



BICTON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP

NEWS AND INFORMATION

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ACTION UPDATE:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Bicton Environmental Action Group was held on 7 March. Reports on the activities of the previous year were impressive. Peter Neesham who has been an inspirational leader of the group was re-elected as President.

SIGNAGE

The signage shelter in the Point Walter Rd car park has been updated and the one on the entrance to the reserve from Blackwall Reach Parade contains information on the area and the BEAG.

OYSTER SHELL BED

The Bicton Baths area has been improved by bringing more sand into the area but the shell and rubble still needs to be removed. A working party is planned for Saturday November 25 when there are low tides to carry out this work. Join us - it should be fun.

PLANTING AND BUSH CARE

In June, the group planted about 10 000 plants in the bush land bounded by Kent St. and Point Walter Rd. Weeding by group members and spraying for Veldt grass and bulbous weeds by the Council now has this area relatively clean which should be good for more planting in 2006.

A smoked water trial is being conducted in the bushland using REGEN 2000 to encourage germination of remnant seed in the soil

In November, group members and students from Bicton Primary School planted seedling sedges along the river foreshore. Unfortunately unseasonal storms washed a number of the plants away. The Melville City Council bush crew has now placed coir logs on the foreshore to help protect future plantings.

KENT ST JETTY

This has been repaired and is once again a popular and much used amenity in the area. The heavy duty plastic 'boards' should withstand storms and tidal surges.

HERBARIUM

A herbarium of local plants as well as introduced weeds is being developed for use by members as well as interested people in the community to help identify plants in the bushland

BOAT TENDERS

The reeds along the Blackwall reach foreshore are being damaged by boat tenders, which have been placed along the shoreline by boat owners. This problem has been raised with the Melville City Council and the Swan River Trust, so far without resolution. The Group will continue to pursue this.

FORESHORE CLEAN UP

There was a great turnout of helpers at the August clean up but there was less rubbish collected. Whether this was because the regular drives held by members has reduced the rubbish load or the boating community has become more litter conscious, it was still a pleasing result.

The Bicton Environmental Action Group is grateful for the ongoing support of the City of Melville and is delighted to have received sponsorship from LotteryWest for 2006 projects

WATCH OUT FOR NOTICES ABOUT THE NEXT FORESHORE
CLEANUP SOME TIME AFTER THE FIRST WINTER STORMS

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