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Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

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### Community Environment Grant Enables Work on Country



*Image: Environment Minister Greg Hunt, MP for Canning Andrew Hastie, Mark Salmon and Karrie-Anne Kearing from MDAA and Johanne Garvey from PHCC at the community grant announcement.*

**5 May 2016...**Members of the Murray Districts Aboriginal Association (MDAA) have welcomed a recent Community Environment Grant which will see them working on country to revitalise Bindjareb Park by identifying and controlling threats to the site's cultural values and threatened species habitat.

The Peel-Harvey Catchment Council's inaugural round of community grants is funded through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme. Chairman Andy Gulliver said the grants are designed to support local communities to undertake projects which protect and enhance natural assets in accordance with the council's NRM strategy – *Bindjareb Boodja Landscapes 2025* – and the government's National Landcare Programme objectives.

"We are pleased to facilitate Murray Districts Aboriginal Association's grant for the restoration of the significant Bindjareb Park site," he said. "Projects must focus on activities which maintain or enhance threatened species or ecological communities' habitat, regionally significant or migratory species or the ecological character of the Peel-Yalgorup Ramsar site."

MDAA spokesperson Karrie-Anne Kearing said MDAA members were already planning monitoring and site management with project partners The Peel-Harvey Catchment Council.

"We are working with the PHCC on workshops to develop an action plan to start on ground works. These will be aimed at improving the habitat and the food for birds like Karrak (Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos) and clearing the weeds from the Park. When it's made accessible, people will recognise there's something here, understand its significance and respect this place. Working with the PHCC is great, we achieve a lot together," she said.

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