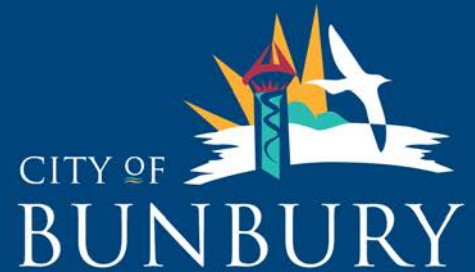


# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **Many hands make light work at Big Swamp**

Bunbury's Big Swamp wetlands is undergoing a major revitalisation thanks to a collaborative approach between the City of Bunbury, Friends of Big Swamp and Bunbury Prison.

Section 95 prisoners have been working hard and getting their hands dirty as part of their pre-release program.

The crew of six-to-seven men has been working up to eight hours per day at the wetland removing weeds, dead vegetation and cleaning up the perimeter of the wetland which was in need of a makeover. The City's landscape and open space team have been assisting with removing the large piles of green waste.

The Friends of Big Swamp, a community volunteer group, which cares for the valuable urban wetland is assisting the men with the project.

Group member Kathryn Harbutt said the men were enthusiastic and very happy to be working at the wetland.

"We really can't thank them enough for all the hard work they are putting in," Ms Harbutt said.

"They bring their own equipment and have had a major impact on the revitalisation of the area.

"We have received nothing but positive feedback from local residents who are pleased this important work is being carried out."

The removal of weeds from the wetlands will enable revegetation of the area to begin with local native plants being planted across areas of the site.

The City's sustainability and environmental planning team has also been assisting with this significant project and look forward to seeing more of the already great outcomes of the project.

For more information on the Friends of Big Swamp group visit <http://www.friendsofbigswamp.org.au/>

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