

# Animal protection plan

## Zoologist to carry out study of animals on Earl Hill site

Work by a group of concerned environmentally aware residents headed up by John Hungerford and Bruce Lawson is making good progress on discussions with Consolidated Properties who are developing land between Trinity Beach and Trinity Park where a large number of wallabies have been disturbed.

Consolidated Properties have now agreed to employ a zoologist to carry out a full audit of all animals on the site as a beginning point in establishing appropriate protected areas where ever possible.

The study will also help ensure those areas have the right vegetation and environment for the animals living in them.

An area around Moores Creek which passes through the property will have a protected natural area as part of council's requirements and animal 'corridors' will be established between the creek, new lake systems and the top of the hill.

Council and Main Roads have erected 'kangaroo' signs to alert drivers to watch out for the wallabies and the 'Project Wallaby Group' have also put up additional signs.

The zoologist report should be available in the next week or so and will be the basis for a comprehensive animal protection plan for the site. Because of the large number of wallabies it is generally accepted that some will have to be relocated.

Cr Sno Bonneau said he was pleased to be working with all parties and wanted to thank them for a positive, co-operative approach.

"While council imposes legislated requirements regarding protected areas, this plan is setting a new precedent in animal protection," Councillor Bonneau said.