

# Swan Canning Riverpark River Journeys

Be part of an enduring contribution to the environment

**The River Journeys Project is the development of a network of walking trails featuring 25 nodes or rest points located at key sites of environmental, historical and Aboriginal cultural significance.**

The Marli Riverpark Interpretation Plan identified 19 nodes across the Swan and Canning Rivers (the Derbarl Yerrigan and Djarlgarro Beelie) and a further six nodes were identified by the Noongar Advisory Panel.

The vision of the River Journeys Project is to create a continuous trail from Fremantle to Guildford on both the northern and southern shores of the Swan and Canning rivers. The walking trails lead you on 'river journeys', where with the help of interpretation, you will learn about and reflect on the history and stories of the area.

The project delivery partner is the Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and currently six nodes have been completed with financial commitment to develop a further three nodes.

This is a wonderful opportunity to partner with the WA Parks Foundation and assist in achieving our vision of completing all 25 nodes and developing an iconic Perth attraction.

## Storytelling

The interpretation nodes are structures that link into existing foreshore pathways, shaped to create a multi-use space providing seating, interpretation and improved foreshore access and are designed to meet universal access standards.

The interpretation aspects of the node draw upon visual elements, sound and art to enable the visitor to engage with the information in a variety of ways. Besides static interpretive panels, where possible, the signage will also prompt visitors to download an app and listen to cultural heritage audio stories about the river by accessing the virtual trail guides.



## The Riverpark

The rivers have special significance within the Perth region, with a diverse range of cultural and natural heritage values, including;

- The rivers landscape demonstrates the ending of the Gondwanaland period with the breakup of the Indian and Australian tectonic plates following rifting along the Darling fault line;
- Continuing cultural importance related to past and contemporary Noongar culture. According to Noongar tradition the Rivers were formed by the Waugal;
- An environment home to rare and priority flora and fauna listed on international and state based registers;
- Archaeological discoveries in the river valley which have extended the scientific knowledge of the great antiquity (at least 40 thousand years) of continuous human habitation in Australia;
- The establishment of the Swan River Colony, the first free (non-convict) colonial settlement in Australia;
- The rivers providing Perth's first transport and communication corridor and provide access to the upper reaches of the Swan and the Canning and downstream to Fremantle;
- The rivers and their banks have been used for passive and active recreation including swimming, fishing, prawning, crabbing, boating, walking, bird-watching, horse racing and picnics, and are linked to international sporting events including The Avon Descent White Water Race.
- As both a physical resource and a spiritual place, the rivers offer opportunities to build community and understanding of our unique riverine landscapes.

## Partnership Opportunities

The River Journeys Project offers opportunities for corporate sponsors to be involved in a highly visible, community project that encourages connection with our beautiful river landscape while contributing to a defining trail and destination activity for Perth.

Sponsors can express interest in a node or trail of their choice and innovative designs that fit within the River Journeys framework. As each node is designed for a specific location, presenting unique design components and challenges, the cost of a nodes varies depending on size, location, design and level of investment.

A variety of sponsorship packages are available.

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