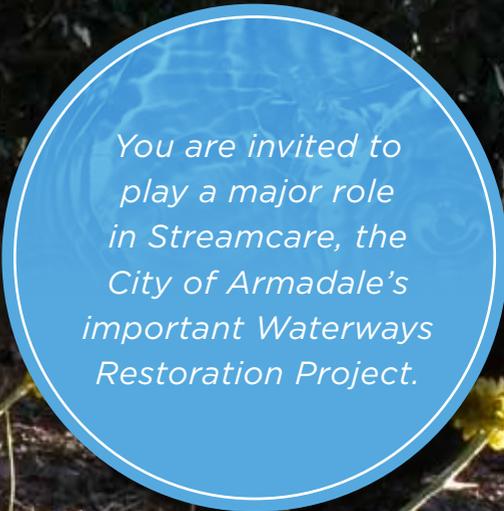


Streamcare

Become a part of Streamcare today and watch the benefits flow on and on



*Put something in
your bank that
will pay you back
forever*



You are invited to play a major role in Streamcare, the City of Armadale's important Waterways Restoration Project.

Become

a part of Streamcare

The City of Armadale is blessed with a number of beautiful waterways. These provide unique environments and ecosystems for native trees, shrubs, sedges and reeds, plus local fish species and a diverse range of animals that traditionally live at the water's edge.

Unfortunately much of this important riverbank environment is under threat. Banks are being washed away because the plants which naturally protect them have been removed. The water is becoming tainted with chemical pollutants from fertilisers and weed killers.

As a City of Armadale resident whose property borders a

watercourse, you have been specially selected to take part in the Streamcare Program.

This pamphlet provides information on how you can improve your stretch of riverbank, reinstate the natural environment, reduce pollution and provide generations to come with real benefits, that will flow on and on. It also contains details on where to obtain further information on how to bring back local birds, native fish and other wildlife to your waterway.

With free native plants available through the Streamcare Program, we can even help you to save money by putting the right plants into your bank.



Rivers brooks and streams

Rivers, brooks and streams are a vital part of the overall environmental picture. They support not only fish, frogs and other water-dwelling creatures, but are home to many plant, bird and insect species.

By ensuring that the banks of local waterways are planted with the right kind of trees, shrubs, sedges and grasses, you can help provide a habitat for some of Armadale's unique native flora and fauna.

Shade helps attract fish. Native trees support insects which in turn pollinate nearby plants and act as food for birds, frogs and fish. Tree roots and sedges help prevent erosion and can even control the nutrient loads that enter the waterway. A well planted natural riverbank not only increases biodiversity but also improves the aesthetics of your property.

If you would like some expert advice, contact the City of Armadale and ask for a free site visit and Streamcare kit.

There's a lot you can do to care for your stretch of river, and much of it is easy, fun and very rewarding.

Getting started

Start by taking a good look at the riverbank.

- Take note of the summer and winter **water levels**.
- **Check for erosion**, weeds and debris permanently blocking the water flow.
- Remove any waterborne litter.
- If the bank is **heavily weeded**, start to remove some of the growth.

Start upstream just after the winter peak flow and take it slowly. Removing all the weed at once may leave the bank vulnerable to being washed away.

- Think carefully about how much **fertiliser** you use and how much of it might be leaching into the waterway.

Excessive nutrients in waterways lead to algal bloom which can result in animal and plant deaths.

- **Plant native species** of trees, shrubs, and sedges.

Ask a nursery specialising in native plants that are NIASA accredited for advice, or contact the City of Armadale and enquire about the Streamcare Program

Remember, native plants not only look appropriate in a semi rural Australian environment, they also support native wildlife. Once established, they seldom if ever need to be treated with fertiliser or pesticides.





By cleaning up your part of a local river or brook, you will not only provide wildlife with a better environment, you, your children and grandchildren will all benefit too.

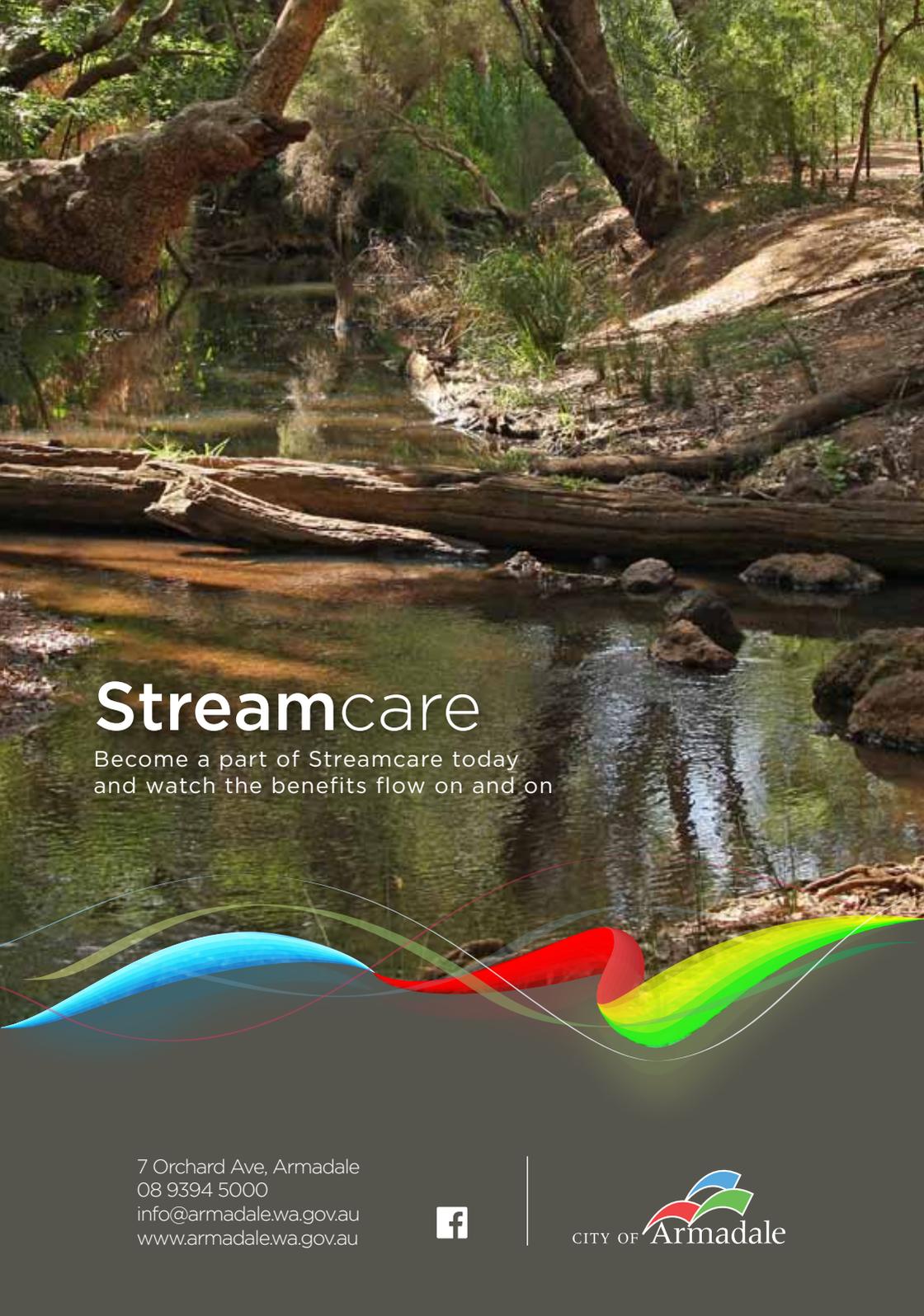
Armdale's support

To make things a little easier, the City of Armadale's Streamcare Program provides free local native plant species for eligible landowners adjacent to watercourses.

We will provide free, personalised advice to landowners who have a waterway on their property. By participating in the Streamcare Program, you will be kept informed of weed control, revegetation techniques and strategies to manage your watercourse.

If you wish, you can apply for your property to be featured as a successful Streamcare demonstration site.

However you go about it, make sure you put something in your bank that'll pay you – and future generations – back forever.



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