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Mandoon (Helena River) Action Plan

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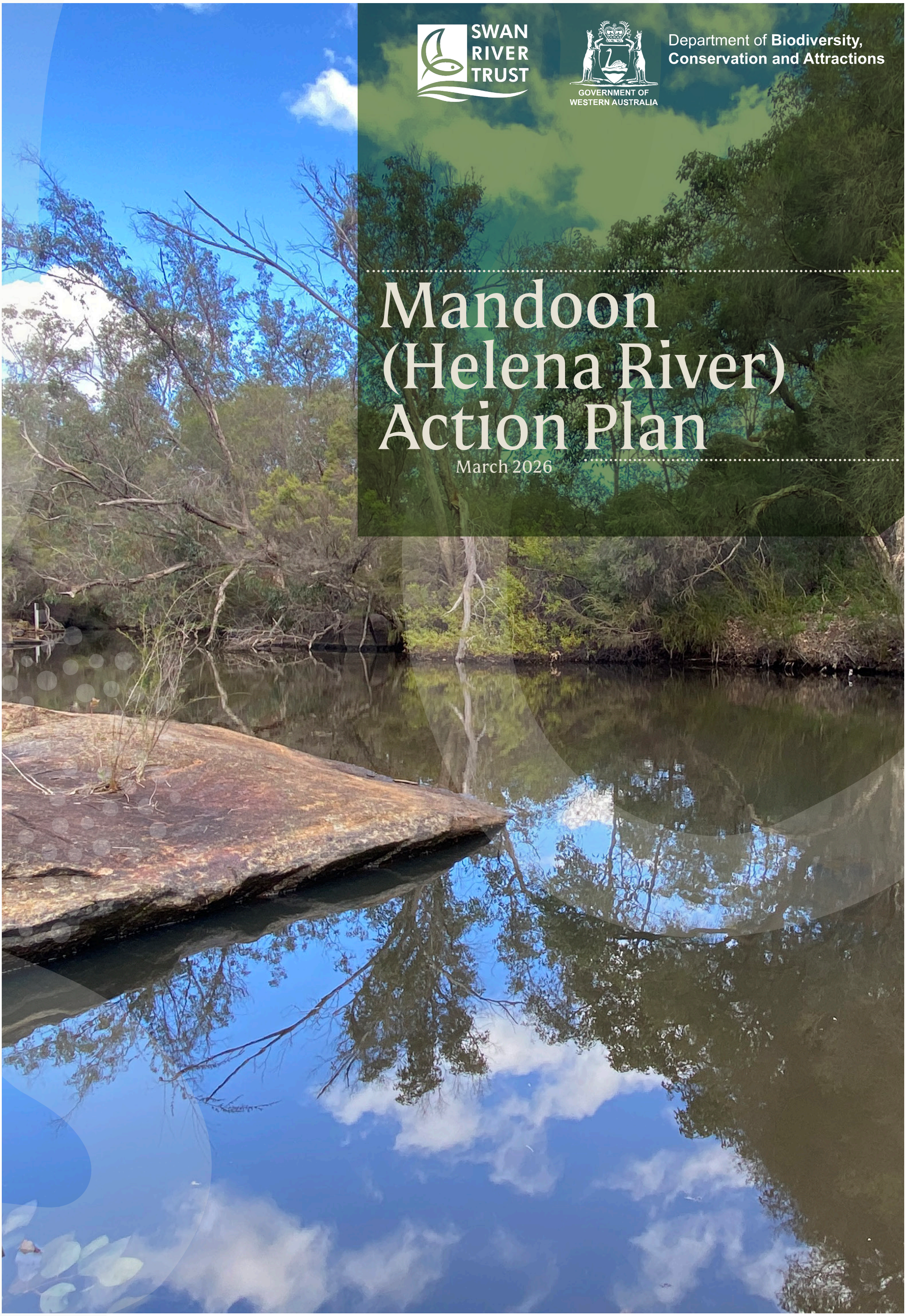

Mandoon (Helena River) Locality

Introduction

The Mandoon (Helena River) Action Plan (the Action Plan) aims to support achievement of the locality-specific policy statements contained within the Mandoon (Helena River) Locality Plan. The actions should be delivered when planning and undertaking works in the locality, as opportunities present.

The Action Plan is a guidance document and can be updated as needed.

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Action *Delivery is subject to funding and resources*	Timing (years) 0-2, 2-5, 5+, ongoing	Key agencies	Notes
MHR.1 Undertake an assessment of and long-term planning for foreshore Regional Open Space reserve in this locality, particularly where: i. there is currently no provision of Regional Open Space; ii. it does not include the extent of the FPM 1 in 100 (1%) annual exceedance probability floodway; iii. areas of natural landscape value should be protected; iv. there is an opportunity to create a buffer between the increasingly urban built landscape and riverine environment; v. there are ecological linkage opportunities; and vi. wetland buffers should be protected.	5+	DBCA, SRT, CoS, SoM, WAPC	Consider as part of strategic planning.
MHR.2 Undertake long-term planning to create ecological linkages between the Mandoon (Helena River) foreshore reserve and Beelu National Park.	5+	DBCA, SoM	Consider as part of strategic planning.
MHR.3 Undertake long-term planning to add to the River reserve those sections of the Mandoon (Helena River) that are not currently included and undertake a Metropolitan Region Scheme amendment to transfer the River reserve to Waterway.	5+	WAPC, SRT, DBCA	
MHR.4 Actively manage the foreshore reserve to encourage regeneration of local species. Engage with the active community groups within this locality.	0-2	DBCA, LGs, WAPC	
MHR.5 Undertake infill sewer connection for the Midland and Hazelmere industrial areas, Stirling Crescent (Hazelmere), and Helena Valley along Katharine Street, Clayton Street and Helena Valley Road.	5+	WC, DBCA	Undertake strategically and as part of related proposals.
MHR.6 Improve the environmental management of the Kings Meadow Polo Ground and community access to the site, including allowing for a broader range of community activities and events.	0-2	CoS, DBCA	To inform proposals for this location.
MHR.7 Undertake flood modelling upstream of Fyfe Street (Helena Valley) to establish a FPM 1 in 100 (1%) annual exceedance probability floodway and flood fringe boundary.	5+	DWER, DBCA	
MHR.8 Undertake broad strategic recreation (passive and active) and public open space planning for Helena Valley, Bellevue, Hazelmere, Midland, Woodbridge and South Guildford. Consideration should be given to identifying park nodes that are adjacent to the foreshore reserve and outside of the floodway for possible future small-scale community and food and beverage development.	2-5	CoS, SoM, DBCA	To form part of foreshore improvement works in these locations.
MHR.9 Continue to actively pursue land to add to the foreshore corridor, including by acquiring Regional Open Space reserve that is currently in private ownership.	Ongoing	DBCA, SRT, WAPC	Consistent with State policy and proactively when opportunity presents.
MHR.10 Develop a foreshore walk trail for this locality that incorporates opportunities to learn about river ecology, conservation, history and heritage, including through art, interpretation and signage.	2-5	DBCA, LGs, WAPC	Consider as part of strategic planning.

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MHR.11	Implement the recommendations of the *Tributary Foreshore Assessment: Helena River (Mandoon)* (DBCA, 2018), including the suggested revegetation species list, which contains more detailed restoration recommendations at a local scale.	5+	DBCA, LGs, WAPC, DWER	
MHR.12	Undertake foreshore reserve planning for Mandoon (Helena River) to guide progressive improvement, restoration and protection works, and ensure shared resourcing and coordinated management activities across mixed land tenure.	5+	DBCA, LGs, WAPC, DWER	Consider as part of strategic planning or relevant proposals.
MHR.13	Collaborate with local governments to determine the views and view corridors from select public vantage points to be protected and maintained. Locations to be considered include Kings Meadow Reserve, Katharine Street wetlands, and Mundaring Weir.	0-2	DBCA, LGs	
MHR.14	Actively manage unauthorised 4WD access to the foreshore, particularly near the Craignish gauging station in Helena Valley and in areas of Kalamunda and Gooseberry Hill.	0-2	LGs, DBCA	
MHR.15	Work with the local community to improve knowledge of the local foreshore environment, including the impacts of unauthorised vehicle access, weed encroachment from gardens, and illegal rubbish dumping.	0-2	LGs, DBCA	
MHR.16	Engage with Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association on its BoorYul-Bah-Bilya program that aims to create a community-focussed plan for the Mandoon Bilya (Helena River) catchment, including a proposal to create a large natural parkland along the river through Helena Valley, Bellevue, Hazelmere, Midland and Guildford.	5+	DBCA	

CoK	City of Kalamunda
CoS	City of Swan
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
LG	Local Government
SoM	Shire of Mundaring
SRT	Swan River Trust
WAPC	Western Australian Planning Commission
WC	Water Corporation

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