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Local Environmental Group's Achievements Acknowledged

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton, congratulated the Canning River Regional Park Volunteers not only on their 20th Anniversary this year, but in taking out the Community Achievement – Metropolitan Award in the 2010 WA Environment Awards run by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

"This is a well deserved acknowledgement of the vital role that this small band of volunteers plays in maintaining this wonderful local park," said Dr Nahan.

"The group only has 25 members but it beat much larger environmental groups, such as Perth Region NRM's CoastCare program and Conservation Volunteers Australia's Rio Tinto Earth Assist program to take out this prestigious award."

Dr Nahan said the group has undertaken the eradication of feral bee hives within the park, completed many annual bird surveys, published a book about the park and has supported numerous other environmental events and conservation activities.

"The Canning River Regional Park is a very popular destination for family picnics, bush walking, bike riding and other leisure activities but it was not always such a pleasant area. In the past, it has been used for farming, wood-collection and a rubbish tip and the group has made significant progress in turning that degradation around over the last 20 years," said Dr Nahan.

"The Park now is one of the natural gems in this electorate. Ms Jo Stone is the President of the group and I commend her and her volunteers on their unwavering commitment and dedication to the conservation and upkeep of the Park."

"The value of the work that they do cannot be underestimated and I am very pleased that their service to the community over the last two decades has been formally recognised by this award."

"I join with all members of the community in wishing Ms Stone and her volunteers continued success for the future."

If you would like to become a Canning River Regional Park Volunteer, please call 9458 3669 or email admin@canningriver.org.au

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