

The Coastline



Sustainable
Salisbury

“In the long-term, we hope to bring about subtle changes in human activities that impact on the dolphins’ environment. The good news about any changes is that generally we find what is good for the dolphins ends up being good for our environment too.”

Brett Pendlebury
Senior Conservation Officer, Department for
Environment and Heritage

Along the Barker Inlet and the Port River estuary on Salisbury’s western boundary, unique eco-systems support a breeding ground and nursery for some of the State’s most important species of fish and birdlife.

In this diverse coastal landscape, mangrove forests and samphire swamps, rich in life, have thrived for generations.

However, last century urban growth and industrialisation, and the resulting flow of polluted stormwater to the sea, placed these natural assets under severe stress.

Recognising that the Barker Inlet on its western boundary was literally living on the edge, the City of Salisbury pledged in the 1990s to halt the flow of pollutants from the region to preserve the mangroves and samphire swamps along with the precious seagrass meadows that support marine life.

Local action in developing a vast network of wetlands to slow the flow of stormwater and filter out nutrients, heavy metals and pollutants, are now making a world of difference.



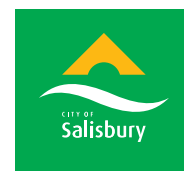
A unique feature on the doorstep of Salisbury is the Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary in the Barker Inlet.

Members of the bottle-nosed dolphin community move in and out of the local waters where they feed, frolic and sometimes balm their wounds within a seagull's cry of the city.

Their number can range from a resident population of around 30 up to 300, depending on the seasons, conditions, and the call of nature that brings them in from the deep.

The Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary will help ensure that we share our near marine environment with these creatures and allow them to pursue their natural instincts.

Members of the Salisbury community, particularly younger students, are encouraged to become involved in the sanctuary through environmental education programs and to care for the habitat of the dolphins through the responsible disposal of rubbish, especially plastic bags.



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