



Swan River Trust
Government of Western Australia

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Media Statement

Oxygen levels improve in Swan River

Extra water quality testing carried out by the Swan River Trust has showed improved levels of oxygen in the Swan River between Bayswater and Midland.

There have been no dead fish found since Tuesday this week in the area, which had been affected by an algal bloom since early April.

Trust general manager Rod Hughes said pathology results showed the fish died from low oxygen and a *Karlodinium micrum* bloom.

“Monitoring results from Monday show the levels of *Karlodinium* have reduced significantly from the levels recorded last week,” Mr Hughes said.

“The water may still be discoloured due to other algal species and, as a precaution, signs alerting the public of an algal bloom in the upper Swan River will remain in place.

“Daily inspections will be carried out on the Swan and Canning rivers during the Easter long weekend and conditions will be closely monitored for any changes.”

Anyone who sees sluggish or lethargic fish in the Swan River should contact the Trust on 9278 0900 or the after hours river emergency number on 0419 192 845.

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