

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Brockman Park revitalisation benefits local residents

The City of Bunbury has partnered with the State Government and a local primary school to transform what was once a vacant open space into a scenic parkland for the whole community to enjoy.

Thanks to a \$120,000 grant from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation through its Regional Estuaries Initiative, Brockman Park in East Bunbury will undergo a complete makeover.

The City of Bunbury will contribute close to \$190,000 for the project whilst Water Corporation will fund \$40,000 taking the grand total of this significant project to \$350,000.

Flows from an underground stormwater drain will be diverted through a new wetland system planted with native species to remove nutrients and sediments that could otherwise contribute to algal blooms in downstream rivers and estuaries.

Extensive landscaping will also take place with the help of Cooinda Primary School students who will assist in the planting of native species.

The students will also be involved in a public art project in collaboration with a local artist at the site which will see a neighbouring wall given a new lease of life.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the project would not only benefit the City's water ways but would activate a forgotten space.

"On behalf of Council I'd like to thank the State Government for its contribution to this initiative and I am also delighted Cooinda Primary students have jumped on board," Mayor Brennan said.

"This parkland will be an asset to the community whilst reinvigorating and transforming the area."

A pathway will be constructed to allow for easy access and inclusiveness to the space for all community members.

Earthworks have been set to begin in the first week of May with the project completed by the end of July.

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