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Lake's new lease on life

Recreation seekers in the Upper Great Southern will soon be able to again make the most of a sentimental favourite, with a major restoration of Lake Ewlyamartup underway.

Restoration works for the lake, which is located 20kms from Katanning, are the realisation of a Recreational Area Plan jointly funded by the Great Southern Development Commission, Tourism WA and the Department of Sport and Recreation that was completed in February 2012.



**An artists impression of upgrades to Lake Ewlyamartup.
Source: Katanning Land Conservation District Committee**

The plan aims to enhance onsite facilities to ensure the future sustainability of the site as a recreation hub and ecosystem for flora and fauna.

Implementation of the plan, which is being jointly managed by the Shire of Katanning and the Katanning Land Conservation District Committee (LCDC), is now underway, with plans for construction of a new boat ramp, trailer parking area and new toilet block to enhance the user experience.

Initial works have been funded with almost \$200,000 from the Department of Transport's Recreational Boating Scheme.

The group has also secured \$220,000 from Lotterywest to complete additional upgrades including installation of shelters, picnic tables, barbecues, signage, a dual access track and bird hide.

GSDC Chairman Mr Peter Rundle said that the project is a great example of Local Government, community groups and volunteers working together to achieve an outcome that will benefit both locals and visitors.

“Lake Ewlyamartup is a valuable environmental asset, providing a wonderful recreational space for residents of the surrounding districts” Mr Rundle said.

“Enhancements to the facilities at the lake will create a marketable tourism asset and preserve the area for future generations.”

Conservation works to address the declining health of the lake will also form part of the project, with Katanning LCDC gaining support from the Department of Regional Development’s Living Lakes Program to enhance water quality of the site and surrounding catchment areas into the future.

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