

## Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

### \$3.5 million for coastal erosion and support planning projects

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- More than \$3.5 million in coastal erosion grants allocated in the third year of the CoastWA program.
- 37 coastal projects throughout metropolitan and regional WA to benefit including the Shire of Esperance.
- \$1.75 million to deliver major infrastructure projects at high-priority erosion hotspots.

Coastal protection projects in Esperance are among 37 projects to share in almost \$3.6 million in State Government funding through CoastWA.

CoastWA is the State Government's \$33.5 million strategic response to the increasing impacts of coastal hazards to ensure long-term sustainable land use and development of our coast.

The Shire of Esperance will receive \$100,000 for a sand nourishment project to target erosion hotspot between the Esperance Jetty headland and Goldfields Road.

An additional \$50,000 has been allocated to the Shire of Esperance and project partners Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation to support coastal rehabilitation near Twilight Beach after an escaped prescribed burn in May 2023 opened new tracks and exposed dunes to wind erosion.

Local coastal managers and community groups will contribute approximately \$4.36 million in funding and in-kind donations to deliver these coastal projects.

For more information on the State Government's Coastal Adaption and Protection Grants program, visit [CoastWA grants \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au).

#### Comments attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC

"Our coastlines are such an important part of the Western Australian landscape" she said.

"I am proud to be part of the Cook Labor Government who is committed to protecting our coasts from erosion".

"This funding will support important coastal projects in Esperance to ensure a sustainable coastline into the future."

#### Comments attributed to Planning Minister John Carey:

"Western Australia has some of the most pristine coastline in the world and almost \$19 million has been provided by our Government to 187 coastal projects since 2020.

"This important funding to coastal projects across the State will ensure we can sustainably manage the threats and pressures on our diverse but fragile coastline.

"The Grants are also targeted to help coastal land managers prepare and implement plans and strategies, and partner with community groups to undertake on-ground activities identified in coastal management plans and strategies."

**Comments attributed to Minister Assisting the Transport Minister David Michael:**

"The CoastWA program continues to provide critical support and funding to local governments and community organisations as they work to mitigate and adapt to the growing impact of coastal hazards.

"Supporting and fostering these partnerships is key to ensuring the best outcomes arise for securing long-term sustainable land use and development of the WA coastline."

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