

South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare



Annual Report 2007-2008

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF 2007-2008



Plants planted = 383,823

Waterway sites sampled and analysed =
109 on 816 occasions in the South Region

Volunteer contribution > 19,181 hrs

\$ Value of Volunteer > \$575,430

\$ Partner Value (exc. SRT) = \$520,413

> 34000 People received education, direct
information or on ground contact

Total value of real & in kind investment into
SERCUL's NRM program = \$ 1,095,843

Return on Swan River Trust Community
Capacity, NRM & PAG funding of
\$4.30 to each \$1 invested.

CONTENTS AND FEEDBACK



SERCUL staff, the Canning River Regional Park Volunteers, the City of Canning and the Department of Environment and Conservation take a break while removing weeds from the Canning River foreshore near the Canning River Eco-Education Centre @ Kent Street, Cannington.

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Feed Back from people associated with SERCUL during the 2007-08 year.



Dear Jeremy, Amy and others
I'm thanking you heaps for the awesome and muddy day. It was great, I loved it because we were helping the environment and having fun at the same time.
I also really enjoyed looking at the micro-organisms, I thought that was really interesting.
The bit that I loved the most was getting muddy and having that walk at the end. Thanks Heaps.
From Mikayla Fenner

"It's a great collaborative project between the Trust, City of Canning and SERCUL." Peter Adkins Swan River Trust re the Wharf Street DNIP project.

"We thank SERCUL for their professionalism and initiative they have shown. Their on ground work has been excellent and we hope we can continue to partner with SERCUL in the future." Western Power spokesperson.

SERCUL COMMITTEE 2007-2008



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|------------|-------------------------|
| Chair | Mrs Pat Hart |
| Vice Chair | Mr Brian Aldrich |
| Treasurer | Mr Cam Clay |
| Secretary | Mrs Gillian Pickersgill |

Community Committee Members

Dr Margaret Mathews
Mr David James
Mr Marc Lane

State Government Agencies and Local Government Authorities Represented

Swan River Trust
Department of Planning and Infrastructure (WAPC)
City of Armadale
City of Belmont
City of Canning
City of Fremantle
City of Gosnells
City of Melville
City of South Perth
Town of Victoria Park



STAFF EMPLOYED DURING 2007-08

Regional NRM Coordinator: Julie Robert (37.5hrs/wk)
Financial Administrator: Sandy Wainwright (24hrs/wk)
NRM-Education (PAG): Amy Krupa (37.5hrs/wk)
NRM-DNIP: Tom Atkinson (37.5hrs/wk)
NRM-Water Quality: Ana Terrazas (37.5hrs/wk)
NRM-Sustainable Production: Paul Lock (22.5hrs/wk)
NRM-Sustainable Production: Eugene Olman (15hrs/wk)
NRM-Landcare - Melinda Snowball (37.5/wk)
NRM-Landcare – Jeremy Macmath (37.5 hrs/wk)
NRM-Landcare – Tracy Evans (22.5hrs/wk)
NRM-Landcare – John Malinus (10hrs/week)

SERCUL CONSTITUTION

Vision

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

Mission

The aim is to use integrated natural resource management to develop cultural change in how the community views and interacts with the environment while promoting and actively participate in, the improvement of the health of waterways and other ecosystems within the South Region.

Objectives

1. Identify priority Natural Resource Management issues in the South Region in partnership with Local Government, State Government and Industry.
2. To ensure biodiversity within the South Region is monitored, protected and enhanced.
3. Develop and assist community, State and Local Government in the coordination of Natural Resource Management in the South Region.
4. Support and encourage the implementation of best management practice of Natural Resources within the South Region.
5. Recognise and embrace Aboriginal, Cultural and Natural heritage.
6. Foster research on matters relating to the South Region's Natural and Cultural heritage.
7. Work in partnership with Local Government, State Government and industry to educate the wider community to protect our Natural Resources.
8. Support and encourage the formation of community environment groups.
9. Administer the South Regional Urban Landcare fund to promote the objectives and outcomes of the Association.



THE NRM ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE IN PERTH

SERCUL is one of five sub-regional bodies operating in the metropolitan and peri-urban areas of the Swan 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). This is shown in the map below:

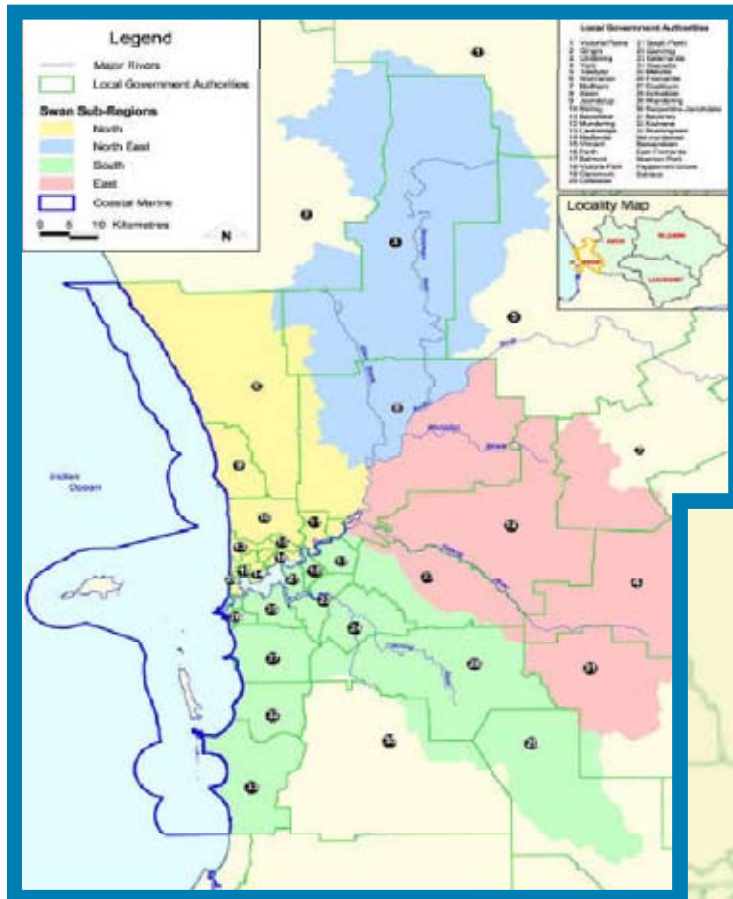


Figure 1: Division of the Swan NRM Region into 5 Sub regions

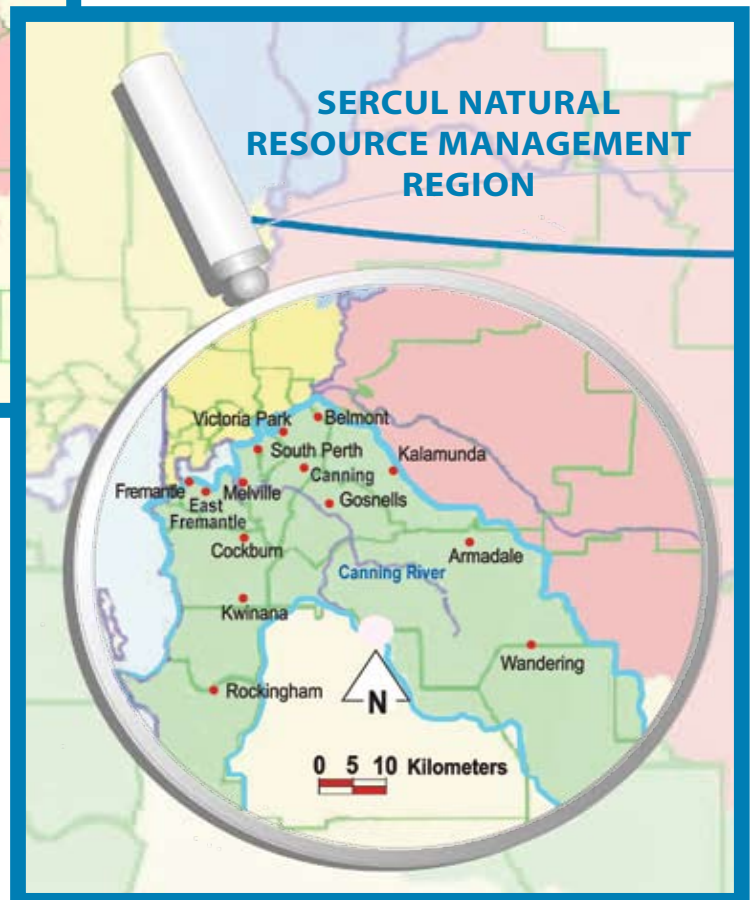


Figure 2: South Sub Region

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

FROM THE CHAIR - Pat Hart



The key item that stands out as I reflect over the past twelve months is the amazing staff that we have within SERCUL. Their ability to work as a team, their lateral thinking when obstacles are in their way and their ability to form strong partnerships and working relationships with Local Government, Government Agencies and community is something very special. The high esteem that SERCUL is held in throughout and beyond our sub region is a credit to them all.

Our key funding partner is the Swan River Trust, with whom we have successful partnerships on a number of projects. These are lengthy and strong partnership projects, with SERCUL delivering on the outcomes required, while at the same time showing that for every \$1 the Swan River Trust invests with SERCUL we are able to increase that investment four fold. The new State Government's pressure on all Government Agencies to find 3% reduction in their budget is of real concern. The Swan River Trust is already seriously under funded given the required outcomes in the recently

released Healthy Rivers Program and their other commitments to the health of the Swan and Canning Rivers. It is hoped that the funding identified for each of the sub regions does not suffer in this process; if it does then we will all be under great pressure to deliver projects that directly and indirectly improve on the health of the rivers. We strongly support the Swan River Trusts Healthy Rivers Program and we hope that the acting Chairman of the Swan River Trust will in the very near future be able to formally confirm their funding to be the same as last year.

Local Governments in our sub region have all shown great initiatives over the past year, and their ongoing commitment to Natural Resource Management is commendable. Funding as usual is a real issue with the majority of local governments. Where we can, we work closely with them to seek matching funds to assist their projects. To strengthen the critical role that local governments have with Natural Resource Management I am currently exploring with the Perth Region NRM Local Government Reference Group, ways in which we can encourage Local Government Councillors to undertake the new Natural Resource Management training module that is being offered by the West Australian Local Government Association.

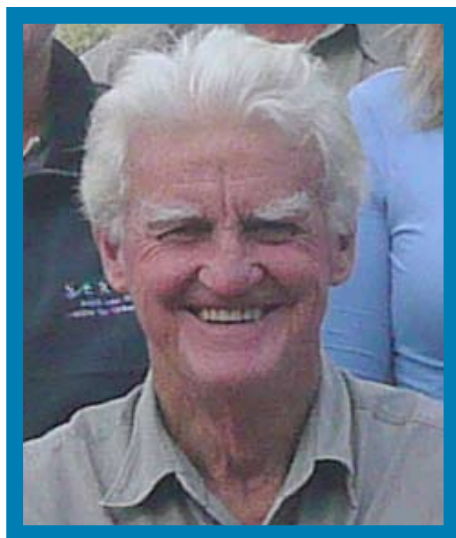
The role of all the environmental community groups that are located within our sub region in the on going management of our precious environment must never been underestimated. Their dedication and commitment is truly amazing and is one of the main reasons we are really going forward in our sub region. SERCUL is committed to continue to assist and support where necessary with these vital links in our region.

I must extend my thanks to my Deputy Chair Brian Aldrich who has been involved with SERCUL and the preceding organisation for many years, and to Cam Clay our Treasurer for his time, support and commitment. To Julie Robert – SERCUL's Coordinator whose commitment to the cause is legendary – I thank her most sincerely for the many hours she puts in to SERCUL and for her ability to think outside the square in solving numerous issues that often confront us. To Gillian for the great secretarial support she gives to SERCUL and to Sandy Wainwright for her commitment and to all the other staff members who are all equally important in the tremendous roles they have with SERCUL – I say thank you all, you are very much appreciated and I am so grateful to have the role of Chairperson.

PAT HART

November 2008

FROM THE TREASURER - Cam Clay



I am pleased to be able to assist the SERCUL committee and staff to manage the finances of the organisation in an efficient and appropriate manner. This financial year has been a very successful year with the steady progression of landcare projects and solid partnership development that precedes a consistent approach to Natural Resource Management in our region.

The SERCUL team were very successful in gaining funding for project delivery during this financial year, from many sources including the Swan River Trust, Perth Region NRM (Swan Catchment Council), City of Canning, City of Armadale, City of Gosnells, Department of Environment and Conservation, Department of Water, West Australian Planning Commission, Western Power, City of Melville, City of Belmont, Town of Victoria Park, City of South Perth, Lotterywest, Bowra & Odea and the Men of the Trees. I would like to thank all the above listed funding bodies and also all the volunteers who have dedicated huge amounts of hours to the delivery of projects in the SERCUL region. Without these volunteers SERCUL could not deliver many of these projects and the environment would not be as well off as it is today. The voluntary contribution hours for this year were calculated as at least 19181 hours = (\$575,430).

SERCUL's financial position has remained fairly stable and it is with this in mind that I thank the staff at SERCUL for all contributing towards the strong partnerships and positive NRM outcomes that have been delivered during the 2007-2008 financial year. I also thank the Chair, Pat Hart, for her leadership, motivation and solid network that she maintains and provides to the SERCUL committee, staff and community groups.

It is with pleasure that I present the independently audited financial statements for the year ended June 30th 2008. The following Financial Reports are on pages 25-30.

Independent Audit Report
Income & Expenditure Statement
Balance Sheet
Statement by Members of the Committee

CAM CLAY

November 2008

SERCUL NRM PROGRAM AREAS



EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

PHOSPHORUS AWARENESS PROJECT

Coordinated by Amy Krupa

The Project is an education campaign for the general community educating them to decrease their nutrient outputs and thus algal blooms in the Swan & Canning River Systems.

- **Displays** - 30 displays with over 4400 people spoken to.
- **School Presentations** – 158 presentations to over 4100 students from Kindy – Yr 12.
- **School Planting Sessions** – 17 300 plants planted at 43 planting sessions, 2700 students, 1900 volunteer hours.
- **Community Presentations** - 39 presentations to 1150 people.
- **LGA Annual Nutrient Survey** – 2008 survey sent in June. Have received 22 responses. Report currently being written.
- **Supported Groups with Project Resources** - on 55 occasions.
- **Canoeing on the Canning** – 13 teachers attended this full day professional development workshop.
- **Catchments, Corridors and Coasts** - on the organising committee and presented at this three day course attended by 25 participants.
- **Australian Association for Environmental Education National Conference** - attended and presented at this conference in Darwin.
- **Fertilise Wise Project** - >3000 of all five brochures distributed.
- **Grow Local Plant Project** - >3300 of all five brochures distributed.
- **Brochure Distribution** - >16 400 Phosphorus Awareness Project items distributed.
- **Education Newsletter** - (four/year to 250 schools)

Kindly funded by the Swan River Trust's Healthy Rivers Program and Landcare Australia.



EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

NORTH FORRESTDAL E FERTILISE WISE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Coordinated by Amy Krupa, Paul Lock & Julie Robert

This campaign aims to educate residents in four new developments - Arion, Vertu, Heron Park and Newhaven, in the North Forrestdale area, how to 'Fertilise Wise' and thus reduce nutrient inputs to the waterways around the developments.

- **Baseline Behaviour Survey** - conducted with residents of the Estates with a 16% response rate.
- **Fertilise Wise Logo** - a new version of the logo developed for the North Forrestdale area.
- **Fertiliser Development** - worked with Stocktech and Fertitech to develop a 'Fertilise Wise' fertiliser and soil conditioner that will be promoted during the campaign.
- **Fertilise Wise Website** - developed and linked to the SERCUL website. Residents will watch a fertiliser animation and then complete a survey.
- **Fertilise Wise Environmental Activity Days** - two days held with over 220 students attending from five local schools. They participated in four 'Fertilise Wise' activities teaching them how to care for our waterways.
- **Partnership** - with Satterley for the use of the Heron Park Community Centre, location of Fertilise Wise signage, inclusion of SERCUL content in Satterley newsletters and presentation space at new resident nights.
- **Media Strategy** - Angela Walls, a Curtin University Media and Public Relations student intern, worked for 160 hours on a media and PR strategy for the project.



Kindly funded by the City of Armadale & the North Forrestdale Estates' developers.



WATER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CLEAN DRAINS RIVER GAINS

Coordinated by Ana Terrazas

Project Aims:

- * To raise awareness of the link between stormwater drains and natural waterways.
- * To provide information to community on how individuals and groups can make positive behavioural changes that will see a reduction in pollutants entering creeks, lakes, rivers and wetlands.

Drain Stencilling - more than 150 students, teachers and volunteers contributed 562 hours stencilling drains and dropping brochures around:

- * Applecross in the City of Melville,
- * McDougall Park and Como in the City of South Perth
- * Heron Park in the City of Armadale.

Special thanks to All Saints' College students and teachers who assisted us during April 2008 to implement the stormwater pollution awareness campaign around Applecross.

Displays - campaign material displayed at local libraries and environment events over 15 days.

Brochure Distribution - 4300 fliers, 2850 postcards, 250 green bags and 90 posters were distributed.

New Areas Implemented - the stencilling kit and information were requested by the following Councils in order to replicate the campaign in those areas:

- * City of Belmont
- * City of South Perth
- * Town of Bassendean
- * City of Wanneroo

The Stormwater Association in WA have also asked for information about the campaign.

If you would like to borrow the stencilling kit or receive a bag please visit our web page.



CLEAN DRAINS RIVER GAINS

WATER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

WATER QUALITY PARTNERSHIP

Coordinated by Ana Terrazas

In 2006, SERCUL commenced the Water Quality Partnership Project funded by the Swan Catchment Council with funds from the Australian Governments Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) and delivered in partnership with the Department of Water (DOW) and local governments who pay for laboratory sample analysis.

Project Aim:

- To promote a cooperative and consistent approach to water quality monitoring activities across the region by assisting local governments to assess their water quality data requirements to improve the health of waterways in their locality.

SERCUL provides assistance to prepare sampling and analysis plans, undertakes the sampling activities and produces a written report.

Key achievements:

- > 16 collaborative partnerships were established
- Seven Local Governments engaged
- 10 other stakeholders in the South region established 10 water quality monitoring programs & sampled more than 80 different sites.

In 2007-2008, the program filled a critical knowledge gap of sub-catchment water quality data, allowing pollution 'hotspots' to be identified. The data provided an information basis for the Swan River Trust and Department of Water score card reporting and target setting. Monitoring data is also used to inform the Coastal Catchment Initiative Water Quality Improvement Plans, Sustainable Production Project and the Swan Canning Tributary Foreshore Assessment.

Sample sites = 79

Samples analysed = 456

Kindly funded by Perth Region NRM and the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust Program, Department of Water and seven LGA's (see inside cover).



WATER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

DRAINAGE NUTRIENT INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Coordinated by Tom Atkinson

Wharf Street Constructed Wetland Project

- Location: Adjacent to the Canning River in the City of Canning Administration Centre Parkland.
- Description: Treatment train of surface and sub surface flow wetlands aimed at reducing the nutrient and contaminant export from the Wharf St main drain in to the Canning River.
- Earthworks commenced in July 08 and finished by November 2008 (small area still to be finalised in 2009)
- Revegetation commenced late July and as of the end of October ~60,000 plants had been installed, with a further ~20,000 likely to be installed prior to Christmas and 50,000 plants still lined up for the project next year.

Volunteer hours 498 = \$14940

Kindly funded by the Swan River Trust and City of Canning.



WATER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

OTHER DNIP PROJECTS

Water Quality sampling in DNIP sites:

30 sampling sites monthly. Sampling occasions = 360.

- **Liege St Wetland Project**, City of Canning.

Macrophyte (Water Plants) sampling for nutrient uptake analysis - SERCUL assisted DOW on two occasions.

Weed management has been very successful with the DEC and City of Canning undertaking the weed control.

The site has attracted >12 large groups and numerous small groups from schools, environment conferences, TAFES, Universities and business groups. Plants planted: 1508

Water quality analysis reports have revealed that the Liege St Wetland system is reducing the amount of nutrients and other non-nutrient contaminants from entering the Canning River.

- **Manley St Compensation Basin Project** was implemented by the City of Canning.

Plants installed 5483 - 81 Volunteer Hours = \$2430

- **Bickley Rd Compensation Basin Project**, City of Gosnells. Planting was coordinated by AGLG.

- **Woodlupine Brook Living Stream**, Shire of Kalamunda, 19120 plants installed. Further work is continuing. Green Corp team installed plants and implemented weed management.

Kindly funded by the Swan River Trust, the City of Canning, City of Gosnells and the SALP.

RIVERBANK

Masons Landing projects 1, 2 & 3 - maintained with manual weed control and landholder spray contractors. 24805 plants planted with the assistance from the Two Rivers Catchment Group, Schools, Corporate groups and community. Volunteer hrs: 509 = \$15270

16746 plants installed at the Greenfield Bridge foreshore site. 530 Volunteer hrs = \$15900

Kindly funded by the Swan River Trust.



Liege Street Wetland



Manley St Compensation Wetland



Bickley Rd Compensation Basin Wetland



Wetland basins in Woodlupine Catchment

WATER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CITY OF CANNING COMMUNITY

LANDCARE - Coordinated by Melinda Snowball

Funding of \$40,000 for Community Landcare Officer by the City of Canning has been continued for three years.

Hawkesbury Lakes and Vellgrove Avenue Waterway

- Total of 62,909 Plants planted
- 815 Volunteers
- Total of 2426 Volunteer Hours
- Equaling \$72,780 dollars worth of labour (@ \$30/hour)
- BCCG received SALP 2008 Grant for \$37,800, for the restoration of Hawkesbury Lakes and Vellgrove Avenue waterway project.

Planting days held:

- Rostrata Primary School
- John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School
- Newman College
- Chevron Corporate group
- BP Corporate
- NAAUC Landcare day
- Volunteer planting
- Singapore Students
- Banksia Park Primary School
- Mel Maria Primary School

Community Needs Survey

Surveys sent out to community environmental groups in the City of Canning to review existing groups to get a better understanding of their needs so the City and SERCUL can improve volunteer support programs.

Kindly funded by the City of Canning, Swan Alcoa Landcare Program and the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust's Envirofund Program.



WATER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



Bannister Creek Reserve

- Total of 300 volunteer hours
- Equaling \$9,000 dollars worth of labour (@ \$30/hour)
- Total of 3,204 plants planted in the reserve
- BCCG received DEC community grants for \$2, 624 for restoration of Adenia Road Bannister Creek

The planting of an area in the Bannister Creek Reserve between Iveston Road Bridge and Acacia Place in Lynwood has been dedicated to former Bannister Creek Catchment Group Member Nancy Carlson who passed away early in 2008. Nancy had been a member of the group for 12 years. The group commemorated her efforts by planting over 350 plants along the banks of the Bannister Creek.

Kindly funded by the City of Canning and Department of Environment and Conservation.



- National Tree Day at Wharf Street Wetland with over 7000 plants installed and 100 people attending contributing 200 volunteers hours.
- Grab a Gladi - Two days at Signal Hill Bushland with 30 people attending and Kensington Bushland with 9 people attending contributing 80 volunteer hours.

Kindly funded by the Swan River Trust, City of Canning, City of Belmont, Town of Victoria Park, SGIO and World Wide Online Print.



WATER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



The Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group is a community driven, incorporated body focusing on rehabilitation and restoration of the local native environment and promotion of community awareness of natural resource management within the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 16 project sites managed along the banks of the Canning, Southern and Wungong Rivers
- 50 AGLG facilitated events and workshops held in 07/08
- 10 Community Friends Groups supported
- Secured over \$110,000.00 for on ground works in the 07/08 financial year.
- Produced the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group Strategic Plan 2008 – 2018
- Volunteers = 2039
- Volunteer contribution = 8185 hrs
- \$ Value of volunteer time = \$163,700
- No. of plants installed = 130,000
- Media releases published = 5

Landcare Coordinator - Crystal McIvor

River Restoration Officer - Matt Grimbley

Kindly funded by the City of Armadale, City of Gosnells, Lotterywest, Swan Alcoa Landcare Program and the Swan River Trust.

WATER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

BICKLEY BASIN RESTORATION RESEARCH HONOURS PROJECT

Increasing the Treatment Effectiveness of a Constructed Wetland through increasing the Water Retention Time by Construction of a Small Weir. The Manipulation of a Stormwater Compensation Basin in an Attempt to Improve Nutrient and Heavy Metal Treatment Effectiveness.

- SERCUL Officer, Eugene Olman, supervised by and in partnership with Notre Dame University, Water Corporation, DEC, DOW and SERCUL undertook the research. The report was presented on May 29th 2008. It has been completed and is available from SERCUL. Eugene contributed 1400 volunteer hours = \$42000.

In kind funding kindly donated by the DEC Pollution Prevention Team, Water Corporation, Notre Dame University, SERCUL staff and the Swan River Trust.

HYDROCOTYL MAPPING AND CONTROL RESEARCH

Eugene Olman continued the mapping of Hydrocotyl ranunculoides in the SERCUL region reporting outbreaks to the relevant stakeholders that undertake the control treatment.

The Department of Agriculture undertook further chemical control trials that also require further investigation to ascertain which chemical best controls Hydrocotyl when it has roots penetrating the soil.

‘Using salt as an effective control treatment for Hydrocotyl ranunculoides’ research trials were implemented in partnership with Notre Dame University over the summer months 2007-08. The use of salt did prove to be effective but further research is required to compare the cost effectiveness and a risk analysis is required for the effect of this treatment on other freshwater native species. The research report is available from SERCUL.



SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

SURVEYING AND INSPECTION PROJECT

Coordinated by Paul Lock

The SERCUL Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Industry Surveying and Inspection Project concluded in December 2007.

The post field work period was used to complete the Full and Summary reports for the Project.

The main conclusions of the 2005/07 study were:

- Local Government staff were appropriate to deliver environmental auditing and regulation services to light industrial SMEs.
- Industrial auditors/regulators are a crucial factor in influencing the level of adoption of SME environmental management by offering individualised site-specific advice.
- A relatively small proportion of the light industrial SME owner/managers were consistently responsible for a large portion of waste discharges to the environment.

The main recommendations of the study were:

- Invest in high quality communication and technical training for industrial auditors to maximise the SME implementation of best management environmental practices.
- Develop targeted strategies for SME innovation adopter groups, particularly differentiating the type of approach to businesses requiring a 'change of behaviour' as differentiated from 'change of belief' groups.

SERCUL has secured funding from the Waste Management Authority, Department of Water and the City of Canning for a Murdoch University supervised PhD study to address the recommendations above.

Electronic copies of these reports are available from SERCUL on request.

Extension of this project and PhD project preparation was funded by SERCUL.

The Drain is just for Rain



Light industrial SME environmental management for
the protection of stormwater quality

Final report

June 2008

Paul Lock and Eugene Olman

SERCUL
South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare



NATURAL DIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

BECKENHAM OPEN SPACE (BOS)

Coordinated by Tracy Evans & John Maliunas

The SERCUL Landcare Officers have undertaken weed management and restoration of the Beckenham Open Space where the SERCUL office is located. 291 volunteers undertook 1314 volunteer hours contributing = \$39422 Men of the Trees / Bowra & O'Dea partnership Beckenham Memorial Park project commenced. Plants planted = 13911

The BOS landscape design has been completed by the West Australian Planning Commission. The value of direct support from WAPC was \$60782 including site maintenance and restoration labour.

YULEBROOK HOMESTEAD

Conservation and maintenance has continued. The Conservation Plan is complete. The southern verandah of the homestead has been completed and the homestead has had a security upgrade internally and externally. Murdoch University Environmental Sustainability are working towards a total water cycle plan for the homestead and SERCUL will assist to progress the installation of infrastructure to support the needs for public amenities and water conservation protection.

WESTERN POWER LANDSCAPING

The Western Power landscaping around the Transmission Station has been completed. Weed maintenance continues in partnership with Western Power. Plants planted: 2000.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Three small landholders in Gosnells had landcare services completed by SERCUL. >10,000 plants installed into creek lines and bush corridors.

Greenstock maintenance in Kwinana project sites x 4 and WWF private landholder wetland weed management undertaken in four sites.

WESTERN POWER SCREENING

48 residents have had screening work completed on there properties in Bibra Lake and Leeming. Three properties remain in progress. Western Power have congratulated SERCUL using media releases and letters to extend there gratitude.

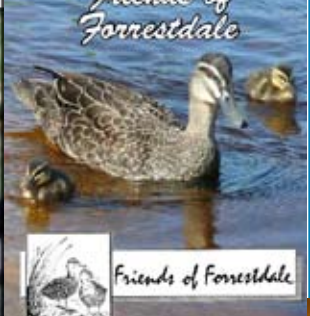
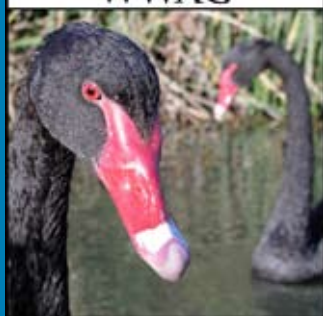


ADMIN & OTHER COMMUNITY CAPACITY ACTIVITIES



THANK YOU
FOR REGISTERING AS
A VOLUNTEER WITH
WWAG

*Thank you
for registering as
a volunteer with
Friends of
Forrestdale*



FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY NRM GROUPS

The SERCUL financial management officer, Sandy Wainwright continues to provide financial management assistance to the following Community groups in the SERCUL area:

- \$ Canning River Regional Park Volunteers
- \$ Junkbusters
- \$ Wilson Wetlands Action Group
- \$ Bannister Creek Catchment Group
- \$ Two Rivers Catchment Group
- \$ Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group

VOLUNTEER PACKS

Volunteer folders were produced for community groups to be able to put information about their group and membership form to give out to people who are interested in volunteering.

Produced for 12 community groups: SERCUL, AGLG, Friends of Brixton Street, WWAG, TRCG, BCCG, CRRPV, CRREPA, FO Forrestdale, Roleystone Bush Care Group, FO Kensington Bushland, and the Water Bird Conservation Group.

FRIENDS OF MCDOUGALL PARK

More than 55 residents attended a community workshop organised by SERCUL to discuss how to start a Friends of Group for McDougall Lake in Como in the City of South Perth. The comments received on the day were encouraging.

People were keen to get involved in caring for the lake and park. A Friends of Group is now up and running. The vision and objectives of the group have been developed and the executive committee has been elected. The group meets on the first Sunday of the month at the Hazel McDougall House.

FRIENDS OF G.O. EDWARDS PARK

SERCUL are working with the Friends Of G.O. Edwards Park to assist them with their group development and planning, associated with the restoration of G.O. Edwards Park in Burswood.

AUDITORS REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

R.T. KIDD & ASSOCIATES

Certified Practising Accountant
Registered Company Auditor



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

Scope

I have audited the attached financial statements of SERCUL, which has been classified as a non general purpose account, for the year ended 30th June 2008.

SERCUL's Management Committee are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements accounts and the information they contain and the Committee determines the accounting policies used so as to meet the needs of the members. A cash basis of accounting has been used. I have conducted an independent audit of these accounts in order to express an opinion of them to the members.

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

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

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

Qualified Opinion

My audit has been conducted on the transactions from the point of entry into the books of account, accordingly no opinion is expressed on gross revenue.

Audit Opinion

Subject to the above, in my opinion, the financial statements present fairly the operating result of SERCUL for the 2007/2008 year and its financial position at 30th June 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney Thomas Kidd', written over a dotted line.

Signature of Auditor:

Name of Auditor:

Firm:

RODNEY THOMAS KIDD
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South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare
Balance Sheet
 As of June 30, 2008

| | Jun 30, 2008 |
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| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Current/Savings | |
| National Bank 66-325-8630 | 52,894 |
| National Bank CA1 66-570-7983 | 603,008 |
| Petty Cash | 135 |
| Petty cash - PAG | 100 |
| Total Current/Savings | 656,136 |
| Total Current Assets | 656,136 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| Computer Equipment | |
| Prov. for depn Computer equip. | -42,396 |
| Computer Equipment - Other | 43,488 |
| Total Computer Equipment | 1,092 |
| Office Equipment | |
| Prov for depn Office Equipment | -22,054 |
| Office Equipment - Other | 39,116 |
| Total Office Equipment | 17,062 |
| Plant & Equipment | |
| Prov for depn Plant & Equipment | -7,277 |
| Plant & Equipment - Other | 26,354 |
| Total Plant & Equipment | 19,078 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 37,232 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 693,368 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| Grants in advance | 282,500 |
| Payroll Liabilities | 15,102 |
| Tax Payable | 35,867 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | 313,469 |
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| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 313,469 |
| NET ASSETS | 379,899 |
| EQUITY | |
| Net Income | 379,899 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 379,899 |

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South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Profit & Loss July 2007 through June 2008

Jul '2007 - Jun 2008

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| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| PAG. | |
| Yellowfish | 516 |
| Nursery Recycling | 324 |
| Total PAG. | 840 |
| Stinson | 4,315 |
| ALCOA Donation 07 | 3,269 |
| Taro Project-C of G | 3,850 |
| Stencilling Paint | 1,000 |
| Town of Kwinana. | |
| Green stock maintenance | 4,002 |
| Total Town of Kwinana. | 4,002 |
| WWF Wetland Watch | 2,479 |
| Hydrocotyl | 3,841 |
| City of SP - CDRG | 5,840 |
| DPI Salary In 07-08 | 33,174 |
| Tracy Evans | 5,000 |
| Masons Landing Areas 1 & 2 | 310 |
| Western Power. | |
| Hard Screening | 205,000 |
| Total Western Power. | 205,000 |
| Vehicle | 1,589 |
| CPMP | 11,540 |
| On ground/labour | 23,190 |
| HR. | 21,245 |
| On Ground. | |
| Mulch | 680 |
| Weed control | 9,232 |
| Design | 7,200 |
| Plants | 10,812 |
| Total On Ground. | 38,924 |
| Lottarywest | 10,485 |
| Admin In | 82,345 |
| Contract labour In | 10,410 |
| Education | 7,500 |
| Sustainable Production-operatin | 31 |
| Employment. | 208,665 |
| Donations and income | 5,489 |
| Grants | 178,900 |
| Income Rollover | 347,723 |
| Interest received | 23,595 |
| NRM Off L4 salary Tom A | 79,894 |
| PJO - oper costs | 175 |
| PJO - salary | 3,708 |
| PAG - salary | 75,000 |
| PAG operating costs | 31,752 |
| Promotions In | |
| Bird Pamphlet | 1,550 |
| Promotions in - Other | 1,792 |
| Total Promotions In | 3,342 |
| Reimbursements | 29,835 |
| Seminar/workshop | 200 |
| Employment Insurance | 51,745 |
| Total Income | 1,486,203 |
| Gross Profit | 1,486,203 |
| Expense | |
| Replacement assets - minor | -49,768 |
| Stinson. | 5,345 |
| Employment Insurance, | 2,855 |
| Taro Project-C of G. | 1,365 |
| Consultancy | 900 |
| CPMP. | 7,029 |
| Horley Road Verge. | 200 |

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South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare
Profit & Loss
 July 2007 through June 2008

| | Jul '2007 - Jun 2008 |
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| Town of Kwinana | |
| Green stock maintenance | 1,007 |
| Total Town of Kwinana | 1,007 |
| WWF Wetland Watch. | 2,479 |
| Water Quality Monitoring. | 2,909 |
| Employment. | 53,711 |
| Hydrocotyl. | 538 |
| C of SP - CDRG | 4,458 |
| Masons Landing-Areas 1 & 2 | 22,577 |
| Masons Landing-Area 3 | 146 |
| Lotterywest. | 10,485 |
| Eugene's Water Quality Project | 1,628 |
| Stanliand Rd Project | 2,858 |
| Sustainable Production Op costs | 54 |
| Western Power | |
| Labour | 67,413 |
| Plant screening | 11,401 |
| Hard screening | 128,270 |
| Total Western Power | 205,065 |
| Vehicle operation expenses | 4,310 |
| DNIP 06/07. | |
| CPMP | 1,080 |
| On ground/labour | 13,489 |
| Total DNIP 06/07. | 14,569 |
| Canning River Fish Passage. | |
| Communications | 1,000 |
| Works supervision. | 1,400 |
| Total Canning River Fish Passage. | 2,400 |
| On Ground | |
| Equipment | 3,922 |
| Mulch | 304 |
| Volunteer support | 84 |
| Plants | 25,419 |
| Weed control | 5,792 |
| Design | 7,200 |
| Total On Ground | 42,702 |
| Audit | 650 |
| HR & Training | 34,687 |
| Mobile phone | 890 |
| Travel | 15,175 |
| Admin | |
| Volunteer support | 17,211 |
| Office Grounds | 3,232 |
| Books/Publications | 1,207 |
| Communication/computer | 13,199 |
| Insurance | 5,402 |
| Office equipment | 10,108 |
| Office Maintenance | 1,816 |
| Postage | 1,085 |
| Promotion | 7,480 |
| Stationery | 1,408 |
| Subscriptions | 190 |
| Utilities | 1,599 |
| Admin - Other | 59,759 |
| Total Admin | 123,673 |
| Bank Service Charges | 115 |
| Contract Labour | 9,270 |
| Depreciation Expense | 12,539 |
| Donations & Income | 1,664 |
| PAG-oper costs | |
| Operating costs | 32,181 |
| Total PAG-oper costs | 32,181 |
| Payroll Expenses | 480,741 |
| Promotions | 301 |



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| | Total Reg Coor - on costs | | 0 |
| | Reimbursement | | 33,184 |
| | Employment Insurance | | 51,223 |
| | Total Expense | | 1,116,304 |
| | Net Ordinary Income | | 379,699 |
| | Net Income | | <u>379,699</u> |

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

In the opinion of the Members of the Committee;

- (a) The accompanying Profit and Loss Statements is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Group for the year ended 30th June 2008.
- (b) The accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group as at the end of that period.
- (c) At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee.

Treasurer



Date

11/11/08.

Chairperson



Date

11 Nov. 08

NEW 2008-2009 PROJECTS

WINNING WITH THE LAGGARDS

A PhD research project, aiming to develop strategies for working with the poorest environmental performing light industrial, small and micro, businesses has achieved funding of \$225000. The project will be undertaken over the next three years 2008-2011. The funding has been provided by the Waste Management Authority's Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme, the Department of Water and the City of Canning. The PhD project will undertake the following;

- Working with the poorest Environmental Performers.
- Examine the cost of enforcement to achieve legal compliance compared to the cost of report and engagement in 'beyond compliance' sustainable development practices.
- Review &/or construct case studies of the cost and effectiveness of enforcement compliance through the court system.
- Review &/or construct case studies for the degree of resources required to engage poor performers in Sustainable Production.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM 2008-09

Due to project funding cuts, the Water Quality Monitoring Program for 2008-2009 will be delivered by SERCUL in both, North and South sub-catchments of the Swan-Canning River.

This project will include monitoring in:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bayswater Main Drain | Central and South Belmont |
| Bennett Brook Catchment | Bickley Brook (Gosnells) |
| Claisebrook Main Drain | Town of Vic Park |

The project is kindly funded by the Perth Region NRM/Australian Government Caring for Our Country funding program.



NEW 2008-2009 PROJECTS

CANNING RIVER RESTORATION / NATURAL DIVERSITY PROJECT

This project involves the identification and prioritisation of critical habitat areas within the Canning River System and on-ground works commenced to address key threats to those assets.

The project coincides with implementation of weed control measures guided by Department of Environment and Conservation 'Environmental weed census and prioritisation for the Swan Region, 2008', and implementation of Phytophthora Dieback Management Plans in partnership with relevant land managers and key stakeholder groups.

This project is being coordinated by Glen Byleveld who commenced working at SERCUL in September 2008 in the position of Canning River Project Officer. It is hoped that the projects scope is expanded in the future to adopt an integrated catchment management approach to utilise the findings of the Canning River Environmental flow project and development of a sediment management (reduction) program for the Canning River system.

The project is kindly funded by the Perth Region NRM/ Australian Government Caring for Our Country funding program.

2008-2009 RESTORATION SITES

- Central Belmont Main Drain DNIP Projects, City of Belmont, set to commence in 2009
- Anvil Way Compensation Basin DNIP Project, City of Canning, commences end 2009.
- SALP 09 Grant approved for the 'Restoration of Edgeware Lake' – works to occur 2009

RIVERBANK 2008-09

The Riverbank projects in the SERCUL region for 2008 - 09 will include river foreshore restoration in sites in South Perth, Canning, Fremantle, Melville, Belmont & Gosnells.



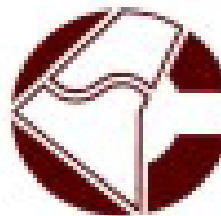
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The South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare acknowledges and sincerely thanks the following Australian Government Departments, State Government of WA Departments, Natural Resource Management organisations, Private Businesses, Local Governments, and Community groups for their financial and in-kind contributions which has led to the success of our project delivery for the 2007-2008 year.





Department of
Environment and Conservation



City of Canning



City of
South Perth



Department of Water
Government of Western Australia

THANK YOU

The South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc. Committee and Staff sincerely thank all the Community groups, Education Institution, Volunteers, Local Government Authorities, State and Australian Government Departments, and Private Business project partners for your contribution towards the care and protection of the Natural Resources of the Swan Region during the 2007-2008 year. We look forward to continuing our partnerships in 2008-2009 to achieve an even more sustainable approach to Natural Resource Management in Perth, Western Australia.

Good luck for 2008-2009



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The Yule Brook Homestead (SERCUL Office) as it was in 2003 before SERCUL moved in. A current photo is on the Front Cover of this Annual Report.



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