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DUNBAR PARK WETLAND TO GET A FACELIFT

Preliminary works on a long term project to restore a man-made wildlife wetland at Dunbar Park, Marsfield, have been completed.

Removal of weeds, noxious trees and shrubs and the restoration of fringe native plants have already improved the functioning of the wetland that acts as a filter for stormwater runoff in the local Maze Creek catchment area.

The City of Ryde project that recognises the importance of the urban wetland is supported and jointly funded by the State Government's Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority (CMA).

From this partnership, Council produced and implemented an interim management plan and prepared a detailed set of functional drawings that will be used when further funds become available to reconstruct the wetland.

"I am very happy with the way this project has come together so professionally," says Jo Ann Moore from the CMA. "Once the wetland reconstruction commences it will have the added benefit of raising community awareness about the changes to the wetland and the 'how, why and benefits' of a functioning wetland system".

The Dunbar Park Wetland project demonstrates the City of Ryde's commitment to improving the health of local catchments and is an example of how local and state governments can work together to deliver real benefits in water quality improvement and effective catchment management initiatives.

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