

Native fish stocking of Booyeembara Wetland

The Fish Research Group of MURDOCH UNIVERSITY, together with the CITY OF FREMANTLE, have stocked Booyeembara Wetland with seven species of native fish and the freshwater shrimp (*Palaemonetes australis*).

The western pygmy perch, nightfish and the western minnow are freshwater species that are found only in the south-west of Western Australia, while western hardyheads, the big-headed goby, the Swan River goby, yellowtail trumpeters and black bream are estuarine species that are all capable of tolerating salt water. The first three of these estuarine species are also endemic to Western Australia. In addition, sea mullet *Mugil cephalus* were released into the lake, however, unlike the other species, sea mullet will not breed in freshwater.

Native fish are excellent controllers of insect pests such as mosquitoes and midges, and are vital to a healthy ecosystem.



Yellowtail trumpeter *Amniataba caudavittata*



Black bream *Acanthopagrus butcheri*



Western pygmy perch *Edelia vittata*



Swan River goby *Pseudogobius olorum*



Nightfish *Bostockia porosa*



Western minnow *Galaxias occidentalis*



Western hardyhead *Leptatherina wallacei*

