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Moore happenings at the coast

Moore Catchment Council has been spending a lot of time at the southern end of the Moore River during the past few months. Rachel Walmsley MCC's NRM Officer said "I've been really coastal focused this year delivering various State and Federal funded natural resource management projects mainly around Guilderton. These projects have involved conserving the iconic Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, and implementing coastal restoration and education activities."

Below is a round-up of these projects happening right now.

Planting Food for Carnaby's Black Cockatoo

Rachel said "There has been amazing uptake for the Moore Catchment Council's 'Plant feed species for Carnaby's Black Cockatoo project', funded through the State NRM Program. Carnaby's are a South West WA endemic but endangered species with population estimates as low as 11,000. Projects like these are urgently needed to conserve this bird species." This project aims to increase the native forage habitat in the Swan Sandplain Important Bird Area and so far, 77 local landholders and community groups have been involved with planting 12,500 native Banksia, Hakea and Eucalypt species between Gingin and Guilderton. Rachel added "A large proportion of these have been planted in the Woodridge, Guilderton and Gabbadah localities so a huge thanks to everyone who has been involved."



Carnaby's having a drink in Woodridge



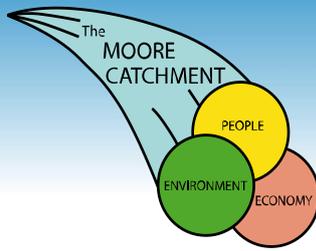
Fitting 2,000 seedlings on the ute



Hakea undulate

North Guilderton Restoration project

Local residents and visitors may have noticed a few things happening on Guilderton's north dunes. Rachel said "Over the past few months, fencing and signage has been installed by Department of Parks and Wildlife through a multi stakeholder project funded by Northern Agricultural Catchment Council (NACC) and organised by the Moore Catchment Council." The aim of this project is to reduce degradation of the north Guilderton dunes from unregulated 4WD use by fencing off and protecting a 22ha area, installing signage to encourage dune drivers to stick to one track, and creating a formalised dune/beach walk trail with interpretative signage. The project is near completion and people are already enjoying the 1.6km Djena Koorl-iny (meaning 'go on foot' in Noongar language) walk trail and learning what dune flora they might see from the new trail head signage. Further funding has been applied for to revegetate the degraded tracks within the protected area and remove weeds.



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New 4WD track signage



Fencing and signage will prevent 4WD access



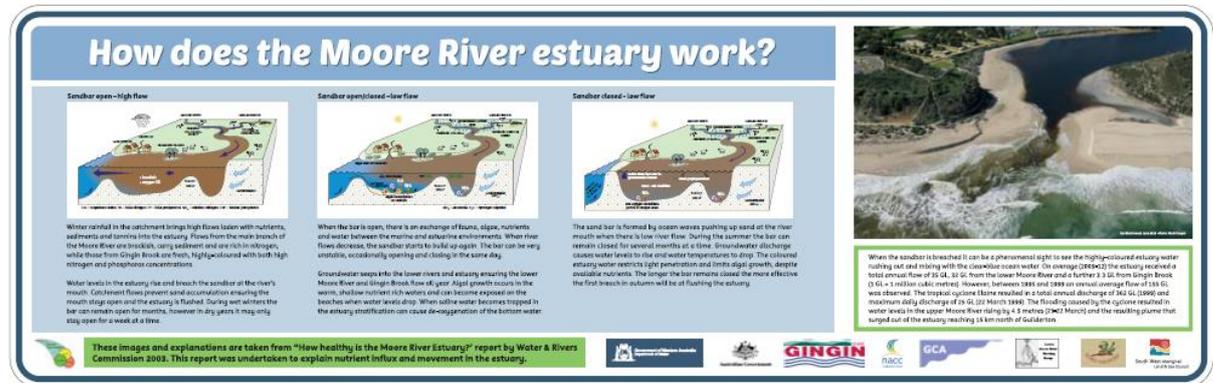
DPAW team and trail signage

Estuary interpretive signage

New informative signage is on its way for the Moore River estuary foreshore. Moore Catchment Council used a NACC funded grant to design and produce five signs to help explain the Moore estuary's ecology, Aboriginal significance and natural processes to visitors. The signs are in production and will be installed soon.



New estuary interpretive signage



Rachel concluded 'huge thanks to the coastal community and groups involved with these projects especially the Guilderton Community Association and the Shire of Gingin who have been especially helpful. A Carnaby information day is on the way and also a grand opening event for the Guilderton projects is being planned for October. Keep up to date with what's happening by subscribing to the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/moore.catchmentcouncil> or subscribing to our mailing list by contacting MCC on moorecc@bigpond.com'



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