique utilised will also help to reduce future weed invasions. A total of 5.35 ha were managed, reducing the density of weed coverage and decreasing the weed seedbank. These results were achieved by the hard work of 155 volunteers.

This project is supported by the Swan Canning River Recovery Project, delivered by Perth NRM through funding from the Australian Government.

5.35 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

4  
LANDCARE EVENTS

4081  
PLANTS INSTALLED

155  
VOLUNTEERS

279  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$10 150  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING





## CANNING COMMUNITY LANDCARE CONTINUED

### CLIMATE RESILIENT CATCHMENT PROGRAM - BANNISTER CREEK CATCHMENT

PROJECT LOCATION: Bannister Creek Reserve, Portcullis Park and Adenia Park

This is a multi-year project running from 2022-2025 and focuses on sites not only at Bannister Creek, but across a much broader area within the Bannister Creek Catchment. This project aims to increase connectivity across highly fragmented sites within the catchment. This project includes revegetation and weed control across three sites; Bannister Creek Reserve, Portcullis Park and Adenia Park. Seed collection is also incorporated within this project, to allow for provenance seed to be propagated for both this project and future revegetation projects within the Bannister Creek Catchment.

#### OUTCOMES:

Seed collection went well over the summer and was able to be propagated in time for this year's revegetation season. A total of 1560 plants were installed this year and were comprised of provenance stock and general nursery stock. Weeds were managed across 6.9 ha. One community planting day occurred at Portcullis Park with the Willetton Interact Club. Planting across the rest of the sites was undertaken later in the season, which will be reflected in next year's report. Thanks to the 99 volunteers who did a wonderful job getting the plants in the ground.

This project is funded by the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program

1  
LANDCARE EVENTS

6.4 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

1540  
PLANTS INSTALLED

99  
VOLUNTEERS

399  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$11 450  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING



Portcullis Park planting day with Willetton Interact.



## COMBATting THE IMPACTS OF URBANISATION

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES – (CSGL19094, YEAR 2 OF 2)

COORDINATED BY: Cat Williams

This funding supports eight sub-projects each of which is SERCUL led in partnership with various land managers and stakeholders. Community participation has been encouraged, especially in works at Yule Brook, Horley Basin, Canning River and Adenia Saltmarsh.

Although this grant was initially 18 months in duration extensions were sought early on to facilitate approvals and investigative works at the Horley sub-project in particular. This year has seen the installation of over 20,000 plants, mostly at Horley Basin and we thank the various volunteers who have helped us complete this ambitious work.

SERCUL was awarded a portion of funds towards providing an officer to coordinate these projects.

20 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

5  
WORKSHOP EVENTS

18  
LANDCARE EVENTS

23 799  
PLANTS INSTALLED

396  
VOLUNTEERS

1746  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$80 550  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

### OUTCOMES:

- Adenia Saltmarsh – continued revegetation, weed control and monitoring, please see separate write-up, page 32, for more details
- Bickley Recreation Camp – signage, revegetation and weed control of priority weed species
- Boneseed Elimination (Perth Region) – location, mapping and removal of Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*) in places within the Cities of Armadale, Kalamunda and Swan, plus sites in Shire of Mundaring.
- Canning River – weed control and revegetation near Bacon Street-Kent Street Weir
- Horley Road 3 Basin – planning approvals, earthworks, weed control and revegetation
- Jandakot Regional Park (Acourt block) – revegetation and weed control targeting woody species
- Robert Weir Basin, Melville – partnership with City of Melville and Water Corporation to revegetate compensation basin to meet urban canopy planning and improve urban drainage
- Yule Brook – floodplain weed control and revegetation of understorey.

### PROJECT PARTNERS

Dept of Local Government,  
Sport and Cultural Industries

Cities of Swan, Kalamunda  
and Armadale, Shire of  
Mundaring

Water Corporation

City of Melville

DBCA

CSIRO and Perth NRM



Bickley Camp interpretative signage

This project is funded by the  
Western Australian Government's  
State NRM Program





## RESILIENT LANDSCAPE PROGRAM – PERTH NRM

IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THREATENED ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES IN THE SWAN NRM REGION – (SERCUL sub-project, Year 4 of 4)

COORDINATED BY: Cat Williams and Matt Grimbly

PROJECT LOCATIONS: Brixton St Wetlands, Paganoni Swamp and Forrestdale Lake

This past year represents the fourth of a five-year programme of conservation works in Forrestdale Lake, Paganoni Swamp and the Brixton St Wetlands. Each of these locations was selected because they contain several Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC) on the Perth Swan Coastal Plain. These reserves contain TEC: Claypan, Tuart and Banksia Woodland plus Declared Rare Flora.

The schedule of works was designed in partnership with the land managers DBCA, Perth NRM and the three community groups who contribute to the on-ground work. We appreciate the tremendous contribution of the volunteers, DBCA Regional Parks Unit staff and the DBCA Urban Nature Team in support of this project. Works planned for the final year include flora survey and weed mapping alongside continued weed control.

### OUTCOMES:

- Forrestdale Lake: weed control, feral bee control
- Brixton Street Wetlands: fencing, weed control, revegetation
- Paganoni Swamp: feral animal control, weed control, debris removal, fencing and revegetation
- Works to value \$129 848 were supplemented with a combined in-kind contribution of \$65 464
- Total weed management area: 270 ha
- Revegetated area: 0.7 ha

### PROJECT PARTNERS

Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands

Friends of Paganoni Swamp

Friends of Forrestdale

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions



Seed Collection



Paganoni Mapping



Friends of Brixton Street volunteers planting

This project is supported by Perth NRM, through funding provided from the Australian Governments National Landcare Program.





## SWAN CANNING RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM - STAGE 3

### NURDI PARK LIVING STREAM

COORDINATED BY: Cat Williams

PROJECT LOCATIONS: Nurdi Park, Riverton

This project continues to build on the successful Nurdi Park water treatment train constructed under the Swan Canning River Recovery Project (SCRRP) Stage 2 funding. Stage 3, which commenced in July 2021 has provided regular maintenance involving monitoring, litter removal and weed control. An additional 0.3 hectares of revegetation was carried out to complete the planting work that was unable to be finished during stage two works and infill planting was completed across the broader site.

Interpretive signage has been produced and installed on site to aid community understanding of the constructed wetland. Although community involvement has not been necessary for this project under the funding arrangement, we have had participation from Rossmoyne-Shelley Scouts who have completed both weed removal and revegetation planting on site through the year. This project now has one more year to run with a similar programme of maintenance. It is not planned to do further revegetation, given the success of previous planting work.

The City of Canning as project partner continues to provide maintenance support to the site through both its Parks and Gardens and Natural Area Maintenance Teams. The City also donated plants for revegetation in September 2021 to add to stock purchased under SCRRP funds. Water Corporation has also contributed funds for the maintenance of the site.

Starting in early 2022 an experiment to monitor and assess nutrient entering and leaving the water treatment train was commenced by researchers from the University of WA. This work will continue for a further year.

1 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT &  
LITTER REMOVED

15 540  
PLANTS INSTALLED

17  
VOLUNTEERS

\$1020  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

#### PROJECT PARTNERS

City of Canning  
Water Corporation  
Perth NRM



Rossmoyne Shelley Scouts planting at Nurdi



New signage at Nurdi Park

This project is supported by the Swan Canning River Recovery Project, delivered by Perth NRM through funding from the Australian Government.





## SWAN CANNING RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM - STAGE 3

### TREASURE'S Paddock

COORDINATED BY: Jayson Sekhon

PROJECT LOCATION: Treasure's Paddock, Ferndale

Treasure's Paddock is a seasonal wetland located near the Canning River which is significant for its proximity to an adjacent clay pan salt marsh which is a threatened ecological community. This restoration project aims to increase resiliency and create a buffer for this clay pan while boosting local biodiversity and connectivity to the Canning River.

During this second year of the project, 6500 overstory trees have been planted with most surviving the long, hot summer. Due to the removal of the weeds which previously outcompeted any natives, hundreds of native eucalypts and sedges also germinated further improving the restoration of the site.



1.5 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

6500  
PLANTS INSTALLED

14  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$700  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

#### PROJECT PARTNERS

Department of Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions

### GABBILJEE - BULL CREEK RESERVE

COORDINATED BY: Jayson Sekhon

PROJECT LOCATION: Gabbiljee Reserve, Bull Creek

This three-year project is a continuation of the previous two stages of the Swan Canning River Recovery Project. The aims in this third stage are to extend the management of the site into previously weed infested areas and to make significant progress towards controlling blackberry and lantana across Gabbiljee Reserve. Alongside this weed control, ongoing revegetation will occur to fill these newly opened areas. This project is carried out in close collaboration with the Friends of Gabbiljee Reserve (formerly Friends of Bull Creek Catchment) and City of Melville.

During this second year, weed control was carried out across the full 9 ha targeting woody weeds and annual grasses. The weed control prepared sites for planting allowing the installation of over 4000 wetland sedges and shrubs along the creek last November. This winter, a new section of dense woody weeds was cleared to prepare for another area of revegetation on the northwest side of the site.

#### PROJECT PARTNERS

Friends of Gabbiljee  
City of Melville  
Perth NRM

9 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

4048  
PLANTS INSTALLED

41  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$2050  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

These projects are supported by the Swan Canning River Recovery Project, delivered by Perth NRM through funding from the Australian Government.





## SWAN CANNING RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM - STAGE 3 CONTINUED

### HYDROCOTYLE ERADICATION PROGRAM

COORDINATED BY: Matt Grimbly

PROJECT LOCATION: Canning River

*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 and second rounds of the Swan Canning River Recovery Project which greatly reduced Hydrocotyle coverage and abundance. Hydrocotyle has continued to germinate in the Canning River and Wilson Wetland in the Canning River Regional Park. This program will now be extended as part of the Swan Canning River Recovery Project Stage 3 to continue mapping and controlling Hydrocotyle until the seedbank is exhausted.

This project is nearing completion with Hydrocotyle now reduced to small areas where germination has persisted, but where the seedbank is likely close to exhaustion. This year 22 ha of area has been managed.

Photo left: Difference in leaf structure, blue circle is *Centella* and red is *Hydrocotyle*. Small infestations can be easily missed when it grows among *Centella*.

Photo right: Mapping *Hydrocotyle* by Andy from our Environmental Services Team



### AQUATIC WEED MANAGEMENT TRAINING

COORDINATED BY: Amy Krupa

Aquatic Weed Management Training is held at the Canning River Eco Education Centre and is based on the Aquatic Weed Management Manual that was authored by Julie Robert and produced by SERCUL. SERCUL run this training in partnership with Julie, who is the trainer, with support of SERCUL staff.

Two workshops were held in September 2021, one for Operators and the other for Decision Makers. The Operators training is hands on and involves identifying aquatic weeds, techniques for controlling aquatic weeds, learning how to map and remove the weeds onsite and case studies are presented about how to respond to an aquatic weed outbreak. Decision Makers training is aimed at Officers that make decisions on budgets and involves risk assessment of aquatic weed outbreaks.



Participants identifying aquatic weeds during the training.

2  
WORKSHOPS

16  
PARTICIPANTS

These projects are supported by the Swan Canning River Recovery Project, delivered by Perth NRM through funding from the Australian Government.





## RIVER HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – RHIP

COORDINATED BY: Jayson Sekhon

PROJECT LOCATIONS: Wharf Street Wetland, Anvil Way Wetland, Liege Street Wetland, Manley Street Basin and Bickley Road Basin

SERCUL assists the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions with coordinating and delivering monitoring and maintenance activities at River Health Improvement Program sites within the Cities of Canning and Gosnells. These sites include Wharf Street Wetland, Anvil Way Wetland, Liege Street Wetland, Manley Basin and Bickley Basin. SERCUL's role includes liaising with partners, monitoring progress at RHIP sites and reporting to DBCA.

### PROJECT PARTNERS

Department of Biodiversity,  
Conservation and  
Attractions

City of Canning

City of Gosnells

Water Corporation

## ICONIC PROJECT NORTH AND SOUTH SUB-REGIONS OF PERTH

COORDINATED BY: Matthew Barbour

PROJECT LOCATIONS: City of Bayswater and the City of Armadale

The State Government has contributed \$940,000 towards Iconic projects in the North and South sub-regions of Perth, which aims to improve riparian habitat by identifying priority sites and undertaking any site-specific measurements to determine project suitability and work with relevant stakeholders to develop and deliver the project implementation plan. The City of Bayswater has been consulted to help implement the project in their council for the North sub-region and the City of Armadale has been identified for the South sub-region. Both projects are still in the planning stages and focused on delivering enhanced community value, habitat, and water quality improvements along the Canning and Swan Rivers.



*Sediment profiling*

## COMMUNITY RIVERCARE GRANTS

COORDINATED BY: Matthew Barbour

The Community Rivercare Officer position has been involved with the approval of 20 Community Rivercare round 5 grants for 2021-22. This included assisting with the planting of 1,300 seedlings for the Friends of St Leonards and assisting other friend's groups with planting and site preparation along the river such as Friends of Canning River Regional Park, Canning Sea Scouts and Lockridge Primary School.



*Community Rivercare Officer Matt with Michelle from DBCA on a preliminary site visit at Yule Brook*

These projects are funded by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Rivers and Estuaries Branch.





## RESTORATION OF BOORAGOON AND BLUE GUM LAKES

COORDINATED BY: Jayson Sekhon

PROJECT LOCATION: Booragoon Lake, Booragoon and Blue Gum Lake, Mount Pleasant

These two culturally and environmentally significant wetlands are the northern most of the Beeliar Wetland Chain. Working closely with the Friends of Booragoon and Blue Gum Lakes and the City of Melville, SERCUL has worked on the restoration of a section of each of these lakes for several years now. As part of this project, the Blue Gum Lakebed Restoration began in 2020 on the highly degraded, seasonally-dry, western lakebed. From 2019 to 2022, a total of 60,000 wetland plants have been installed in the lakebed with an additional 13,000 planted in the dryland revegetation zones of both lakes. Over 26,000 of these plants were installed this year with all project milestones completed and this three year project officially ending in September 2022.

Our massive thanks to everyone in the community who assisted or contributed to the enormous undertaking of revegetating and restoring these sites.



*Planting at Blue Gum Lake*

This project is funded by the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program

13  
COMMUNITY EVENTS

26 002  
PLANTS INSTALLED

3.1 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

510  
VOLUNTEERS

1389  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$60 970  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

### PROJECT PARTNERS

Friends of Booragoon and  
Blue Gum Lakes  
City of Melville





## ENHANCE THE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION VALUES OF THE YULE BROOK PALUSPLAIN AND SUMPLAND

COORDINATED BY: Dr Rose Weerasinghe

PROJECT LOCATION: Yule Brook, Beckenham

Yule Brook sumpland (small wetlands) and palusplain area is one of the key catchments of the Canning River which provides suitable habitats for biodiversity. SERCUL is situated alongside the Yule Brook and has a longstanding commitment to rehabilitating the area. Some areas are dominated by *Paspalum distichum*, *Paspalum dialatum* and other weeds, which prevent the germination of native species, reduce habitats for aquatic fauna and increase mosquito breeding habitats.

This project will contribute to the ongoing rehabilitation of the Yule Brook ecological corridor that has been carried out through previous SALP and State NRM projects. The main objective of the project is to remove weed biomass to improve hydrology, enhance habitats of the Yule Brook floodplain and to prevent mosquito and midge breeding in the area.

### OUTCOMES:

- Collected baseline ecological data;
- Carried out first round of priority weed control in 1.34 ha;
- Removed couch biomass (*Paspalum distichum*) from the boardwalk wetland;
- Increased water depth and the flow of the boardwalk wetland;
- Increased sighting of water birds after couch removal and
- The project provided opportunities for University and TAFE students to participate and learn skills about ecological restoration and macroinvertebrate monitoring and identification.

2  
LANDCARE EVENTS

1.34 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

31  
VOLUNTEERS

95  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$4750  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

This project is funded by the Perth NRM Swan Alcoa Landcare Program

## BOWRA & O'DEA AND TRILLION TREES BECKENHAM MEMORIAL GROVES PROJECT

COORDINATED BY: John Maliunas

PROJECT LOCATION: Beckenham Open Space, Beckenham

The Bowra & O'Dea and Trillion Trees Beckenham Memorial Groves project, commenced in 2008 with the goal to create Memorial Groves for the families of Bowra & O'Dea Funeral Directors clients. Each Grove has approximately 4000 trees and native plants.

This year is its final year and saw the infill planting of 2540 plants into the 2022 grove by Sathaya Sai group. The groves will be maintained for another five years.

2540  
PLANTS INSTALLED

45  
VOLUNTEERS

\$9000  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

This project is funded by Bowra & O'Dea Funeral Directors and supported by Trillion Trees.



## WATER QUALITY MONITORING

COORDINATED BY: Gun Dolva (2022), Sarah Muller, Robyn Silberman and Monica Estrada (2021 – 2022)

In 2021-2022, SERCUL coordinated Water Quality Monitoring Partnership Programs in three key catchments of the Swan-Canning river system (South Perth Catchment, Bull Creek Catchment and the Bennett Brook Catchment). These projects, supported by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), relevant local government authorities (LGAs), and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage/West Australian Planning Commission (Whiteman Park) continue to promote a cooperative approach to water quality monitoring. For each program, SERCUL prepared a sampling and analysis plan (SAP); conducted the sampling, collated, and analysed data to produce a report highlighting important findings and provided recommendations. Data generated by these programs was submitted to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) Water Information Reporting (WIR) database for use by DBCA Rivers and Estuaries Branch to implement local Water Quality Improvement Plans (WQIP). SERCUL also coordinates independent water quality monitoring programs for several local governments in areas where water quality is of particular local interest.

Furthermore, SERCUL has a collaborative arrangement with DBCA to undertake surface water, groundwater, and sediment sampling for three projects established as part of the River Health Improvement Program (RHI) (formerly known as the Drainage Nutrient Intervention Program (DNIP). The RHI plan is funded through DBCA Rivers and Estuaries Branch as part of the Healthy Catchments Program, whose aim is to reduce nutrients and contaminants entering the Swan and Canning Rivers.

Findings from the monitoring plans suggest that activities aimed at improving river and wetland ecosystems have had positive outcomes for the health of many of the monitored ecosystems. Ongoing monitoring will therefore continue to build a data base of information necessary for the management of these systems.

### OUTCOMES:

Three programs implemented for the DBCA/LGA Water Quality Partnership Programs:

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

Two programs implemented for independent water quality monitoring programs for LGAs:

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

River Health Improvement Program:

- Undertaking surface water (monthly basis), groundwater (quarterly basis) and sediment (twice-yearly) monitoring at three DNIP projects: Anvil Way Compensation Basin, Liege Street Wetland and Wharf Street Constructed Wetland, on behalf of DBCA.



*Bodkin Park*

5  
CATCHMENTS

87  
SAMPLE SITES

38  
SAMPLING EVENTS

404  
WATER SAMPLES  
COLLECTED

16  
SEDIMENT SAMPLES  
COLLECTED

This program is funded by the Cities of South Perth, Bayswater, Swan and Melville; Whiteman Park (WAPC); Town of Claremont and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions - Rivers and Estuaries Branch.





## HORLEY ROAD WETLAND

### BIOMONITORING PROJECT

COORDINATED BY: Dr Rose Weerasinghe

PROJECT LOCATION: Horley Road, Beckenham

Systematic bio-monitoring at the wetland has been conducted by SERCUL and volunteers on an in-kind basis since 2016. The aims of this project are to track and record ecological changes that may be occurring in the wetland as a result of wetland rehabilitation and 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.

The information obtained from this project can be used to assist wetland managers with restoration activities, and for managing wetland mosquito populations for human health and environmental purposes.

#### OUTCOMES:

- Continued post-rehabilitation investigation;
- Data shows an increase in diversity and densities of birds, frogs, macroinvertebrates, and decreases in mosquito breeding (only rare occurrence) in the wetland;
- The improved hydrological capacity and water flow reduces the stagnation that allows mosquitoes and midges to breed;
- Native shrubs and sedges naturally regenerated from seed banks in the couch biomass removed areas;
- The wetland used as a gambusia free reference site for a university project;
- The project provided opportunity for University, TAFE students, and community volunteers to participate and learn skills relevant to wetland rehabilitation, ecological monitoring, and analysis;
- Provided in situ learning opportunities for school students to embrace wetland education and
- Wetland provided macroinvertebrates for SERCUL's educational programs: school incursions/excursions and community workshops.



Bio-monitoring with volunteers

4  
VOLUNTEERS

40  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$2025  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

This project is supported by  
SERCUL In-kind.



## ADENIA RESEARCH PROJECTS

COORDINATED BY: Dr Rose Weerasinghe and Darren O'Brien

PROJECT LOCATION: Adenia Saltmarsh, Riverton

The Canning River Regional Park (CRRP) contains one of the few remaining areas of estuarine saltmarsh vegetation in the Swan-Canning River system. Adenia project sites are temperate saltmarshes located in the CRRP, with estuarine saltmarsh habitats recognised nationally as a Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) since 2013 and ranked as vulnerable. The saltmarsh vegetation complex is also listed as a priority III ecological community in Western Australia.

Systematic bio-monitoring and rehabilitation at Adenia Saltmarsh has been conducted by SERCUL with stakeholders including Curtin University and North Metro TAFE students through different grants since 2016. These projects were to learn saltmarsh ecology, rehabilitation techniques and to help mitigate climate change by increasing carbon sequestration services by saltmarsh plants and ecosystems which are one of the important blue carbon systems.

CURRENTLY SERCUL HAS TWO PROJECTS:

### REHABILITATION OF TEMPERATE SALTMARSH TEC IN THE CANNING RIVER REGIONAL PARK

The project will remove the competition of invasive weeds to native vegetation by stimulating native species regeneration and enhancing habitat qualities. The infill revegetation of provenance species will assist in suppressing the weed species whilst maintaining ecological value and diversity of the area.

Part of the on-going research for this site will be monitoring the recovery of the saltmarsh in the rehabilitated area. SERCUL is working in partnership with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to protect and enhance the blue carbon function of the project site.

This project is supported by the Swan Canning River Recovery Project, delivered by Perth NRM through funding from the Australian Government.

### ADENIA SALTMARSH REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION PROJECT

The aim of this project is to conduct experimental rehabilitation trials, educate local community about importance of saltmarshes as blue carbon sinks and to enhance the quality of this Threatened Ecological Community and thereby strengthen the ecological linkages it is part of.

This project is funded by the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program

#### PROJECT PARTNERS

City of Canning and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

#### OVERALL OUTCOMES:

- Continued ecological monitoring in management area;
- Conducted a detailed Flora survey of 35 ha of Canning River Regional Park;
- Conducted plant survival surveys in rehabilitated areas;
- Conducted three educational field days/workshops on saltmarsh vegetation and rehabilitation;
- Removed aggressive weeds: invasive *Typha orientalis* and salt water couch, *Paspalum vaginatum* and other weeds in 1.8 ha;
- Conducted two experimental halophyte translocation trials;
- Collected and propagated provenance species seeds and cuttings and 5124 provenance halophytes were planted.
- Delivered four presentations to share Adenia TEC project knowledge.

7  
COMMUNITY EVENTS

5124  
PLANTS INSTALLED

1.8 HA  
WEED MANAGEMENT

37  
VOLUNTEERS

601  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$30 050  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING









## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

MANAGED BY: Matt Grimbly

This financial year has seen SERCUL deliver many weed control, bushland maintenance, revegetation and erosion control projects for a wide range of customers. Work has included: weed control in sensitive remnant bushlands, wetlands and waterways; revegetation of river foreshore and bushland areas; manual control of large infestations of woody weeds; erosion control on the river foreshore and steep revegetation areas and; watering and greenstock maintenance in revegetation areas.

### CLIENTS INCLUDED:

- Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group
- Bannister Creek Catchment Group
- City of Armadale
- City of Canning
- City of Cockburn
- City of Fremantle
- City of Melville
- City of Nedlands
- City of Perth
- DBCA
- DPIRD
- Friends of Clontarf Hill
- Friends of The Spectacles
- Murdoch University Environmental Restoration Group
- SUEZ
- Trillion Trees

One area that we specialise in is bushland weed control which we deliver for several local governments, state government agencies and community groups. Our skilled and passionate team of Field Technicians are experts in using Integrated Weed Management techniques including manual and mechanical weed removal and the use of selective herbicides and non selective herbicides to control a wide range of serious weeds in environmentally sensitive areas.

### TARGET SPECIES HAVE INCLUDED:

- Exotic grasses such as perennial and annual veldt grass, tambookie, African love grass and *Arundo donax*;
- Invasive geophytes such as Watsonia, arum lily, cape tulip, Gladiolus spp, Freesias, Lachenalia and black flag;
- Woody weeds including several eastern states Acacia species, blackberry, Brazilian pepper, boneseed, feral Eucalypts and olive trees;
- Aquatic weeds including the very serious waterways threat, Amazon frogbit;
- Many of the other ever present general weeds that if left unchecked will quickly overrun revegetation areas before the seedlings are able to establish.

By selecting the most appropriate methods for each target species in each scenario we aim to achieve the best environmental outcome of reducing the threats posed by weeds to our bushland and waterways whilst having the smallest impact possible on these precious areas.



*Odin, Environmental Services Supervisor slashing Typha*



*Environmental Services staff preparing for weed control work*





## WA STATE NRM GRANT: SUPPORTING THE LANDCARE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT IN PERTH'S SOUTH-EAST - (CSGL22001)

This is a large three-year (2022-25) grant sponsoring five community groups, but it also provides funds for two SERCUL-led projects at Horley Road and Yagan Wetland. The total value of the project including in kind and volunteer contributions is \$1 million over three years. A proportion of funds have been provided for project coordination and community support. This grant also facilitates two SERCUL hosted workshops per annum and we invite the landcare community to make requests for the topics they would like to see included. Works commence from July 2022.

- Yagan Wetland – weed control and revegetation in partnership with City of Canning
- Horley Road Basins – weed control and infill revegetation
- Friends of Hollis Park – revegetation tubestock
- Friends of Fremantle Beaches – revegetation tubestock
- Friends of Booyeembara Park – tubestock, limestone track materials and fencing
- Friends of The Spectacles - weed control, tubestock, Welcome to Country NAIDOC planting event
- Friends of Jirdarup - weed control in banksia woodland



*Restoration work will continue at the Horley Road Basins*

## DBCA COMMUNITY RIVERCARE: REHABILITATION OF THE CANNING-YULE BROOK CONFLUENCE

SERCUL was awarded a four-year grant for weed control and revegetation at Beckenham, working at the confluence of the Yule Brook and Canning River. This project was scheduled to commence from July 2022 and will include installation of 2000 understorey plants along with a *Centella asiatica* vegetative translocation trial. Funds will also provide supporting weed control. The total value of this project together with in-kind and volunteer contributions is \$111K.

## PIPELINE PROJECTS – MAJOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED 2022

### DBCA SWAN CANNING URBAN FOREST

Funding from this program may provide significant contributions for projects increasing canopy in the Swan-Canning Riverpark. Early discussions and project site scoping show potential within the City of Canning and SERCUL will be working closely with the City to assist development and implementation of these projects.

### WA STATE NRM GRANTS

Two large SNRM grant submissions were prepared during FY22. These applications will be assessed towards the end of 2022, and if successful work is scheduled to begin in mid 2023.

- WA SNRM CSGL22001 Protecting the Bushlands of the Rockingham Lakes Regional Park
- WA SNRM CSGL22002 NE Beeliar Wetlands and Surrounds Community Landcare Programme



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANK YOU

The achievements of the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare's project delivery are due to the financial and in-kind contributions from Federal, State and Local Governments and income generated by SERCUL's Environmental Services team through its contract work. We sincerely thank all our partners and the local community across the South Region for their continuing support which has allowed us to achieve the outcomes highlighted in this report.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to work alongside our project and industry partners, government agencies, local government, Aboriginal organisations, community groups and volunteers in the delivery of natural resource management and landcare in the South Region. We share our achievements with this positive and supporting network.

As we commence the 2022–23 financial year, we look forward to continuing to work together to achieve many more positive environmental outcomes for the South Region.

## FUNDING BODIES AND PARTNERS



**Australian Government**  
Department of Agriculture,  
Water and the Environment



Australian Government

**National  
Landcare  
Program**



Department of **Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions**



**natural resource  
management program**



**BOWRA & O'DEA**  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS





2022

**SERCUL**  
**2021-2022**  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
*for the year ended 30 June 2022*





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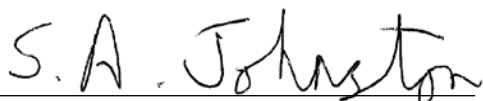
## Statement by the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has determined that South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc. (the 'Association') is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Notes 1 & 2 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Executive Committee, the financial statements, and notes, as set out on pages 6 to 15 are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, Associations Incorporation Act 2015 and:

1. Comply with the Australian Accounting Standards applicable to South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc.
2. Gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Notes 1 & 2; and
3. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 and is signed for and on behalf of the Executive Committee by:



Stephen Johnston  
Chairperson  
*Dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022*



Kobi Bradshaw-Chen  
Deputy Chairperson  
*Dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022*

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**  
**TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH EAST REGIONAL CENTRE FOR URBAN  
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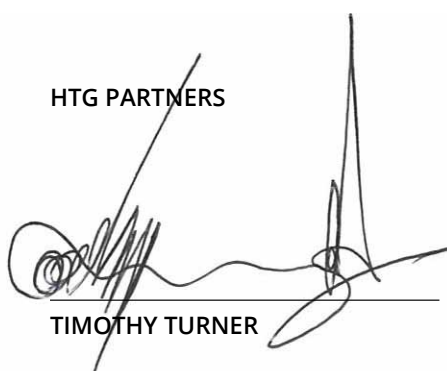
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I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2022 there has been:

- (i) no contraventions of the independence requirements in relation to the audit, and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

**HTG PARTNERS**



**TIMOTHY TURNER**

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH EAST REGIONAL CENTRE FOR URBAN LANDCARE INC

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

##### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report of South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc (the 'Association'), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the Association Committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Act 2015, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Notes 1 & 2 and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2013.

##### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH EAST REGIONAL CENTRE FOR URBAN LANDCARE INC**

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

##### **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Act 2015. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

##### **Responsibilities of the Executive Committee for the Financial Report**

The Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Notes 1 & 2 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, Associations Incorporation Act 2015, the Rules of Association and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee of Management's responsibility also includes such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Executive Committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

##### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken based on this financial report.

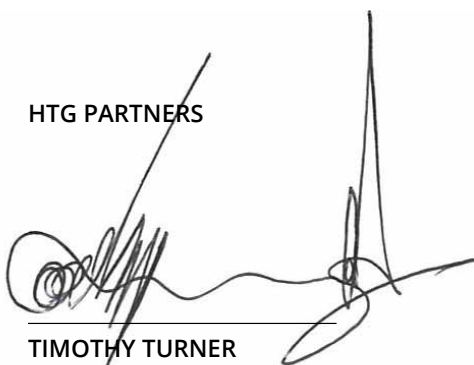


**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH EAST REGIONAL CENTRE  
FOR URBAN LANDCARE INC**

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report (*continued*)**

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**HTG PARTNERS**



**TIMOTHY TURNER**  
Partner

Signed at Perth on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022



## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

*for the year ended 30 June 2022*

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue	3	2,652,004	2,784,046
Other income	3	8,650	18,894
Direct costs	4	(2,146,188)	(2,173,419)
Administration and general expenses	5	(383,254)	(650,614)
Property and communications expenses		(26,307)	(32,830)
Governance expenses		(17,168)	(12,817)
Interest expenses		-	-
Loss on sale of fixed asset		-	-
Other expenses		(4,146)	(7,707)
<b>Net surplus /(loss) for the year before income tax</b>		<b>83,591</b>	<b>(74,446)</b>
Income Tax Expense	2(d)	0	0
<b>Net surplus /(loss) for the year</b>		<b>83,591</b>	<b>(74,446)</b>
Other comprehensive income		0	0
<b>Total profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>83,591</b>	<b>(74,446)</b>





## Statement of Financial Position

*for the year ended 30 June 2022*

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	2,412,127	1,691,699
Trade receivables	7	212,582	418,925
Other assets	8	134,386	95,546
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>2,759,095</b>	<b>2,206,169</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, Plant, and equipment	9	97,199	164,575
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>97,199</b>	<b>164,575</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>2,856,294</b>	<b>2,370,744</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	10	311,655	367,313
Provisions	11	192,444	187,841
Other liabilities	12	1,314,910	867,477
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,819,010</b>	<b>1,422,631</b>
<b>NON - CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provisions	11	16,468	10,887
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>16,468</b>	<b>10,887</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,835,478</b>	<b>1,433,519</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,020,816</b>	<b>937,225</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained earnings		1,020,816	937,225
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>1,020,816</b>	<b>937,225</b>

## Statement of Changes in Equity

*for the year ended 30 June 2022*

### 2022

	Retained earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2021	937,225	937,225
Surplus for the year	83,591	83,591
Balance at 30 June 2022	1,020,816	1,020,816

### 2021

	Retained earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2020	1,011,671	1,011,671
Loss for the year	(74,446)	(74,446)
Balance at 30 June 2021	937,225	937,225





## Statement of Cash Flows

*for the year ended 30 June 2022*

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Receipts from customers, government, and grants		3,301,129	2,426,353
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,588,157)	(2,657,794)
Other receipts		4,015	9,693
Interest received		3,442	8,603
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities</b>	13(a)	<b>720,428</b>	<b>(213,145)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		0	(75,587)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		0	0
<b>Net cash (used in) / provided by investing activities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>(75,587)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
		-	-
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		720,428	(288,731)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,691,699	1,980,430
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>	6	<b>2,412,127</b>	<b>1,691,699</b>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### *For the Year Ended 30 June 2022*

#### 1. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements cover South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc (the 'Association') as an individual entity. South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc is an association incorporated in Western Australia and operating pursuant to the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

The Executive Committee has prepared the financial statements on the basis that the Association is a non-reporting entity because there are no users who are dependent on its general-purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Act 2015. The Association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 were approved and authorised for issue by the Executive Committee on the date their report on Page 1 was signed.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to large entities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012. The Association has complied with all the recognition and measurement of Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not consider changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### (a) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

##### (b) Plant and equipment (PE)

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment loss.

The depreciable amount of all PE is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used are as follows:

- Computers: 40%
- Motor Vehicles: 25%
- Office Equipment: 10% - 40%
- Plant and Equipment: 20% - 40%
- Leasehold Improvement: over the remaining life of the lease

##### (c) Financial Liabilities – including trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Association during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled, or expires.

##### (d) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been recognised as the Association is exempt from income tax under section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 as amended.

##### (e) Employee benefits

Short term employee benefits are benefits that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the employees render the related service and are measured at the undiscounted amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Long term employee benefits are benefits not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service.





## Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### (e) Employee benefits (continued)

They are measured at the expected future payments to be made to employees based up the current rates of remuneration. The Association presents employee obligations as current when there is no right to defer settlement for 12 months irrespective of when settlement is expected.

Contributions are made to employee nominated superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred. The Association has no other legal obligations to provide other benefits to employees on retirement.

##### (f) Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

##### (g) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at the transaction price. After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Association assesses impairment of trade receivables at the amount equal to the expected lifetime credit losses based upon historical experience, external indicators, and forward-looking information.

##### (h) Revenue and other income

###### In the current year

Revenue is recognised using a five steps process:

- identify the contract;
- identify the performance obligations;
- determine the transaction price;
- allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations; and
- recognise revenue when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied.

###### Service Provision

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

###### Government Grants

Several Association's programs are supported by grants received from government.

The conditions are attached to a grant which must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue is deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Where a grant is received on the condition that specified services are delivered to the grantor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction. Revenue is recognised as services are performed and at year end a liability is recognised until the service is delivered.

Revenue from a non-reciprocal grant that is not subject to conditions is recognised when the Association obtains control of the funds, economic benefits are probable, and the amount can be measured reliably. Where a grant may be required to be repaid if certain conditions are not satisfied, a liability is recognised at year end to the extent that conditions remain unsatisfied.

###### Donations and Bequests

Donations collected are recognised as revenue when the Association gains control, economic benefits are probable, and the amount of the donation can be measured reliably.

Bequests are recognised when the legacy is received.

###### Interest Income

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).



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### *For the Year Ended 30 June 2022*

#### **2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

##### **(i) Goods and services tax (GST)**

Revenue, expenses, and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Trade receivables and trade payables in the statement of financial position are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. Other current assets and other current liabilities are stated exclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

##### **(j) New standards adopted as at 1 July 2021**

- AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities
- AASB 2020-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Removal of Special Purpose Financial Statements for Certain For-Profit Private Sector Entities
- AASB 2020-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions: Tier 2 Disclosures
- AASB 2020-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Tier 2 Disclosures: Interest Rate Benchmark Reform (Phase 2) and Other Amendments – December 2020
- AASB 2021-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Transition to Simplified Disclosures for Not-for-Profit Entities – March 2021
- AASB 2021-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021
- AASB 2022-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Extending Transition Relief under AASB 1

##### **(k) Comparative figures**

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year where required by Australian Accounting Standards or because of a change in accounting policy.

##### **(l) New accounting standards for application in future periods**

The Association has not applied the revised Australian Accounting Standards, interpretations and amendments that have been issued but are not yet effective.

##### **(m) Significant management judgement in applying accounting policies**

When preparing the financial statements, management undertakes several judgements, estimates and assumptions about the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. Information about estimates and assumptions that have the most significant effect on recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income, and expenses is provided below. Actual results may be substantially different.

###### **Useful lives of depreciable assets**

Management reviews its estimate of the useful lives of depreciable assets at each reporting date, based on the expected utility of the assets. Uncertainties in these estimates relate to technical obsolescence that may change the utility of certain equipment.

###### **Long service leave**

The liability for long service leave is recognised and measured at the estimated cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the estimated cashflows, we have used current pay rates.



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### 3. Revenue and Other Income

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue from contracts with customers</b>		
Grants	630,065	817,910
Partners	824,317	1,045,239
Services delivery landcare	1,126,815	836,420
Services delivery others	70,807	84,477
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,652,004</b>	<b>2,784,046</b>
<b>Other income from ordinary activities</b>		
Donations	0	0
Interest revenue	3,442	8,603
Gain on sale or disposal PPE	0	0
Correction of income	0	0
Other income	5,208	10,292
Non-operating grant – Covid19 cashflow boost (AASB 1058 Revenue)	0	0
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>8,650</b>	<b>18,894</b>

### 4. Direct Costs

Landcare P/G delivery	689,770	876,242
Landcare services delivery	706,672	607,435
Vehicle Operations	76,425	76,260
Education delivery	219,228	208,851
Monitoring & research delivery	118,411	180,925
Community capacity delivery	(12,729)	223,706
Other operation wages costs	295,489	0
Operational depreciation costs	52,922	0
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>2,146,188</b>	<b>2,173,418</b>

Wages and depreciation were reallocated from administration costs to direct costs in 2022

### 5. Surplus / (deficit) includes the following specific expenses

Depreciation (non-operational assets)	14,453	82,068
	<b>14,453</b>	<b>82,068</b>

### 6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash on hand	300	279
Cash at bank	709,727	407,480
Short-term investments	1,702,100	1,283,940
	<b>2,412,127</b>	<b>1,691,699</b>

### 7. Trade Receivables

<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade receivables	212,582	418,925
Less provision for impairment	0	0
	<b>212,582</b>	<b>418,925</b>



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*For the Year Ended 30 June 2022*

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>8. Other Assets</b>		
CURRENT		
Accrued income	1,193	599
Cost to fulfil a contract	31,103	44,841
Prepaid insurance/regio expenses	101,790	49,806
Deferred expense - WWAG	300	300
	<b>134,386</b>	<b>95,546</b>
<b>9. Property, Plant and equipment</b>		
Computer Equipment		
At cost	7,520	7,520
Accumulated depreciation	(7,520)	(7,520)
<b>Total computer equipment</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Office equipment		
At cost	0	0
Accumulated depreciation	0	0
<b>Total office equipment</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Plant and equipment		
At cost	136,405	136,405
Accumulated depreciation	(89,588)	(72,576)
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	<b>46,817</b>	<b>63,829</b>
Motor vehicles		
At cost	242,223	242,223
Accumulated depreciation	(191,841)	(155,930)
<b>Total motor vehicles</b>	<b>50,382</b>	<b>86,293</b>
Leasehold Improvement		
At cost	68,671	68,671
Accumulated depreciation	(68,671)	(54,218)
<b>Total leasehold improvement</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,453</b>
	<b>97,199</b>	<b>164,575</b>
<b>10. Trade and Other Payables</b>		
CURRENT		
Trade payables	106,739	151,642
Accrued expenses	6,049	29,038
Credit cards	2,602	3,676
PAYG withholdings payable	27,313	23,378
Superannuation payable	35,790	38,867
Audit Provision	2,000	3,473
Parental leave funds	0	0
GST/BAS payable	76,481	66,429
Accrued wages	54,681	50,810
	<b>311,655</b>	<b>367,313</b>





## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>11. Provisions</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Provision for annual leave	101,663	103,120
Provision for personal leave	10,758	2,611
Provision for LSL	80,023	82,110
	<b>192,444</b>	<b>187,841</b>
<b>NON - CURRENT</b>		
Provision for LSL	16,468	10,887
	<b>16,468</b>	<b>10,887</b>
<b>12. Other Liabilities</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Contract liabilities unearned revenue	157,321	74,339
Contract liabilities unearned grants received	1,153,751	790,707
Donation liability (Public Environment Fund)	3,838	2,431
	<b>1,314,910</b>	<b>867,477</b>
<b>13. Cash Flow Information</b>		
<b>(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities</b>		
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		
Cash flows/ (deficit) excluded from surplus attributable to operating activities	83,591	(74,446)
Non-cash flows in surplus:		
- depreciation	67,376	82,067
- (profit) / loss on sale of fixed assets	0	0
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	206,343	(344,224)
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	(38,840)	75,361
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(55,657)	122,240
- increase/(decrease) in provision for employee benefits	10,184	33,032
- increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	447,433	(107,176)
Cashflows from operations	<b>720,428</b>	<b>(213,145)</b>
<b>(b) Non-cash financing and investing activities</b>		
Donations in-kind	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## 14. Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

## 15. Association Details

The principal place of business is 1 Horley Road, Beckenham, WA 6107.

## 16. Economic Dependence

The Association is dependent on various government agencies for most of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the Executive Committee has no reason to believe the agencies will not continue to support the Association.



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