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Lower Djarlgarro (Canning) Action Plan

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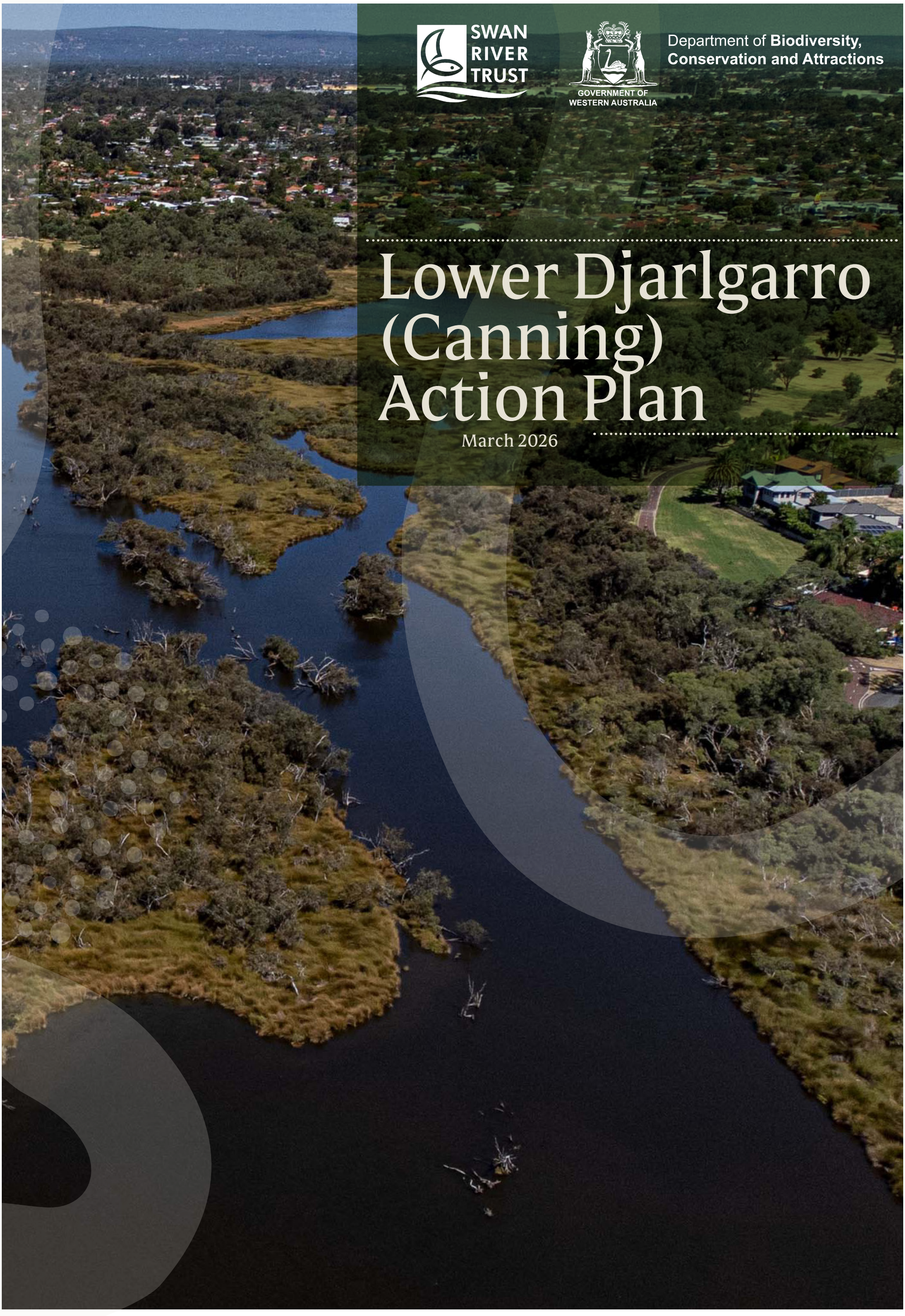

Lower Djarlgarro (Canning) Locality

Introduction

The Lower Djarlgarro (Canning) Action Plan (the Action Plan) aims to support achievement of the locality-specific policy statements contained within the Lower Djarlgarro (Canning) 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**
LDC.1 Undertake long-term planning to: i. Improve existing narrow foreshore areas by rationalising and reducing the road layout to optimise the design and quality of the foreshore space and provide for active transport opportunities, such as along The Esplanade (Brentwood/Mount Pleasant) and Riverton Drive W/N/E (Rossmoyne/ Shelley/Riverton); and ii. Relocate car parking outside of the foreshore reserve where the reserve is narrow or otherwise constrained, via a strategy that maintains accessibility to the foreshore by providing for alternative parking arrangements.	5+	DBCA, LGs	To form part of road or foreshore improvement works and strategic planning.
LDC.2 Incorporate interpretation nodes to recognise cultural significance and heritage values at Deep Water Point, Mount Henry, Shelley/Prisoners Point/Salter Point and Canning River Regional Park, as identified in *Marli Riverpark: An Interpretation Plan for the Swan and Canning Riverpark*.	5+	DBCA, LGs	To form part of foreshore improvement works in these locations.
LDC.3 Investigate options for Rowing WA and the Swan River Rowing Club to share facilities and provide an opportunity to introduce new river-related community uses within Apex Reserve. Consideration should be given to constructing a new shared building appropriately set back from the high-water mark to allow for improved broader public use of the beach and foreshore area.	5+	DBCA, WAPC, CoM	
LDC.4 Undertake foreshore reserve planning for the Regional Open Space reserve associated with the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan to optimise the use, design and quality of the adjoining foreshore reserve. It should aim to improve the natural landscape character of the foreshore as a buffer between the increasingly urban built landscape and the river and improve public access to nature.	2-5	DBCA, CoM, CoSP	To inform foreshore improvement works in this location.
LDC.5 Investigate options for future redevelopment of a shared facility incorporating new river-related community uses, café and public toilets at Salter Point Sea Scouts and Curtin University Boat Club at Sandon Park.	2-5	CoSP, DBCA	To inform foreshore improvement works in this location.
LDC.6 Undertake foreshore reserve planning for Centenary Park to provide for community amenities and rehabilitation of the riverbank. Enhance passive recreation at the site and consider temporary pop-up or public event activation. Investigate a new shared facility for river-related community uses incorporating TS Canning and the Canning Sea Scouts.	2-5	CoC, DBCA, DWER	To inform foreshore improvement works in this location.
LDC.7 Investigate the introduction of closed waters for motorised vessels between Riverton Bridge and Kent Street Weir.	2-5	DTMI, DBCA, CoC	Investigation to be conducted by DTMI via an Aquatic Use Review.
LDC.8 Continue to implement the Be Wake Aware education campaign to raise awareness of wake generated by a vessel and ways to minimise it.	Ongoing	DTMI, DBCA	
LDC.9 Investigate potential road closures to connect Riverton Drive North Reserve parklet to Wadjup Point and Zenith Park to Shelley foreshore, to optimise provision of public open space.	5+	CoC, DBCA	Consider as part of strategic planning.

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LDC.10 Investigate options to reduce the visual prominence on the riparian landscape of the distributor powerlines and the raised distributor water pipeline that crosses the Djarlgarro Beelier (Canning River) at Shelley Basin. Consider planting tall tree species on the foreshore to partially obscure views of the utilities.	5+	WC, CoC, WP, DBCA	
LDC.11 Assess feasibility of installing infill sewer connection for the Canning Sea Scouts and TS Canning buildings within Centenary Park.	0-2	CoC, WC, DWER, DBCA	To form part of related proposals.
LDC.12 Continue to investigate route options for the public accessway from Thomas Middleton Park to Spinaway Crescent (Brentwood). Account for the environmental values, terrain and landscape amenity of the foreshore reserve when designing the accessway, including considering locating a section of the pathway with the Spinaway Crescent (Brentwood) and Moonlight Cove (Brentwood) road reserve.	2-5	CoM, DBCA	
LDC.13 Investigate the provision of an accessible public path: i. from Woodloes Park to Masons Landing Park; ii. within the Castledare Miniature Railway Park; and iii. along Fairview Gardens (Waterford) via the extension of the roadside dual use path.	2-5	CoC, CoSP, DBCA, WAPC	
LDC.14 Investigate the provision of a pedestrian trail between Bywater Park and Watts Road (Wilson) and between the Castledare Miniature Railway Niana Station and Wilson Park Station.	2-5	CoC, DBCA, WAPC	
LDC.15 Investigate options for the provision of a public access link between Woodloes Homestead and the Canning River Regional Park.	2-5	CoC, DBCA	
LDC.16 Investigate incorporating stormwater management within the catchment of Adenia Lagoon, to reduce or remove the volume of freshwater (stormwater) from pipes directly entering a Threatened Ecological Community samphire saltmarsh.	2-5	DBCA, CoC	
LDC.17 Conduct a review of potential retrofitting options for stormwater pipes, trapezoidal drains and piped river outlets to improve the quality of stormwater entering the river. Known opportunity sites include: i. reconfiguring and diverting the existing drain within Sandon Park; ii. creating a living stream between the north and south lake within Bodkin Park; iii. converting the section of pipe within the foreshore at Shelley Beach to a living stream; and iv. retrofitting piped outlets entering the Threatened Ecological Community samphire saltmarsh at Adenia Park.	2-5	DBCA, LGs, WC	
LDC.18 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 Canning, Mount Henry, Shelley and Riverton bridges, Deep Water Point, Salter Point, Bull Creek, Greenfield Street (Cannington), Kent Street Weir and downstream of Nicholson Road Bridge.	2-5	DBCA, LGs	

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LDC.19 Investigate the use of smart meters and rain sensors across irrigated public open space areas to optimise and ensure best use of available water.	0-2	LGs	
LDC.20 Undertake a foreshore risk assessment for the Riverpark to understand potential climate change impacts, such as inundation and erosion.	2-5	DBCA, DPLH, LGs, DTMI, DWER, DFES	Will inform management approaches. Existing projects include the Swan Canning Riverpark Foreshore Risk Identification and Mapping Project.

CoC	City of Canning
CoM	City of Melville
CoSP	City of South Perth
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
DFES	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
DPLH	Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage
DTMI	Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
LG	Local Government
MR	Main Roads WA
SRT	Swan River Trust
WAPC	Western Australian Planning Commission
WC	Water Corporation
WP	Western Power

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