

CANNING RIVER REGIONAL PARK - LAND ACQUISITION**By Geoff Rees**

WRRA in conjunction with a number of local Community organizations including the Wilson Wetlands Action Group, Castledare Miniature Railway and the Parish Council, continued to express community concern over the ongoing delays in our State Government's willingness to finalise the security of tenure of all privately owned land that lies within the gazetted boundaries of the Canning River Regional Park (CRRP).

It has now been in excess of 10 years that strategies under the CRRP Management Plan

1997-2007 i.e. "to seek to purchase the remainder of private land as soon as possible, and preferably within 12 months, from willing landowners", were defined and still a large portion of privately owned land is continuing to degrade with each passing year.

We therefore will continue to pressure State Government to map out a clear way forward to achieve security of tenure of the park lands within 18 - 24 months.

SURREY ROAD SALT MARSH PATH EXTENSION**By Geoff Rees**

Following public submissions to CALM (now DEC) in September 2005, the Canning River Regional Park Management Plan has now been amended to provide for construction of a **walk trail** through the park lands. The new **walk trail** will include long sections of elevated boardwalk through sensitive low lying areas of the park to connect the existing Riverton Bridge/Watts Road path around the SW end of Canning River Gardens.

DEC and Canning City Council are to undertake detailed design/planning for this path, which will include landscape, environmental, native flora and weed study as well as other considerations along with further public consultation before a final decision is made on its construction.

We strongly believe the **walk trail** should be constructed within the park, not adjacent to Surrey Road rear property/park boundaries, which is the alternative route being considered.

The extension of the walk path network alongside the Surrey Road Salt Marsh will provide Wilson residents and visitors with a greatly enhanced vista of the Canning River Regional Parklands, which today cannot be gained from any existing public road or pathway along the entire northern (Wilson) side of our park. Access to and walks within our parks are also an objective aspired to under DEC's "Healthy Parks, Healthy People" philosophy.

