



MEDIA STATEMENT

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CONSERVATION FUNDING UP FOR GRABS

West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti is urging individuals and community groups to apply for funding to assist them with the conservation of the local environment.

Ms Saffioti said it was important that the community work together to ensure we conserve these areas for future generations to enjoy.

“Local conservation projects help us reach our goal of environmental sustainability,” she said.

“Our natural resources are home to many flora and fauna, some of which are unique to our region, especially around the Whiteman Park area.

“It is up to us to act now and ensure future generations can experience these natural wonders.”

Ms Saffioti said grants of up to \$40,000 are available through the *2011 Environmental Community Grants* for projects involving:

- biodiversity conservation;
- sustainable catchment management;
- rescue and rehabilitation of injured or incapacitated fauna;
- interpretation and sustainable recreation in natural areas;
- regional parks;
- Bush Forever sites;
- support for major conservation or environmental organisations; and
- protection of high-value areas by landholders on private land.

“I urge local community groups to take advantage of this funding and apply for a grant to help conserve our local environment,” she said.

For further information or an application package please contact Rita Saffioti’s office on 9248 3822 or westswan@mp.wa.gov.au

Applications close at 4pm on Thursday 7 April 2011.

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