



## Media Release

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### **Southern Shores program builds on first round success**

Nine community projects to enhance Western Australia's Southern coastline have been successful in Round One of the Southern Incentives 2010-2011: Southern Shores Coastal Grant Program.

South Coast NRM in collaboration with the South Coast Management Group (SCMG) invited applications in April for on-ground projects designed to improve the condition and amenity of coastal assets located in the South Coast region.

South Coast NRM chief executive Rob Edkins said the program continued to attract passionate individuals, community groups and land managers keen to make a difference on their local beach.

"We know the community values our coastal environment and this is evident from all the great work that the South Coast Management Group and South Coast NRM have facilitated since the 1990's. The Southern Shores program continues to support this work and we're pleased to see such a variety of projects across the region this year," he said.

The successful applications for Round One include:

- Denmark Environment Centre & Dept Environment and Conservation: Greens Pool Interpretive Signage
- Denmark High School & Dept Environment and Conservation / Dept Fisheries: Denmark High School Coastal and Shoreline Monitoring Programme (Madfish Bay)
- Shire of Denmark & Denmark Environment Centre: Installation of a viewing platform and coastal safety signage for Sinker Bay, Shire of Denmark
- City of Albany & Manypeaks Progress Assn: Rehabilitation of Boulder Hill Track in Betty's Beach Reserve
- Manypeaks Progress Assn: Coastcare Interpretive Signage for Hassell Beach (Warriups Beach) Coastal reserve
- Fitzgerald Biosphere Group & Shire of Jerramungup: Bremer Bay – protecting and enhancing local biodiversity
- Shire of Esperance & Esperance Senior High School: Bushrangers program – From the Ground UP - Fourth Beach Dune Protection & Restoration
- Esperance Bird Observers Group & Shire of Esperance: Hooded Plover Signage for the Eastern South Coast Region – 'Helping to Protect the Last of the Hoodies'
- Shire of Ravensthorpe & Hopetoun Progress Assn: Two Mile Beach access delineation and rehabilitation

Applications for Round Two of this funding are now open. Practical workshops to scope projects and assist with grant preparation will be held in Denmark, Albany, Bremer Bay, Hopetoun and Esperance in late July.

SCMG chair Bill Auburn said successful projects would implement actions in line with the regional coastal strategy, *Southern Shores 2009-2030*.

The strategy was developed by SCMG and was awarded the 2009 WA Coastal Award for Excellence in Coastal Planning and/or Management.

“*Southern Shores* supports local community input and ownership, and the grants provide capacity for groups and land managers to work together on projects to ensure our coast is well-managed and protected,” Mr Auburn said.

Funding for the Southern Incentives Southern Shores Coastal Grants program was obtained by South Coast NRM through the Australian Government’s Caring for our Country Business Plan 2009-10.

An application form and guidelines can be downloaded from [www.southcoastnrm.com.au](http://www.southcoastnrm.com.au)

Applications for Round Two must be received by 5pm, Friday 20 August 2010.

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