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## War on weeds at Greenbank

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GREENBANK residents will help restore valuable wildlife habitat and biodiversity to Crewes Creek courtesy of a weed-busting initiative.



Logan City Council funds a free ongoing weed management program for landholders whose properties back on to the creek. The project will be delivered in partnership with the Oxley Creek Catchment Association (OCCA).

Parks, animals, environment and waste committee chair councillor Jennie Breene said successful applicants for the program would have experts from OCCA working with them on their properties.

“These industry experts will work with landowners to provide on-ground weed maintenance work, advice on weed management plans as well as providing support over a 12-month period,” Cr Breene said.

“This is a great project that shows the great power of collaboration. We’re working with residents and OCCA to boost wildlife habitat and biodiversity, which benefits the wider community.”

Division 7 Councillor Laurie Smith, whose division takes in Crewes Creek, said he was looking forward to seeing the results of the program after 12 months.

“As a council we have been working extensively on community initiatives and ecological restoration projects throughout the catchment over the past twenty years and I’m proud to see it continue,” Cr Smith said.

Greenbank residents Colleen and Charlie Russ, who have lived on their property for 38 years, are one of 14 landowners who signed on to the program.

Ecological restoration specialists Karalyn Fletcher and Joshua Hall from OCCA come on site to remove weeds and set them up with a weed management plan.

“I don’t know how we could tackle it ourselves, it’s a huge help,” Mrs Russ said.

“They’ve also given us a plan on where to go from here, such as what weeds we should tackle first and where to start.”

Participants get 35 trees.

Following the success of round one of the project, the council will deliver a second round of funding later in the year.

If your property backs onto Crewes Creek and you think it would benefit from this opportunity, email the council at: [environment@logan.qld.gov.au](mailto:environment@logan.qld.gov.au)

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