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\$1.53m For WA Community Conservation Groups

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton said several local community environmental and conservation groups are among the 140 groups and individuals throughout Western Australia to share in \$1.53 million in grants announced by the State Government.

"The grants are part of a four-year, \$6million program the Liberal-National Government introduced as part of its election commitments," Dr Nahan said.

"The program recognises and acknowledges the important contribution that these dedicated groups are making to protect the State's environment."

Dr Nahan said priority for the \$1.53m available under the first round of the grants was given to projects sponsored by community and not-for profit organisations, and that private landowners and local government councils were also among the recipients.

"More than 280 applications for funding were received, from which 140 projects were funded in the first round – a testament to the future success of the program and the Government's commitment to assist community based environmental work," said Dr Nahan.

Local recipients included:

- \$30,000 to the City of Canning for protection of threatened ecological communities and adjacent bush land in the Queens Park Regional Open Space
- \$27,770 for the Two Rivers Catchment Group for control of *Hydrocotyle ranunculooides* threatening the Canning River Regional Park
- \$4000 to the Bannister Creek Catchment Group for post-fire weed management of veldt grass, blackberry and Typha on the west side of Bannister Creek in the Canning Regional Park
- \$4000 to the Wilson Wetlands Action Group for management of priority weeds at the Wilson wetlands;
- \$3000 to the Canning River Regional Park Volunteers for the Blackberry Eradication Urban Forest Program
- \$11,175 to the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc (SERCUL) for maintaining, monitoring and reporting on the reuse of tree hollows and cockatoo nest boxes in regional parks across Perth and the Darling Range;

"The volunteer work undertaken by these community groups is invaluable. I encourage all members of the community who have an interest in preserving our local environment to volunteer their services to assist these groups with their important work," said Dr Nahan.

For information on how to contact the local volunteer groups, please telephone Dr Nahan's electorate office on 9457 1282.

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