

A YEAR IN REVIEW

2024-2025



GeoCatch





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Geographe Catchment Council recognises the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we live and work.

We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the on-going connection Wadandi and Bibbulmun people have with Country.

We respect the Aboriginal cultural heritage values of the region and acknowledge that in southwestern Australia, Aboriginal cultural heritage spans deep time back to at least 48,000 years ago.

We acknowledge and value the on-going contribution First Nations people make to the sustainable management of the environment.

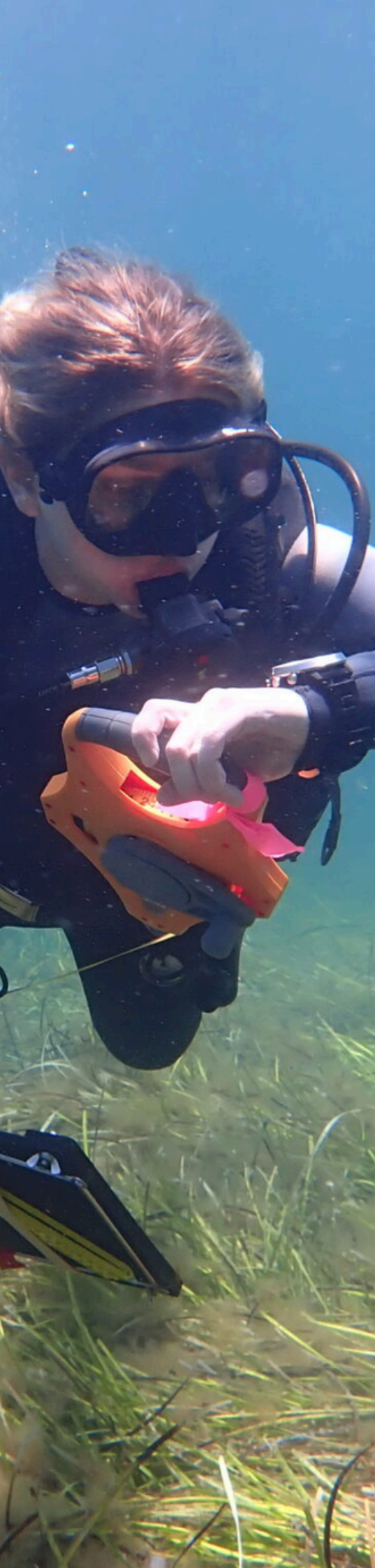


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CHAIR'S REPORT

VICKY WINTON
CHAIR
GEOGRAPHE CATCHMENT COUNCIL

We are very proud to share what has been achieved in the last year by GeoCatch staff and board working in partnership with local and state government agencies and, most importantly, our community. I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have rolled up your sleeves and got stuck into a GeoCatch project this year, whether it be soil nutrient testing on your own farm, installing a native garden or patio at home or helping out with a planting day. Collective action is the only way forward and working together is fun and rewarding.

In January 2025, GeoCatch and DWER entered into a new funding agreement for the delivery of the Healthy Estuaries WA 2. This is a State government commitment to improve the health of Peel-Harvey estuary, Leschenault Estuary, Vasse-Geographe waterways, Hardy Inlet, Wilson Inlet, Torbay Inlet and Oyster Harbour. With more than 80% of the WA population living around our estuaries, it is vital that we take care of these precious environmental, economic and recreational places that most of us call home. HEWA 2 provides another four years of core funding to GeoCatch to continue its work with the community in caring for Geographe waterways, the lifeblood of our catchment.

This year the GeoCatch sustainable agriculture team were also successful in gaining four years of funding from the federal government through the Natural Heritage Trust for the innovative Climate Smart Farms program. Climate Smart Farms represents an important innovation in the leadership and support that GeoCatch offers those who wish to build an environmentally sustainable legacy through their farming practices.

At workshops and events over the year we heard from Geographe farmers about problems of exploding rabbit populations. In response, GeoCatch collaborated with Leschenault Biosecurity Group to offer a rabbit control workshop and program. Landowners reported great success in reducing the numbers of these non-native invaders as a result. By collaborating with other Natural Resource Management groups, we maximise efficiency in funding, share skills and knowledge and increase positive impacts regionally.

At the board level, we have worked with Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on the Department's on-going strategic, technical and accommodation support to GeoCatch.

As a not-for-profit Association and as the Geographe Catchment Council Ministerial Advisory Committee, GeoCatch offers a range of possible future pathways. Negotiating the future requires careful strategic planning to make the most of everybody's time and resources within the context of overlapping Natural Resource Management bodies who take care of our local environment. With this in mind, we have undertaken a governance review including the development of a new strategic risk management framework. We also created a stakeholder engagement working group which overhauled our Communications and Engagement Action Plan. GeoCatch continues to be highly engaged as the Voice of the Community on the Vasse Taskforce. Our community board members and staff are strongly embedded within the community and responsive to its needs as we work together towards a more sustainable, environmentally resilient future.

I would like to thank Julie Howes who stepped down after eight years as a community member on the board and our Secretary/Treasurer, Peter Togno, who stepped down after three years. I would like to welcome Peter McCleery (retired, qualified Civil Engineer with over 20 years' experience working with the Water Corporation) and Ianto Ward (viticulturist with an environmentally sustainable focus) as new community board members this year. Many thanks, too, to Ross Brommell who has agreed to serve a second term on the board. With such a wealth of skills, knowledge and goodwill, the board is a level-headed, vibrant forum for steering the direction of GeoCatch and helping to promote inter-agency approaches to issues affecting the health of Geographe waterways and environment.

I would like to thank the GeoCatch staff, Lisa Massey (Bay OK, Guardians of the Bay), Nicole Lincoln (Biodiversity, Possum tally and Catios), Jenelle Schult and Michelle Priest (Sustainable Agriculture, Geographe Farmers Protecting



Geographe Bay, Rural Women's Lunch, Farmers After Five), Olivia Tunney (Stream Restoration and Sustainable Agriculture), and Shannon Clohessy (Project Officer, Long-Necked Turtle citizen science, funding application design and costings). Thanks and best wishes to Andrew Bland who moved on from his role as GeoCatch Communications Officer and to Maya Breen who stepped into that space. Thanks to Carolyn Newman (Finance Officer) and Harriet Wyatt (Project Coordinator) for the tremendous support and expertise they bring.

In the coming year we look forward to interfacing through a newly redesigned website. We will continue to follow up on collaborative opportunities to bring the best in science and expertise available to our projects. This includes developing deeper, two-way, culturally appropriate engagement with the area's Aboriginal traditional owners and rangers. Humans are the caretakers of the environment. Working together to understand and improve our world is the biggest and best thing any of us can do.

Enjoy this Year in Review and join us in 2025/26 for more programs promoting waterways health and environmental stewardship across the Geographe Catchment.

ABOUT GEOCATCH



Geographe Catchment Council (GeoCatch) is a dedicated community organisation committed to enhancing the environmental health and sustainability of the Geographe Catchment area in south-west Western Australia. Established in 1997, GeoCatch operates as a key partner in local and regional environmental management, focusing on improving water quality, restoring natural habitats, and promoting sustainable land-use practices.

The Geographe Catchment Council board is a Ministerial Advisory Committee to the Minister for Water. GeoCatch is integrated within State and local government responses to water quality management where it is recognised as the voice of the community.

Our mission is to protect and restore the natural resources of our catchment area through collaborative projects, community engagement, and innovative solutions.

GeoCatch prides itself in fostering strong community partnerships and delivering tangible outcomes that benefit both the environment and local communities. Through education, collaboration and targeted action, we strive to build resilience in our catchment and ensure a healthy and thriving ecosystem for future generations.

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS



GeoCatch thrives on a network of collaborations and partnerships that are crucial to achieving its environmental goals. We work closely with local farmers, government agencies, schools, local businesses and community organisations, fostering a cooperative approach to managing the Geographe Catchment.

These partnerships enable us to leverage diverse expertise and resources, ensuring the effectiveness of projects. Our collaboration with regional and state government agencies, including academic institutions and research organisations, integrates science and best practices into our programs. This collaborative approach expands our impact, driving positive environmental change and building a resilient, sustainable future for the Catchment.

"IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE TO BE ABLE TO SHARE WHAT WE DO WITH THE ATTENDEES AND SEE THEM GET EXCITED ABOUT THE FISH AND AQUATIC MACROINVERTEBRATES."
GINA MARINO, DWER ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER (AT A HEALTHY RIVERS WORKSHOP)



PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY

The Geographe Catchment is nestled within the South West WA International Biodiversity Hotspot, recognised for its high number of rare and endemic plants and animals. There are 7000 plant species and less than 37% of the pre-European vegetation remains in the Catchment, including 24 Declared Rare flora species and 13 threatened ecological communities.

GeoCatch is dedicated to preserving and enhancing biodiversity within the Geographe Catchment through a range of innovative projects.

By undertaking activities such as revegetation, invasive species management, and habitat restoration, we work to improve ecosystem health and resilience, ensuring that these vital areas continue to thrive.

Our biodiversity initiatives also involve close collaboration with local landholders, community groups and stakeholders to amplify the impact of our projects.

Through these partnerships, we aim to expand and maintain restored habitats, enhance water quality, and provide better living conditions for native wildlife. These combined efforts are essential for sustaining the rich biodiversity of the Geographe Catchment and ensuring a balanced and vibrant ecosystem for future generations.

“TREE PLANTING OPPORTUNITIES ENABLE YOUNGER GENERATIONS TO ENGAGE WITH NATURE, LEARN ABOUT NATIVE WILDLIFE HABITATS, AND UNDERSTAND HOW THEIR ACTIONS CAN POSITIVELY IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT.” NICOLE LINCOLN

Protecting Nguraren

Western Ringtail Possum

This project aims to raise awareness of the critically endangered Western Ringtail Possum (WRP), reduce threats to improve the species recovery, and enhance habitat and canopy connectivity within the Geographe Catchment.

Project overview

We have engaged community through community and school planting events, workshops, citizen science, school incursions, and responsible pet ownership campaign 'Pets Away, Possums Play' targeting both cat and dog owners to keep their pets contained to keep possums and wildlife safe. This project relies strongly on collaboration with our target audience and key stakeholders.



State NRM 2023-25, Busselton Water 2024-25, Busselton Toyota 2025, Shire of AMR 2024-25, CoB 2024-25, Shire of Capel 2024-25



2023-2025



CoB, Shire of AMR, Shire of Capel, Shire of DB, Western Ringtail Possum Action Group, DBCA, DWER, vets, wildlife carer groups, Busselton Water, schools and community, Busselton Toyota

Key Achievements

- 78 catio rebate registrations, across four local government areas (City of Busselton, Augusta-Margaret River, Capel and Donnybrook-Balingup Shires).
- DIY Catio Building Workshop held in Dalyellup, with 91 attendees.
- Catio display – mobile model, produced for educational purposes.
- Possum Avoidance Training for Dogs.
- Citizen Science Ringtail Tally with 137 participants.
- Community Planting Day, with 1000 seedlings in the ground.
- Six school incursions to raise awareness of WRP.
- Four school tree planting events.



Western Ringtail Possum. Photo: Sally Mills



KeepWatch Seagrass Monitoring

The KeepWatch Seagrass Monitoring program was initiated to monitor the health of seagrass meadows in Geographe Bay.

Project overview

KeepWatch Seagrass Monitoring is designed to measure potential impacts from nutrients coming from the Catchment. The program aims to monitor near-shore seagrass meadows annually to detect changes in seagrass health.



Water Corporation



2022-2026



DBCA, Edith Cowan University

Seagrass shoot density is monitored at seven sites across Geographe Bay as an indicator of seagrass health. Observations and measurements help interpret changes over time.

Key Achievements

- Seagrass meadows in Geographe Bay remain healthy with seagrass shoot densities high at all sites.
- Shoot densities increased at all sites from 2024, and were at an all time high in 2025 compared to other years, and other regions.
- Highest shoot densities were recorded at Buayanyup and Busselton Jetty, with lowest at the Vasse-Wonnerup and Vasse Diversion.
- No management triggers were breached in 2025.
- The epiphyte cover declined from previous years. The dominant epiphyte types remain microalgal accumulations which are not the type commonly associated with nutrient enrichment.
- Nutrient content of seagrasses in Geographe Bay continues to be low with signs of higher exposure at Capel. The higher nitrogen isotope signal at Capel suggests that nitrogen derived from animal wastes, septic tanks or from natural vegetation is also a main source. Visit geocatch.asn.au to view the full report.



OUR URBAN ENVIRONMENT

GeoCatch's urban projects are pivotal in integrating environmental sustainability into the growing urban landscapes of the Geopraphe Catchment.

These initiatives focus on enhancing urban green spaces, managing nutrients effectively, and promoting water and fire-wise practices in rapidly developing areas.

Our efforts contribute to creating healthier, more livable urban environments while addressing key environmental challenges posed by urbanisation.

Through educational programs, workshops, and collaborative projects, GeoCatch works to empower residents and businesses to adopt practices that support urban stewardship, which is essential in creating urban areas that improve quality of life while also safeguarding and preserving the natural environment.

"PASSIONATE GARDENERS ATTEND OUR BAY OK WORKSHOPS TO HEAR FROM LOCAL EXPERTS AND LEARN HOW TO CREATE A SUSTAINABLE, WATERWISE AND LOW NUTRIENT GARDEN OF THEIR OWN." LISA MASSEY



Bay OK Program

This project supports sustainable gardening that helps to protect waterways and improve water quality.

Project overview

By raising awareness of waterways issues in the community and fostering behaviour change in gardeners, Bay OK has reduced fertiliser use, runoff, and leaching of nutrients from urban areas.

This will contribute to improved water quality in waterways, and increased adoption of sustainable gardening using low nutrient and waterwise principles.



HEWA, Busselton Water, Water Corporation, business sponsorship



HEWA 2021-24, HEWA 2 2025-28



DWER, DPIRD, Water Corporation, The People Place, Nutrien Water, Bunnings Warehouse, St Mary's Anglican Church Parish, Shire of Capel, City of Busselton libraries

Key Achievements

- Held a series of events including:
Presentations to community interest groups; library talks;
Bay OK garden workshops irrigation and Waterwise Gardening at Nutrien Water; veggie gardens and composting workshops with Mark Tupman at The People Place.
- Rejuvenation of Vasse Diversion Drain demonstration Bay OK garden with Bunnings staff and MacKillop school students.
- Five garden visits and support for ten residents' lawn conversions to native plant verge gardens.
- Strong presence in local media regarding growing healthy soil, adopting fertiliser-wise, and waterwise gardening practices.
- Installation of demonstration Bay OK garden at St Mary's Church, planting with Georgiana Molloy Anglican School students.
- Bay OK gardens activity and displays in Bunnings for Family Christmas Night and Mother's Day Family Night.
- Bay OK gardens activities and display at Captivate Capel water festival.





SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Sustainable agriculture is at the heart of GeoCatch's mission to promote environmental stewardship and enhance land management practices in the Geographie Catchment.

Our approach to sustainable agriculture focuses on implementing strategies that improve soil health, optimise nutrient use and reduce environmental impact.

By providing farmers with practical tools and knowledge, we support the adoption of practices that promote nutrient efficiency, minimise runoff, and enhance biodiversity.

Through initiatives like the Fertiliser Best Practice Program, Stream Restoration projects and collaborations with local farmers, we support efforts to protect Geographie Bay and its waterways. These programs not only aim to boost farm productivity but also ensure that agricultural practices contribute positively to the health of local waterways and ecosystems, aligning with our goal of fostering a resilient and sustainable environment for current and future generations.

"SOIL TESTING IS THE FIRST CRITICAL STEP IN MANAGING NUTRIENTS ON-FARM, GIVING FARMERS THE INFORMATION TO FINE-TUNE THEIR FERTILISER APPLICATIONS, ENHANCING PRODUCTIVITY AND PROFITABILITY WHILE ALSO REDUCING NUTRIENT LOSS TO WATERWAYS."
JENELLE SCHULT

Fertiliser Best Practice

This project is designed to support farmers to make informed fertiliser decisions to ensure nutrients stay on-farm and out of waterways, as well as engage farmers to be part of the Geographe farming network.

Project overview

The Geographe Soil Testing Program supports farmers to undertake soil sampling of their paddocks to determine nutrient status. Over 80% of properties chose to sample their soils themselves (DIY), while the remaining farms were sampled by a contractor.

Accredited agronomists then provided nutrient advice based on soil and plant tissue results.



HEWA, RGW



HEWA 2021-24 (with additional funds from Vasse Taskforce), HEWA2 2025-28



DPIRD, DWER, farmers, agronomists

Additional capacity-building activities also took place, including an Accu-Spread Field Day, which assisted farmers with testing and calibrating their spreaders for optimal efficiency, and Soil Health activities focused on understanding and building the biological productivity of agricultural soils. The Nutrient Management Workshop—a core component of the program—also helped farmers interpret soil test results and provided guidance on soil and plant nutrition.



Key Achievements

- Soil and plant tissue testing and whole-farm nutrient maps for 42 farmers.
- 604 farm paddocks sampled across 5700 hectares.
- Farmer workshop presenting soil test results, plus complimentary online and face-to-face sessions on nutrient and lime calculators.
- Landholder surveys (undertaken before and after program) monitoring behaviour change of participants.
- Soil health activities including Soil Microscopy workshop, distribution of Soil Health Assessment Kits to farmers and acquisition of microscope for soil biology assessments.
- Activities shared through local print networks, social media, and 'Kicking the Dirt' newsletter.

Stream Restoration: Fencing and Revegetating

This four-year project involves implementing riparian management on grazing properties in the Geographe Catchment, with the aim of reducing nutrient load on Geographe waterways.

Project overview

Landholders across the Geographe catchment are supported with incentives to fence off their waterways, revegetate riparian zones with local native species, and install off-stream watering points for stock.



HEWA



HEWA 2021-24,
HEWA 2 2025-28



DWER,
Geographe
landholders

Excluding livestock from waterways plays a vital role in improving water quality by limiting nutrient runoff, protecting the integrity of existing vegetation and reducing bank erosion. Once fencing is installed, farmers are supported to undertake revegetation in riparian zones which improves bank stability, filters pollutants, promotes native biodiversity and enhances the overall ecological function of the waterway.



Key Achievements

- 16.06km of fencing is currently contracted and underway.
- 0.93km of fencing has already been completed along the Capel River.
- 13 revegetation projects are underway this winter with over 8000 seedlings going in the ground.
- 21 farmers total supported in-stream restoration projects.

Geographe Resilient Farms

Geographe Farmers Protecting Geographe Bay

This project has been designed to provide a comprehensive suite of capacity-building activities designed to boost awareness, and enhance skills and knowledge to build a more resilient, connected and sustainable local agriculture community.



GEOGRAPHE FARMERS
Protecting Geographe Bay

Project overview

The Resilient Farms project aims to encompass a range of sustainable agriculture themes, empowering local farmers to build on-farm capacity with activities in:

- Soil health
- Biodiversity on farms
- Invasive species
- Sustainable agricultural practices.

The project aligns with the GeoCatch initiative 'Geographe Farmers Protecting Geographe Bay' established in 2021, recognising the importance of farmers working collectively to make a difference – improving our natural resources, looking after the environment and supporting a thriving agriculture industry.



Climate-Smart
Agriculture
Program under the
Natural Heritage
Trust



October 2024 -
June 2028



Farmers,
agronomists, DWER,
topic experts



Key Achievements

- Building 'Geographe Farmers Protecting Geographe Bay' community through activities such as 'Rural Women Connect' event series and 'Farmers After 5' learning network.
- Grazing Matcher program run over 12-month period in small-group setting led by grazing experts.
- Rabbit Control Program to support farmers to target biological pest threats, with 76 participants.
- Aquatic Science workshop promoting ecological values of the catchment to local farmers.
- Activities shared through local print networks, social media, and 'Kicking the Dirt' newsletter.
- On-farm interviews and professional filming for production of stream restoration how-to video series.

Grazing Best Management Practices: Nutrient Plans

This project supports the continued adoption of nutrient best management practices (BMPs) on grazing land in the Geographe Catchment, using a benchmarking tool and tailored Nutrient Plans to guide improvements.

Project overview

As part of GeoCatch's commitment to improving water quality and farm productivity in the catchment, this project works with local farmers to review and refine their on-farm nutrient management practices.

Using the Nutrient Best Management Practices (BMPs) developed in 2023 by key stakeholders in nutrient management, current farm practices of landholders are benchmarked. Each Nutrient Plan (NP) includes tailored recommendations to help meet best practice standards.

Where gaps are identified, GeoCatch has delivered targeted activities to assist farmers in adopting improved practices. This integrated approach ensures farmers are empowered with the tools, knowledge and support needed to meet best practice.



HEWA 2021-24, Regen WA (Carrying Capacity workshop), Climate-Smart Agriculture Program under the Natural Heritage Trust



October 2024 - June 2028



Farmers, agronomists and grazing experts



Key Achievements

- Surveyed over 40 farmers to assess their on-farm nutrient management practices.
- Developed and delivered individualised Nutrient Plans for 20 farmers to help align practices with BMPs.
- Identified gaps in practice and provided targeted supported, such as facilitating a 'Carrying Capacity Workshop'.
- Grazing BMP document distributed at all Sustainable Agriculture events.



ENGAGEMENT, OPERATIONS AND LEADERSHIP

Over the past year, GeoCatch has taken an innovative approach to sharing our work with the community. Our Communications and Engagement team has used a variety of platforms to spread the word and connect with different audiences. Through engaging campaigns, we've raised awareness about GeoCatch and encouraged public involvement in our environmental efforts.

On the financial front, GeoCatch has managed its resources to ensure transparency and accountability. Our financial team has implemented comprehensive budgeting and reporting practices, ensuring that every dollar is used effectively to support our mission and maximise our environmental impact.

The GeoCatch Board has provided strong leadership and strategic oversight, ensuring projects align with the long-term vision and address the needs of the local community. The diverse expertise of its members has been invaluable in building partnerships and securing opportunities, while their governance has not only supported our current initiatives but has also paved the way for future growth and success.



Communications and Engagement

The Communications and Engagement Plan has been updated in 2025 and aims to showcase GeoCatch's work to the local community, raise awareness about the Geographe Catchment's importance, and highlight how individuals can contribute to enhancing our environment.

Project overview

The Communications and Engagement team utilises different channels to share GeoCatch's work and messages, including its website (geocatch.asn.au), electronic direct mail, social media, print media, and in-person events such as community days, workshops and presentations.

Geographe Catchment Council, along with other key agencies, forms part of the Vasse Taskforce, providing a link between the community and water asset managers to improve waterway health.



Ongoing across all projects



DWER, CoB, Water Corporation, local media, businesses, farmers, schools, gardeners, landholders



Key Achievements

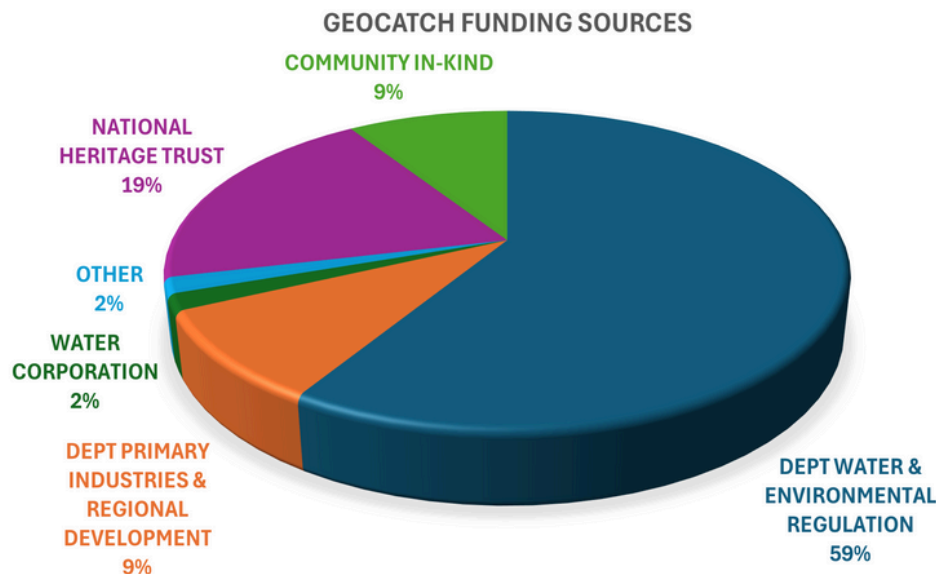
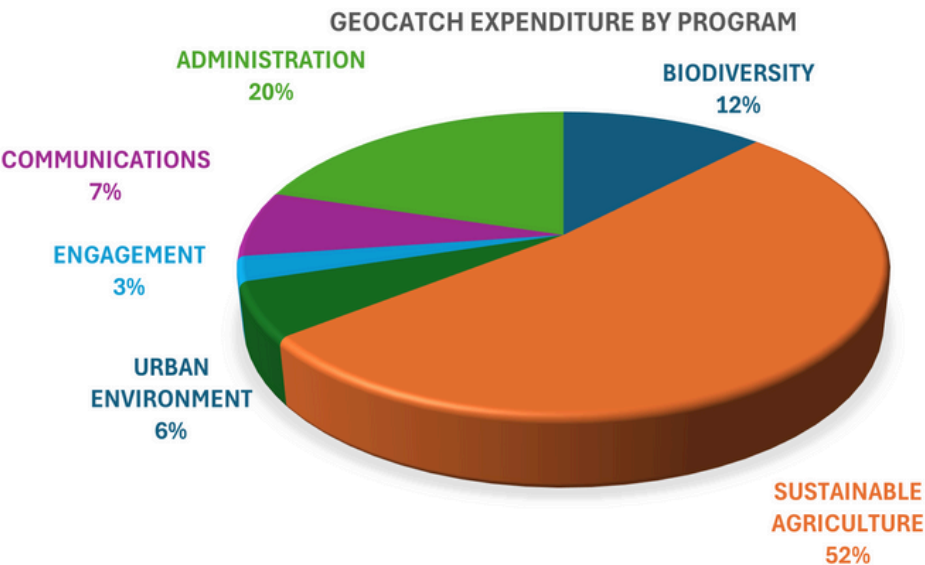




Financial Management

For the 2024-25 Financial Year, Geographe Catchment Council continued to rely on external funding sources to support our projects and operations.

Grants and partnerships with government agencies, industry groups, and other stakeholders played a critical role in enabling us to carry out our mission. Careful financial management and strategic planning helped us maximize the impact of every dollar received, ensuring we deliver meaningful environmental outcomes across the Geographe Catchment.



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Black-winged Stilt. Photo: Mark Oliver

"HUMANS ARE THE CARETAKERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT. WORKING TOGETHER TO UNDERSTAND AND IMPROVE OUR WORLD IS THE BIGGEST AND BEST THING ANY OF US CAN DO." VICKY WINTON

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Western Ringtail Possum. Photo: Melanie Bell

"PARTICIPATION IN THE RINGTAIL TALLY EMPOWERS STUDENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO REAL-WORLD RESEARCH, INSTILLING A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION IN ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES." NICOLE LINCOLN

FUNDING PARTNERS

GeoCatch is proud to work with its funding partners in 2024-25:

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

National Landcare Program

National Emergency Management Agency

Natural Heritage Trust

WA STATE GOVERNMENT

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Department of Biosecurity, Conservation and Attractions

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Vasse Taskforce

Water Corporation

Soil Wise

State NRM

Lotterywest

Busselton Water

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City of Busselton

Shire of Augusta-Margaret River

Shire of Capel

Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup

ORGANISATIONS

South West NRM

Regen WA

Murdoch University

Edith Cowan University

The Forever Project

Planet Ark

INDUSTRY

Busselton Toyota





List of Acronomyns

AMR	Augusta-Margaret River
BMP	Best Management Practice
CoB	City of Busselton
DB	Donnybrook
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
DIY	Do-It-Yourself
DPIRD	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
FY	Financial Year
GeoCatch	Geographe Catchment Council
GFPGB	Geographe Farmers Protecting Geographe Bay
Ha	Hectares
HEWA	Healthy Estuaries Western Australia
Km	Kilometres
NCMRR	Nature Conservation Margaret River Region
NLP	National Landcare Program
NP	Nutrient Plan
NRM	Natural Resource Management
RGW	Revitalising Geographe Waterways
WRP	Western Ringtail Possum

A Year in Review 2024-2025

28 years in the community

Community's voice in the catchment



GeoCatch

9 community
+ 4 agency + 2 local
government
board members

9 staff members



SEAGRASS MONITORING

Keepwatch Seagrass Monitoring at 7 sites in Geopraphe Bay.



CATIO REBATE

78 catio rebate registrations to protect native wildlife.



12th ANNUAL BAY OK DAY

12th Annual Bay OK Day celebrated with 700 school students.



SEEDLINGS PLANTED

10,806 seedlings planted across the catchment.



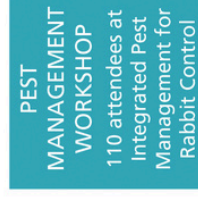
STREAM RESTORATION

16km of fencing currently underway across 13 restoration projects.



FIREWISE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

FireWise Demonstration Garden well established and withstood Dunsborough February fire.



PEST MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

110 attendees at Integrated Pest Management for Rabbit Control workshop.



SOIL TESTING

42 farms soil tested across 5,700 hectares of farmland.



ENGAGED COMMUNITY

50 events with 1738 participants, 9600 website users, 3591 social media followers.

OUR URBAN ENVIRONMENT



3 displays, 6 presentations to community and 2 planting days



5 garden visits for native verge garden project



10 Supported homeowners to design & install verge gardens

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



40 farmers attended the farmer summer sundowner



21 farmers restored streams & creek lines



41 farmers attended soil testing workshops



2 Rural Women Connect events sharing knowledge

PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY



Catio display - mobile model for educational purposes



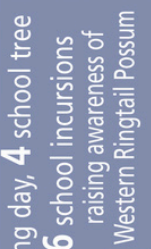
Citizen Science Ringtail Tally



Possum avoidance training for dogs



DIY Catio Building Workshop



1 community planting day, 4 school tree planting events & 6 school incursions raising awareness of Western Ringtail Possum

OPERATIONS, LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT



3617 contacts in the GeoCatch network database



80 newspaper articles, editorials and adverts



Expenditure by program:
52% sustainable agriculture,
20% administration,
12% protecting biodiversity,
10% communications,
6% urban environment

Working together to improve
the health of our waterways



GEOGRAPHE FARMERS
Protecting Geographe Bay



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Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Revitalising Geographe
Waterways
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with FORCE



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