

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Bunbury students raise awareness for Big Swamp wetlands

A creative idea to install interpretative signing and a self-guided education trail at the Big Swamp wetlands has been brought to reality thanks to a Habitat Bunbury grant being awarded to Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School.

The school was given the grant after it approached the City with an idea to place interpretative signage around the wetlands and create the Big Swamp Discovery Trail.

Year 6 student Tom Offer – a volunteer with the Friends of Big Swamp who assist the City in maintaining and monitoring the health of the wetland – came up with the idea and shared it with his Year 5 and 6 peers. The school then applied for funding under the Habitat Bunbury program.

The school was awarded \$5000 to help get the project off the ground which included the design, production and installation of the signage.

Visitors to the area can now enjoy the 2.5km interpretative loop and learn about the wetlands and its flora and fauna.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the project showed great initiative by the students.

“The students must be applauded for their creativity and also for their consideration of this important Bunbury location,” Mayor Brennan said.

“Big Swamp is an iconic area and these signs will educate visitors to the trail.”

All media are invited to attend the official unveiling of the Big Swamp Discovery Trail at 11.30am on Tuesday 9 October at Big Swamp. Please meet directly across from the playground.

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