



• Above: Bob Charlebois-Kemp – the next Peter Cundall? • Right: Hard at work.



New life for old gas works

SIXTEEN-HUNDRED native plants were established on the old gasworks site in East Perth last month.

Local conservationists and Perth city council got their

hands dirty to help rehabilitate the site.

Claise Brook Catchment Group chair Warren McGrath said the group was pleased with its first community planting for the season, which was held at Mardalup Park.

“Several family groups, including three generations from one family, assisted with the planting,” he said.

Local plants usually needed less water and much less fertiliser, meaning less run-off into the river of algae-causing nutrients.

“Local plants also have the added benefit of attracting birds

and butterflies, truly bringing gardens to life.”

The planting at Mardalup Park finished with the spreading of everlasting seeds between plants.

PCC Eastern Areas Coordinator Chris Round said the everlasting seeds would sprout soon and result in a drift of flowers by spring.

The catchment group will hold more community plantings in the next few months. Anyone interested in helping can join the email list.

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