



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 July 2016 edition of the SWCDeF Inc. newsletter includes:

- Message from the President
- Meet the Management Committee
- Regional Tramway Trail Project
- Point Peron Restoration Project
- Bird Friendly Gardening - Community Awareness and Engagement Workshops
- Green Army Application
- New website and logo for South West Group
- Beeliar-Rockingham Lakes Regional Park Trust Funds

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2016 has been a productive year for SWCDeF Inc. so far with a number of initiatives completed and new ones underway. We welcomed new faces to the Management Committee and said goodbye to others that have provided support over the years.

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

2016/17 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 December 2015 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.
- **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 Beeliar Rockingham Lakes Regional Parks Trust.

"I would like to take this opportunity to also 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."



Duncan Macphail
SWCDeF Inc. President

MEET THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Nominations for the 2016 SWCDeF Inc. Management Committee were received and ratified at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October 2015 and included:

- Cr Duncan Macphail (City of Melville)
- Cr Deb Hamblin (City of Rockingham)
- Cr Dennis Wood (City of Kwinana)
- Sherilyn Wood (Community member – City of Kwinana)
- Cr Chamonix Terblanche (City of Cockburn)
- Cr Doug Thompson (City of Fremantle)
- Ms Olwyn Williams (Fremantle Chamber of Commerce)
- Ms Jane McWhirter (Bridging the Gap)
- 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 – Cr Doug Thompson
- 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 constructed.

SWCDeF Inc., with funding support from Lotterywest and the Cities of Cockburn, Kwinana and Rockingham, engaged 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 Beeliar Regional Park and therefore the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) was secured as a project partner.

The more recent Tramway Trail project activities involved:

- Workshops with DPaW media unit to develop signage prescriptions and a strategy. Participating Councils are considering examples for the signage colour palate as well as the use of a logo and branding for the trail. A Lotterywest grant may be sought for the installation of signs following agreement between land managers along the trail, should this be feasible.
- The construction of further sections of the trail will be progressed based on contributions from private developers and participating Council budgets for priority areas.



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. 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-peron-battery-k-conservation-management-plan>

The Point Peron Gala Night and Public Exhibition in March 2016 was a resounding success for PPRC and raised almost \$20,000 in funding to support ongoing project planning and the implementation of the CMP.

Project planning is being progressed based on seeking funding for the implementation of the CMP and the feasibility of establishing a Coastal Defence Museum. Concept designs for the Coastal Defence Museum have been prepared and are being considered by the PPRC as a basis for seeking public and private sector funding support.

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

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 over \$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



City of Rockingham Mayor Barry Sammels, South Metropolitan Region MLC Phil Edman, SWCDeF Inc. President and City of Melville Councillor Duncan Macphail and Director South West Group Mick McCarthy at the launch of the Point Peron Battery K Conservation Management Plan



BIRD FRIENDLY GARDENS – COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

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

The workshops will use 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.

The workshop dates and locations are:

MONTH	DATE	DAY	CITY	TIME
July	30th	Saturday	Melville	Morning
August	13th	Saturday	Kwinana	Afternoon
	20th	Saturday	Cockburn	Morning
	27th	Saturday	Fremantle	Morning

VENUES:

MELVILLE - Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre, Cnr of Murdoch Drive and Leach Highway, Winthrop (Entry off Leach Hwy)

KWINANA - Ken Jackman Room, Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre, 2 Robbos Way, Kwinana

COCKBURN - Cockburn Wetland Education Centre, 184 Hope Rd, Bibra Lake

FREMANTLE - Sullivan Hall, Cnr Nannine & Stevens Street, White Gum Valley

The specific content of each workshop will be tailored to the local species and environmental issues in each location in which it is being presented.

If you are interested in attending a workshop, look out for advertisements in the local press or contact the Environmental Officers at one of the participating Councils.

COMMENCEMENT OF ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATIONS ACT 2015

SWCDeF Inc., as an Incorporated Association, is currently subject to the Associations Incorporation Act 1987 which is administered by the Department of Commerce in Western Australia.

New legislation under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 will come into effect on 1 July 2016 and the department is raising awareness about the new law to help associations and clubs understand their future obligations under this legislation.

SWCDeF Inc. is working through the changes required to comply with the new legislation, which will include amendments to its constitution to bring it in line with new requirements.

Associations and clubs should contact the Department of Commerce or visit their website at:

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/new-laws-associations> for further details.

