



Lake McLarty Nature Reserve Action Plan 2017 – 2027

Lake McLarty is an internationally important wetland located in south-west Australia and an integral part of the Peel-Yalgorup wetland system, Ramsar 482. Over recent years the lake's condition has deteriorated due to reduced rainfall, lowered water levels and changes in vegetation and soils. Various groups assist the state government to manage the Lake, including the Friends of Lake McLarty. To maximise the effort of all groups working at the Lake, a joint Action Plan was developed to focus expertise and energy and save this beautiful wetland for future generations.

FUNDING PROGRAM

Aust Government's National Landcare Program (NLP)

PHCC PROGRAM

Natural Assets Program

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Lake McLarty Collaboration Project

FUNDING

Australian Government (NLP)	\$6,400
Dept Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions	\$600
Friends of Lake McLarty	\$1,500
Others (DWER & Researchers)	\$900

STAKEHOLDERS

- Friends of Lake McLarty (FoLM)
- Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions (DBCAs)
- Dept of Water & Environmental Regulation (DWER)
- Lake McLarty Technical Advisory Group
- Shire of Murray
- Mandurah Bird Observers Group
- Peel Preservation Group

BENEFICIARIES

Surrounding community and landowners, Conservation and Parks Commission, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

PROJECT MANAGER

Andrew Del Marco (PHCC)

Ramsar 482

“.....there are very few wetlands (freshwater, brackish or marine) that have so many birds packed into such a small area. At peak times, Lake McLarty is a world-class birdwatching spectacle. It is well worth saving.”

~ Dr Mike Craig, UWA ~



For the first time, there is one plan for management of the Lake which is equally shared by a number of groups. These groups represent the state, regional and local perspectives of natural resource management. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions has formal management responsibility for the Lake, the PHCC is the regional NRM group facilitating partnerships to achieve on-ground action, and the Friends of Lake McLarty are the community group providing the energy and local knowledge to focus attention on the Lake. The Action Plan has galvanised efforts to implement key actions in a strategic and cooperative manner.

OUTPUTS & OUTCOMES

- Collaborative action plan prepared to guide and coordinate management actions over the next ten years
- Strengthened working relationships between three of the main groups involved in the Lake's management: DBCA, FoLM and PHCC
- Clarification of studies required to increase knowledge of the Lake's hydrogeology and altered water regimes, and assess future water management options.
- Assistance to FoLM to focus and prioritise future funding initiatives and on-ground projects

LOCATION

Lake McLarty Nature Reserve
(Reserve 39404 & Reserve 44978)
Coordinates: 32°42'20.6"S 115°42'52.5"E



VOLUNTEERS

The following volunteers were directly involved in the preparation of the Action Plan:

- Michael Craig (Lake McLarty TAG)
- Paddi Creevey (FoLM)
- Bob Paterson (FoLM)
- Robert Wroth (FoLM)
- Teresa Hey (FoLM)
- Ian Hey (FoLM)
- Terry Ryan (FoLM)
- Heather Adamson (FoLM)
- Griselda Hitchcock (FoLM)
- Nancy Fardin (FoLM)

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Plan outlines 37 management actions to be implemented over the 2017 – 2027 period, including three (3) actions to ensure implementation of the Plan is managed and monitored by the DBCA and PHCC.