

Overview

The South West Corridor Development Foundation Incorporated (SWCDeF Inc.) is a not for profit association working cooperatively to promote and initiate economic development, employment, workforce development and environmental projects in the South West Metropolitan Region.

Maintaining positive working relationships with stakeholders is a key goal and success factor for SWCDeF Inc. in delivering activities that benefit the region and its communities.

The December 2016 edition of the SWCDeF Inc. newsletter includes:

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2016 has been a busy year for SWCDeF Inc. with increased activity across as number of ongoing and new projects, as well as the management of changes to meet requirements of the new Incorporations Associations Act, which came into force on 1 July 2016.

I would like to formally thank SWCDeF Inc. members for their support over the last year, in particular the Management Committee for their dedicated efforts and valued contribution over the last year.

2017 is shaping up as another eventful year and SWCDeF Inc. looks forward to working with its key stakeholders and advancing the region.

Some of the key achievements since the July 2016 newsletter include:

- **Regional Tramway Trail Project** – ongoing implementation of the development plan for a 32 kilometre tramway trail extending from City of Cockburn to the City of Rockingham, through the development of common branding and progress on agreed signage prescriptions.
- **Partnership with Point Peron Rehabilitation Committee (PPRC)** – Agreement to partner with the PPRC and act as proponent for grant funds and donations related to the restoration of the historic World War II battery structures at Point Peron, including the engagement of a project manager to implement the Conservation Management Plan (CMP).
- **Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Projects** – Supporting an active role in seeking grant funds for environmental restoration and community awareness projects that align with SWCDeF Inc. objectives, particularly those that could be eligible for additional funding available through the Beeliiar Rockingham Lakes Regional Parks Trust.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the South West Group, member Councils and other partners involved in SWCDeF Inc. projects and look forward to progressing activities over the coming year.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy festive season and looking forward to your continued support in 2017.

Duncan Macphail
SWCDeF Inc. President

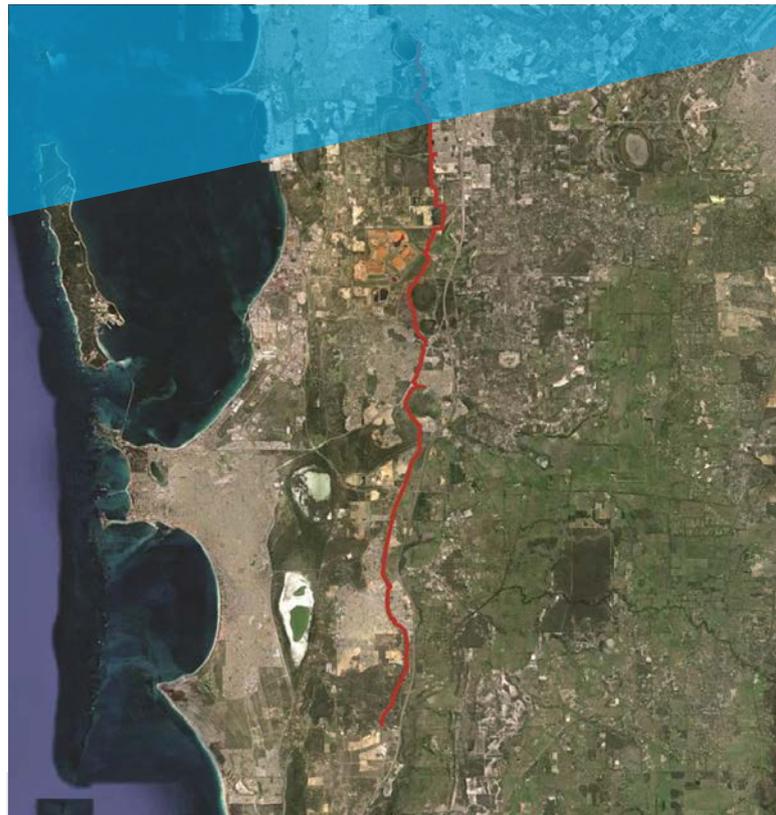
TRAMWAY TRAIL PROJECT

The Cities of Cockburn, Kwinana and Rockingham recognised the potential for a contiguous, multi-use trail to be built along the Tramway Reserve which is a roughly linear reserve approximately 32kms long that runs north-south from Jandakot in the City of Cockburn to Karnup in the City of Rockingham. A total of approximately 12kms of disconnected trails of varying types, ranging from limestone access trails to bituminised or concrete dual-use pathways, currently exists within the Tramway Reserve, leaving 20kms to be constructed.

Funding support from Lotterywest and the Cities of Cockburn, Kwinana and Rockingham enabled SWCDeF Inc. to engage consultants Ecoscape Pty Ltd to prepare the Tramway Trail Development Plan in late 2015. The proposed Tramway Trail runs adjacent to, and in some places through, the Beelair Regional Park and therefore the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) was secured as a project partner.

The Development Plan provides a blueprint for the participating Councils and DPaW to progressively establish the tramway trail over time through a range of funding avenues including grants, developer contributions, Council budgets and DPaW for State Government managed lands.

A signage prescription is under development and it is hoped that an agreement can be reached on a colour palate and styling for signage that will satisfy the requirements of DPaW and the participating Councils. Through this process, a common approach on the branding and promotion of the trail to showcase its historic and natural values can be developed.



POINT PERON RESTORATION PROJECT

The Point Peron Rehabilitation Committee (PPRC), established by Hon. Phil Edman MLC and representing key stakeholders with an interest in the site, is responsible for overseeing a range of activities aimed at restoring the Battery K structures at Point Peron. PPRC operates as a sub-committee of SWCDeF Inc. through a delegation arrangement outlined in its constitution.

Community grant funds provided by the City of Rockingham enabled the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the historic Battery K structures, which are part of defence installations known as "Fremantle Fortress" and constructed to protect Perth during World War II.

Copies of the CMP on disk are available for purchase from Phil Edman's office by calling 9528 4774 or can be downloaded without charge from the SWCDeF Inc. website

<http://www.southwestgroup.com.au/swcdef/point-peronbattery-k-conservation-management-plan>



Ticket sales and donations received through the Point Peron Gala Night and Public Exhibition in March 2016 has provided a source of funds to progress the implementation of the CMP and to examine the feasibility of establishing a coastal defence museum in the Point Peron area. A project manager has been contracted to undertake these tasks and to investigate the availability of funds to support implementation.

Further information is available on the PPRC website www.pprp.com.au or by phoning Phil Edman's office on 9528 4774.



GREEN ARMY APPLICATION

An application was compiled in June 2016 by the Regional NRM Facilitator for a Green Army Round 5 project with SWCDeF Inc. as the project proponent and the Cities of Cockburn, Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville and Rockingham and Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) being project partners.

The Green Army application sought to acquire the resources of 6 Green Army teams (each consisting of up to 9 volunteers and a supervisor) for an average of 25 weeks each over a 3 year period. The work undertaken by the Green Army teams would include extending, enhancing and maintaining critical habitat, refugia and ecological corridors through ongoing re-vegetation, weed and dieback management and feral animal control works.

These 42 sites throughout the region included in the application link flora and fauna communities of the Swan River estuary, the coast, the Beelihar and Rockingham Lakes wetland chains and the Swan Coastal Plain and are home to over 30 threatened species and 6 threatened ecological communities.

If successful, the Green Army teams will provide a valuable labour resource to supplement the works of the member Councils. The total value of the Green Army application is \$2.8 million which includes over \$1 million of labour, \$60,000 in materials and over \$1.7 million in cash and in-kind contribution from the participating Councils.

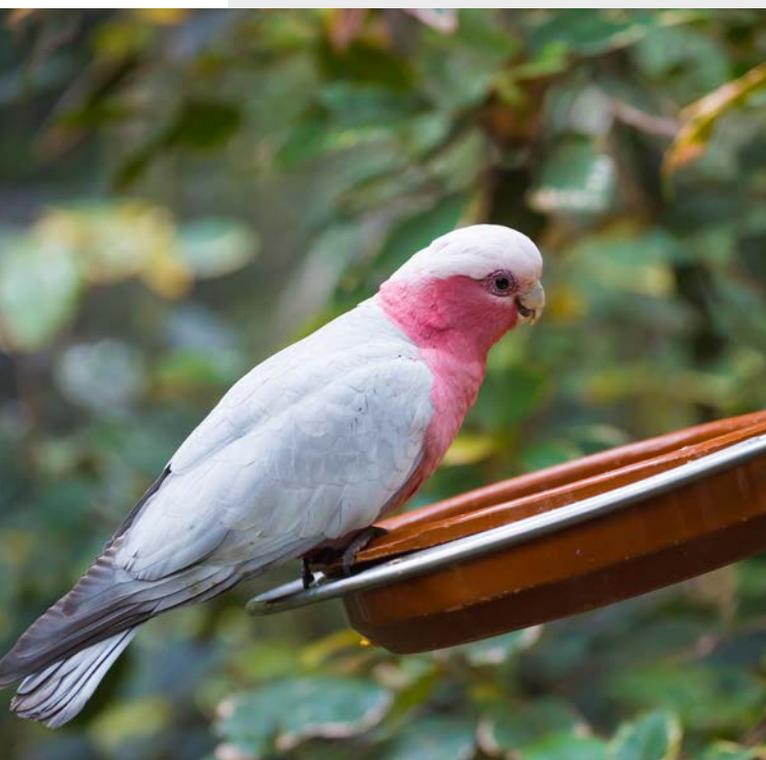
A decision on the Green Army applications is expected before the end of the year.



SWCDeF INC. WEBPAGE UPDATE

The South West Group, who hosts the SWCDeF Inc. webpage, is in the process of launching its new website which now includes a dedicated link to the SWCDeF Inc. webpage. The webpage includes information on current activities, committee members and SWCDeF Inc. newsletters.

The website is yet to go public, so just use the current link to the SWG website <http://www.southwestgroup.com.au/> as this will work for the new site once up and running.



BIRD FRIENDLY GARDENS – COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

A \$12,000 grant was successfully secured by SWCDeF Inc. in May 2016 from the State NRM Program to develop information resources and run four large community awareness and engagement workshops in the region, in partnership with Birdlife WA and Beyond Gardens.

The workshops used local bird species as a focus to encourage residents to create environmentally friendly gardens, to participate in Local and State Government environmental initiatives and to become involved in local "Friends" group activities.

In total, 190 residents attended the four community workshops conducted in the cities of Cockburn, Fremantle, Kwinana and Melville, with feedback being overwhelmingly positive and rated as excellent.

CVA PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR MANAGING TRUST FUNDS

The Beeliiar-Rockingham Lakes Regional Park Trust Fund was established by SWCDeF Inc. in 2008 for the purpose of raising funds to undertake community based environmental restoration projects in the Beeliiar and Rockingham Lakes Regional Parks.

The trust fund manager, Perpetual Trustee Limited advised that it no longer wanted to manage the funds and therefore an alternative trust manager was required. The trust funds could only be transferred to a not-for-profit and registered charitable organisation.

After some investigation, Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) was approached and agreed to manage the funds on behalf of SWCDeF Inc. A Partnership Agreement has been put in place and suitable projects for the expenditure of the trust funds are being sought.

SWCDeF Inc. has committed to providing additional funding up to \$15,000 towards a suitable rehabilitation project in the region and is hoping to leverage this and the trust funding for external grants towards an agreed project or projects.

SWCDeF Inc. is also seeking further sponsorship and donations to support the selected rehabilitation project/s so that the rehabilitation initiative can be enhanced or extended. If you are interested in sponsorship or making a donation, please contact:

SWCDeF Inc. Secretary (Mick McCarthy)
on phone 9364 0631
mobile 0478 325 469 or
email director@southwestgroup.com.au

NEW CONSTITUTION FOR SWCDeF INC.

New legislation under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 came into effect on 1 July 2016 and required all Incorporated Associations to amend their constitution to reflect the new requirements.

The SWCDeF Inc. Constitution was amended to meet the new legislation and lodged to the Department of Commerce for approval. The minor nature of the amendments being specific to changes in the new Act enabled the amendments to be undertaken by resolution of the Management Committee.

The Commissioner for Consumer Protection granted approval of the SWCDeF Inc. amended Constitution on 7 September 2016. A copy of the amended Constitution was sent to all members of SWCDeF Inc. as required under the new legislation.

*Wishing you a
Merry Christmas and a
Safe, Productive New Year
ahead for 2017.*

