



WATERCOURSE WORK: Crows Nest Shire Council Natural Resource Management field supervisor Steven Plant (front right) supervises seven trainees on the job at the Charles Street Water Course as they work to stabilise the creek bank to prevent it washing away in the event of heavy flooding. With Mr Plant are (standing left) Doug Ashford, (kneeling) Maleena Sutton and Matthew Gower, (right back) Matthew Rebb and John Morrison, (right front) Steven Carter and Alistair Crawford.

Trainees clean up Crows Nest park water course

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Crows Nest Shire Council has enlisted seven trainees for 12 months, with some of the trainees placed with the Landcare and Catchment Management groups on a rotational basis. The groups play a vital role in natural resource management in the Shire.

"By taking on the trainees, Council is not only taking strong action to protect the environment but is also assisting in local employment creation and the provision of learning opportunities for the Shire's young people," Council Natural Resource

manager Mr Bruce Boyes said.

The first job for the trainees was to start work stabilising the bank of the Charles Street Park Water course in Crows Nest township.

The group planted various local native creek species, such as bottlebrush and eucalypts, along the bank in order to keep the creek bank together in the event of heavy flooding.

This gully feeds into Crows Nest Creek. Mattrush and bullrush already growing in the gully will be left to aid in the stabilisation project.