

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 2015 edition of the SWCDeF Inc. newsletter includes:

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- *Beeliar-Rockingham Lakes Regional Park Trust Funds*
- *Farewell to Howard Shepherd*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2015 has been a busy year for SWCDeF Inc. with a number of projects completed and new ones underway. We welcomed new faces to the Management Committee and said goodbye to others that have provided support over many years.

I would like to formally thank the Management Committee members for their dedicated efforts and valued contribution over the last year.

2016 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 over 2015 include:

- **Workforce Development** - Continued implementation of the South West Corridor Workforce Development Plan 2009 – 2024
- **Regional Tramway Trail Project** – completion of development plan for a 32 kilometre tramway trail extending from City of Cockburn to the City of Rockingham

- **Partnership with Point Peron Rehabilitation Committee (PPRC)** – Agreement to partner with the PPRC and act as proponent for grant funds related to the restoration of the historic World War 2 battery structures at Point Peron
- **Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Projects** – Supporting an active role in seeking grant funds for environmental restoration projects that align with SWCDeF Inc. objectives, particularly those that could be eligible for additional funding available through the Beeliar-Rockingham Lakes Regional Parks Trust
- **Research on Unemployment** - Partnered with Murdoch University, City of Rockingham, City of Kwinana, Department of Education, Kwinana Industries Council, Challenger Institute of Technology and other stakeholders to complete the Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage grant funding for project titled "Getting a Job: Vocationalism, identity formation and schooling at communities at a disadvantage". The project extended over a number of years and has gathering information to better understand issues inhibiting people getting a job, particularly youth.

"I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to working with you all in 2016!"



Duncan Macphail
SWCDeF Inc. President

MEET THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Nominations for the 2015 SWCDeF Inc Management Committee were received and ratified at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October 2014 and included:

- Cr Duncan Macphail (City of Melville)
- Cr Deb Hamblin (City of Rockingham)
- Cr Dennis Wood (City of Kwinana)
- Cr Sherilyn Wood (Councillor and then community member – City of Kwinana)
- Cr Lee-Anne Smith (City of Cockburn)
- Cr Doug Thompson (City of Fremantle)
- Mr Tim Milsom and Ms Olwyn Williams (Fremantle Chamber of Commerce)
- Mr Tony Solin (Rockingham Kwinana Chamber of Commerce)
- Mr Mick McCarthy (South West Group)

Office bearers for the Management Committee were subsequently appointed following the AGM as follows:

- President – Cr Duncan Macphail
- Vice President – Cr Dennis Wood
- Treasurer – Mr Howard Shepherd
- Secretary – Mr Mick McCarthy

The Management Committee meets a minimum of six times per year, including the AGM.

REGIONAL TRAMWAY TRAIL PROJECT

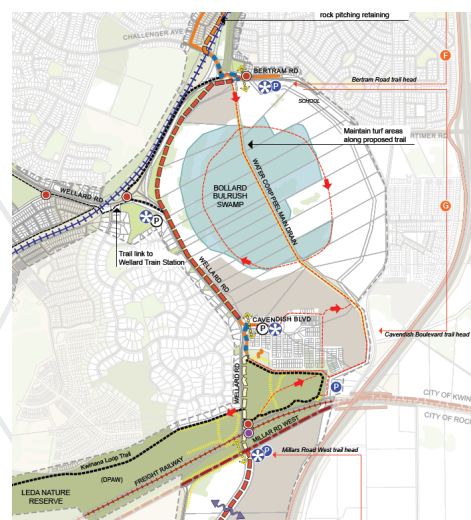
The Cities of Cockburn, Kwinana and Rockingham recognised the potential for a contiguous, multi-use trail to be built along the Tramway Reserve which is a roughly linear reserve approximately 32kms long that runs north-south from Jandakot in the City of Cockburn to Karnup in the City of Rockingham. A 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 installed.

SWCDeF Inc. agreed to host a project to prepare the Tramway Trail Development Plan and Lotterywest grant funding, matched by contributions from the Cities of Cockburn, Kwinana and Rockingham, was sourced to enable consultants to prepare the plan. Given the proposed Tramway Trail will run adjacent to, and in some places through the Beelie Regional Park, the Department of Parks

and Wildlife was secured as a project partner. Consultants (Ecoscape Pty Ltd) were appointed in December 2014 and a development plan for the trail was finalised in September 2015.

The next stages of the Tramway Trail project will entail:

- Identifying funding for the commission and management of a consultancy to develop a regional brand, signage and interpretation plan for the Trail. A Lotterywest grant will be sought for this stage
- Identifying funding for, then progressively constructing priority sections of the Trail. Lotterywest, other external funders (particularly developers) and contributions from participating Councils will be sought to contribute to this phase of project implementation.



Proposed Tramway Trail Project Plan

POINT PERON RESTORATION PROJECT

SWCDeF Inc. submitted a funding application on 4 June 2015 to the City of Rockingham's Community Grants Program seeking funding to engage consultants to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the Point Peron Battery K site. The site was part of historic defence installations known as "Fremantle Fortress" to protect Perth during World War 2.

The grant funding application was successful and Hocking Heritage Studio were engaged to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the Point Peron Battery K structures.

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 the preparation of the Conservation Management Plan and other activities. PPRC undertakes this project oversight role as a sub-committee of SWCDeF Inc.

The PPRC is planning a Gala Night on 18 March 2016 and a Public Exhibition from 19 to 26 March 2016 to raise funding for the restoration of Point Peron. Both events will be held at the Gary Holland Community Centre in Rockingham.

Sponsorships have been secured and donations for the Public Exhibition and tickets for the Gala Night can be received through the contact website info@pprp.com.au or by phoning Phil Edman's office on 9528 4774.



POINT PERON
—RESTORATION PROJECT—

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BEELIAR-ROCKINGHAM LAKES REGIONAL PARK TRUST FUNDS

The Beeliar-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 Beeliar and Rockingham Lakes Regional Parks.

So far, the trust has raised \$10,000 and has funding commitments of up to \$15,000 from other parties to undertake an agreed project in the region. The project is required to be coordinated through a community organisation actively working in reserves associated with either of the regional parks.

SWCDeF Inc. is seeking further sponsorship and donations to leverage the trust funds and contributions secured to date so that the rehabilitation project can be enhanced or extended.

If you are interested in sponsorship or making a donation, please contact the SWCDeF Inc. Secretary (Mick McCarthy) on phone 9364 0631 / mobile 0478 325 469 or email director@southwestgroup.com.au.

FAREWELL TO HOWARD SHEPHERD

Howard Shepherd announced his resignation from the Management Committee during the latter part of 2015 to coincide with his retirement from his certified practising accountant business in Fremantle. Howard has a long and dedicated history with SWCDeF Inc. of over twenty eight years from 1987 to 2015 that included:

- Vice President 1987 to 1991
- Treasurer 1992 to 2015

SWCDeF Inc. and the Management Committee thanks Howard for his outstanding efforts on the committee and wishes Howard and family all the best for his retirement and the future.

