Catchment Groups:

What do they do?
What are the benefits?
How can you join?

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What is a Catchment Group?

* A group of community volunteers committed to the sustainable management of natural resources within a waterway catchment, both on public and private property.

- * Strive towards the sustainable land use balance
 - * Environmental / Economic / Social considerations

What do they do?

- * The main aim of a Catchment Group is to improve the water quality of a waterway or wetland.
- * Other key focus areas include:
 - * Education
 - * Vegetation
 - * Biodiversity
 - * Land management
 - Climate change
 - Community capacity and support



Catchments and Catchment Groups in Perth's Eastern Region

- § 5 catchment areas:
 - * Blackadder Creek and Woodbridge Creek
 - * Helena River
 - * Jane Brook
 - * Susannah Brook
 - * Wooroloo Brook
- * Active Catchment Groups:
 - * Blackadder Woodbridge Catchment Group
 - Helena River Catchment Group
 - Lower Helena Association
 - * Friends of Piesse Brook
 - Jane Brook Catchment Group
 - * Susannah Brook Catchment Group

What are the benefits of Catchment Groups?

* Catchment Groups:

- * Identify focus areas within a catchment
 - * e.g. regeneration/revegetation activities to establish wildlife corridors; threatened species protection; weed management; educational nature walks etc.
- * Support Sub-catchment Groups and Friends Groups with onground NRM projects
- * Assist with sourcing grant funding for projects
- * Liaise closely with City of Swan, Shire of Mundaring, City of Kalamunda and EMRC for support
- * Form partnerships with organisations and land owners to sustainably manage catchments areas

What are the benefits of Catchment Groups?

* Local volunteers are supported in their efforts to conserve, protect and restore their local environment

* Volunteers feel great!

* The environment benefits too!



Why join a Catchment Group?

- * A fantastic way for you to take action towards living sustainably
- * Opportunity for whole family involvement
 - * e.g. nature walks, planting seedlings, litter clean-ups
- * Valuable role-modelling opportunity for us to show our kids how to manage our environment sustainably
- * Personal satisfaction that you are making a real difference to the environment in your local community

How can you join?

- * Identify a catchment group you would like to join
- * How would you like to be involved? e.g. on-ground, handson activities, committee role, writing grant applications
- Register your interest today at the Catchment Group stall – Mundaring Hall
- * Contact EMRC:
 - * Jaya Vaughan on (08) 9424 2245 or email jaya.vaughan@emrc.org.au
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Catchment Groups need you!

Please join us!

Let's work together for the benefit of sustainable healthy catchments and healthy, active communities.