

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

WAPRES is proudly involved in sponsoring a variety of community events and activities across the South West of WA. We receive many requests for sponsorship and have developed a set of guidelines and an application form to help you apply for sponsorship from WAPRES.

If you are interested in applying for sponsorship for your event or project, please download the files listed on the right of your screen (under Downloads).

WAPRES currently provides sponsorships to the following organizations:

- Dolphin Discovery Centre Bunbury
- SBL Bunbury Slammers Basketball Team

WAPRES also supports several local sporting and recreational clubs based in communities in which we operate.

Since 1991 WAPRES has supported the Blackwood Waterwatch Program, however due to discontinued industry and government funding WAPRES is unfortunately unable to continue its supports for this program.

Dolphin Discovery Centre

Bunbury Dolphin Discovery in conjunction with Murdoch University, industry, government, research and the community have formed the South West Marine Research Program.



Research recently completed by PhD students involved looking at dolphin abundance, social structure, ranging patterns and habitat use. PhD students are currently conducting research into conservation genetics, diet and foraging ecology, habitat use, predictive habitat modelling and population dynamics and genetic diversity of bottlenose dolphins of south-western Australia.

Blackwood Waterwatch Program



One of the longest running sponsorships the Company was involved with was the Blackwood Waterwatch Program, which was part of the Ribbons of Blue/Waterwatch WA network. Blackwood Waterwatch was an environmental education network aimed at increasing community awareness and understanding about local water quality, and taking action for a better environment.

The Program involved school students and community

groups in monitoring water quality. Data collected from the sampling provided valuable information for identifying environmental problems and preparing management plans. Based on the outcomes of their monitoring, participating groups



would develop action strategies to help manage problems identified. Blackwood Waterwatch encouraged a team oriented approach and fostered partnerships with local management authorities.

WAPRES sponsored the Blackwood Waterwatch Program since 1991 and received numerous State and National Awards. The Company and the Program won the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Community- Business Partnerships (2003), were finalists in the longevity category of the Prime Minister's Awards (2004) and were contenders in the Indigenous category Prime Minister's Awards (2007), with the "Pathways to Reconciliation" project at Nannup WA. The project also won State and National Landcare Awards (1998) and the Banksia Environmental Award for Agribusiness (1993).

Federal funding for the project ceased in 2009 and the program terminated. There were several attempts at trying to gain both state and federal funding for its continuance which unfortunately were unsuccessful at the time.

