

NEWSLETTER May 2019

Members and Friends,

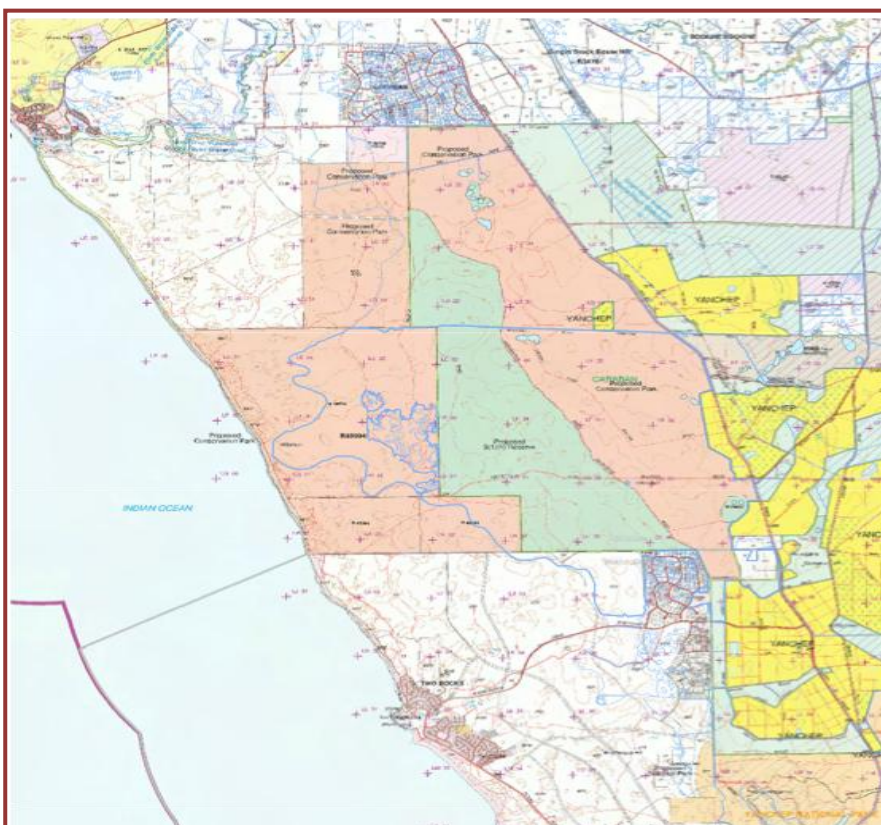
Our Lovely River

Thank you to everyone who looks after Moore River Estuary!

- ~ All of us avoiding septic runoff, garden fertilisers and rubbish getting into our waterway is paying off.
- ~ So is the 5knot speed limit which protects the riverbanks and minimises oil residues from powerboats on the river.
- ~ Good oxygen results are recorded in the River – we know this from the results of three years of water quality monitoring. On April 12th 2019, Ryan and Adam from the Dept of Water and Environmental Regulation joined Linda and Phil Cook on his boat to test the estuary water in 5 places. Now twice yearly, we measure temperature, oxygen, pH, heavy metals, dissolved solids and phytoplankton in the water column (from bottom to top of the water at each spot). The results confirm a healthy river - no wonder the fish and birds are plentiful!
- ~ The river has been in great condition this summer, with only one dig thru on New Year's Eve. Algal problems are minimal as the dark tannins in the estuary prevent light penetration, and deeper water levels also reduce light penetration and water warming.
- ~ . The river is full and starting to flood Silver Creek so a bit of rain will soon see the 'ins and outs' of winter for the sandbar. The water temperature has dropped too.

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- ~ A successful meeting was held over the Easter weekend – albeit a little chilly on the Country Club veranda. We are pleased to say that our members remain passionate and we have a committee of 6 determined to do all we can to see a Regional Park between the city limit at Two Rocks and the estuary/Woodridge line, the ocean to the west and Indian Ocean Drive to the west. The map shows just how appropriate the area is for incorporating into a reserve system – and how stupid it is for a cul-de-sac urban development.



- ~ Linda Johnson provided a comprehensive overview of the year's activities and her report is attached. We recommend you to take the time to read it as it reveals the enduring commitment of FOMRE to overturn this planning tragedy.
- ~ Rejuvenated social media will shortly be up and running so you can see and spread the word on what is happening around the estuary.

On the Market again...

Moore River South is For Sale again according to the papers this week: The Business section of the West Australian newspaper May 1st 2019. <https://thewest.com.au/business/moore-river-revival-plunkett-family-put-coastal-land-up-for-sale-to-international-buyers-ng-b881182562z>

The property has also been relisted by Commercial Real Estate:

<https://www.commercialrealestate.com.au/property/2802-barragoon-road-wilbinga-wa-6041-2015185442>

Membership and donations.

Your membership and donations are vital to us. Please pay your \$10 membership and we welcome donations- they do give us options. With them we are able to seek expert advice when and where necessary plus they contribute to covering the costs associated with monitoring all at Moore River South.

Go online to guildertonwa.com.au for our latest news and do give us your bright ideas to.