

KENT STREET WEIR PRECINCT SET FOR UPGRADE

The City of Canning has recently conveyed to WRRRA that the Kent Street Weir Precinct is to benefit from a planning project currently being scoped and that the consultation process will include interested members of the community.

Following the February fires this year, in response to a request by WRRRA, the City of Canning has stated the WA Fire and Emergency Services (FESA) will provide Wilson residents in close proximity to the Canning River Regional Park with information about fire and risk management. The City of Canning understands that the Department of Environment and Conservation will undertake a fuel load assessment of the Regional Park and will consider strategies to reduce fuel loads. WRRRA is awaiting further information from the City of Canning.

The City of Canning has completed the restoration of boardwalks damaged by the summer fires.

As a strategy to improve the landscaping to the Kent Street Weir Precinct and reduce dust, WRRRA proposed to the City of Canning that the approaches to this area be watered similar to watering programmes in other areas of the City of Canning. This proposal was rejected as the City's bore water allocation under their 2010/11 extraction licence had been fully allocated. However, it is now understood there is consideration for this area to be watered in future years via an underground irrigation system currently serviced by hoses and sprinklers.

WRRRA also understands that a lease was recently negotiated by the City of Canning for the operation of the Café at the Eco-Education Centre. This long-awaited facility should be operational shortly.

With the development of a master plan for the Kent Street Weir Precinct the City of Canning is working towards Mayor Joe Delle Donne's vision for the Canning River Regional Park (CRRP) being "the King's Park of the South".

Lets hope that somewhere within this plan there is provision for the State Government to finalise the acquisition of the privately owned lands, including the large wetlands and foreshore areas at Castledare, that still lies within the boundaries of the CRRP. This need was identified, under the park's Management Plan 1997-2007 Part B item 5, as a strategic action item with the objective for this to be accomplished "as soon as possible and preferable within 12 months", of the Plan's implementation.

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