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WESROC calls for community to help protect native animals

The Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils (WESROC) is seeking to involve the community in its feral animal monitoring and control study when it rolls out motion sensor cameras across the Western Suburbs on 2 November.

WESROC has engaged Greening Australia to conduct the monitoring and control study.

Foxes roam in bushland throughout the Western Suburbs. They sleep during the day and are mainly active at night, hunting ground nesting birds, quendas, long-necked turtles, lizards, rabbits and suburban chickens, among others.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said, "A number of motion sensor cameras will be installed in strategic locations throughout the Western Suburbs and the community can help by informing us if they spot any feral foxes, cats or rabbits".

The City of Nedlands will host an online feral animal observation reporting sheet on behalf of WESROC where the community can directly report any sightings.

Town of Claremont Mayor Jock Barker said, "Foxes and rabbits are a significant problem that need a coordinated regional approach to help protect native biodiversity. This is a really good example of councils working together on an issue that crosses our boundaries".

Nick Cook, the director of Friends of Lake Claremont, has seen the impact feral animals have on long-neck turtles at Lake Claremont.

He said, "Foxes have been hunting long-necked turtles and water birds at Lake Claremont for a number of years and over the last five years there have been many foxes trapped at the site".

"The Friends of Lake Claremont understand this challenge needs a regional approach and are encouraged to see that WESROC is undertaking this project to address the issue throughout the Western Suburbs".

Monitoring to compile a baseline survey, mapping and data analysis will run to December 2015, followed by recommended control measures in January 2016. A detailed report is anticipated in May 2016.

The report will provide a better understanding of the distribution and relative abundance of foxes and rabbits in the Western Suburbs and guide future feral animal management.

To report sightings online, see nedlands.wa.gov.au/report-feral-animal-sightings

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About WESROC

The Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils (WESROC) comprising the Towns of Claremont, and Cottesloe, the Shire of Peppermint Grove, the Cities of Nedlands and Subiaco with the Town of Cambridge work on a voluntary partnership on cross-boundary regional projects.

About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of over 21,000 live in the suburbs Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta, and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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