



McLarty's River Restoration Project (Marrinup Brook Tributary)

Bordering the Murray River and Marrinup Brook, within the catchment of the Ramsar-listed Peel-Harvey Estuary, Gordon McLarty's property in Meelon, south east of Pinjarra, Western Australia, was the site of extensive waterway, riparian and terrestrial restoration delivered by PHCC. In an area of regionally significant vegetation, the project demonstrated the effectiveness of strong leadership and collaboration between stakeholders to achieve on-ground success. Funding contributions provided a significant amount of resources to complete a large scale project addressing priority targets.

FUNDING PROGRAM

Natural Heritage Trust II (NHT II) and National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality – SWCC Regional NRM Investment Plan 2006-2008

PHCC PROGRAM

Waterways and Estuary Health: Peel-Harvey (WH.02a)

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FUNDING

NHT II Grant: \$77,325
Co-contributions: \$35,000

STAKEHOLDERS

- Landholder Gordon McLarty
- Shire of Murray
- Cape to Cape Catchment Group - contracted PHCC to deliver the WH.02a Program

ACTIONS/ACTIVITIES/OUTCOMES:

- 1.5m high riffle treated head-cut within the Marrinup Brook tributary that threatened a public reserve
- 800m of the creek line stabilised through installation a series of rock riffles to restore the bed level, slow flows and minimise erosion
- 2 stock/vehicle crossings and 2 off-stream watering points support livestock management
- 5km fence protected 4.2km of waterways including 1.8km of Murray River, resulting in all of the waterways on McLarty's property fenced to exclude livestock
- ~50ha remnant vegetation protected from grazing and >30ha of environmental weeds (*Watsonia* spp.) controlled
- 20ha revegetation/restoration – additional partner project