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## *Media Statement*

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### **Making a difference**

Inclement weather did not stop a band of enthusiastic volunteers getting down and dirty to improve the health of the Canning River at Lynwood.

Forty River Guardians' members braved the cold and wet to plant more than 2,500 seedlings on Friday (10 July).

Swan River Trust River Guardians Manager Marnie Giroud said it was their biggest turn out for a community planting day.

"It attracted a diverse group of people from across the metropolitan area," she said.

"Disabled volunteers with carers from Active, Churchlands, joined with an Australian Mining Consultants corporate group, as well as families, who together put in plants to help filter nutrients from the water before it runs into the river.

"Because of the heavy rain, the level of water in the compensation basin where we were planting was higher than usual, so more planting will need to be done at this site, sometime soon."

River Guardians provided the manpower for the planting day organised by the South Eastern Regional Centre for Urban Landcare and City of Canning.

River Guardians is part of the Swan River Trust's award-winning Healthy Rivers Program, working to protect the environmental health and community benefit of the Swan Canning river system.

Restoration of the river foreshore is only one aspect of the River Guardians program. Members can also volunteer to take part in other river protection activities such as the Dolphin Watch project.

For more information on becoming a River Guardian, contact the Swan River Trust or log on to [www.riverguardians.com](http://www.riverguardians.com).

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