



MEDIA RELEASE

Oxygen Levels Increased at Howard Springs Nature Park

Fish at Howard Springs Nature Park are breathing easier today after an aerator and submersible pumps increased the waterhole's oxygen level.

The oxygen level had dropped to 38 per cent earlier this week but the aerator and pumps have almost doubled the level to 71 per cent.

Territory Wildlife Park curator Dion Wedd said the fish "attacked" oxygen probes placed in the waterhole yesterday and on Wednesday, which was a sign of a healthy appetite.

But the fish won't be getting any additional food just yet.

"There is already plenty of food in the water for the larger fish to feed on," Mr Wedd said.

"By introducing an additional food source this will only increase metabolism, thus creating a greater demand on the oxygen in the water.

"So the last thing the fish need at the moment is an additional drain on their oxygen supply."

Mr Wedd is expected to test the waterhole's oxygen levels at 1pm today with the aerator and pumps operating until strong Wet Season rain get the natural spring water flowing again.

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