



City of Nedlands



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Media Statement

City of Nedlands Riverbank Grants Scheme

An alliance between the City of Nedlands, the Friends of Point Resolution and the Swan River Trust has rehabilitated a further 70 metres of eroded embankment and foreshore at Point Resolution Reserve.

The Swan River Trust's Riverbank Grants Scheme, which develops partnerships between State and local governments, has also enabled the restoration and stabilisation of a 250 square metre wetland and dryland vegetation buffer at Waratah Place Riverend.

The funding was used to undertake foreshore and embankment restoration and stabilisation work. Activities included the removal of invasive weed species, stabilisation of the foreshore and embankment and increasing the wetland and dryland vegetation buffer with native seedlings.

Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said the works would help protect riverfront infrastructure from exposure to high energy waves and natural erosion processes.

"The Riverbank Grants Scheme is a great initiative for protecting the shoreline and reducing the impact on biodiversity," Mayor Hipkins said.

"We thank the Swan River Trust for its support in this successful project and look forward to future partnerships being created."

Swan River Trust Chair Jim Freemantle said more than \$850,000 in Riverbank funding would be matched dollar for dollar by local governments this year, creating an almost \$1.7 million investment in shoreline protection and rehabilitation to improve the health and amenity of the Swan Canning Riverpark.

"The works at Point Resolution will protect the shoreline from future weather events, help restore habitats for local fauna and increase the amenity of the area for years to come," Mr Freemantle said.

Joint contributions from the City of Nedlands and the Swan River Trust created \$172, 725 in grants for the works to be carried out.

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