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Vasse Taskforce

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The eighteenth Vasse Taskforce meeting was held in Busselton on 20 September 2019. Taskforce Chair Dr Sally Talbot, acknowledged that the remainder of the year would focusing on finalising Revitalising Geographe Waterways 2015-2019 and commencing Revitalising Geographe Waterways in 2019-2020.

1 Evaluating Revitalising Geographe Waterways 2015-2019

The Taskforce heard from Eberhard Consulting who have undertaken an external evaluation for the Revitalising Geographe Waterways program. A robust mix of quantitative and qualitative methods has provided multiple lines of evidence to support the evaluation. The primary information sources include a review of project documents, interviews and focus groups with program stakeholders, and an online community survey. The evaluation is expected to be finalised in December 2019.

2 Revitalising Geographe Waterways 2019-20

RGW 2019-2020 projects have commenced, and Partnership and Research Agreements for delivery projects have been drafted for GeoCatch, City of Busselton, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and Murdoch University.

3 New publications

The community friendly booklet *A Year on the Vasse Wonnerup Wetlands* has been launched by Water Minister Dave Kelly and is available to download on the RGW website. The booklet summaries 12 months of ecological monitoring undertaken on the wetlands.

4 Governance

Members discussed and endorsed Terms of Reference of the Vasse Taskforce post June 2019.

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5   Upcoming events

26/27 September	Busselton Wildflower Exhibition (display)
6 October	Bay OK garden walk and talk
20 October	Bunbury Grammar Spring Fair
9 November	Geographe Community Landcare Nursery event
November/December	RGW 2019-2020 Community Update
September-December	Plan and factsheet release – Vasse Wonnerup sediments, Lower Vasse River treatment trials, Seawater Inflow report

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