

Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

Bremer Bay coastline to benefit from CoastWA grant

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- Caring for Wellstead Estuary Coastal Vegetation among the 32 coastal planning, adaptation and management projects to share \$3.38 million in funding
- Grants to address coastal erosion hotspots and enhance community engagement

A total of \$3.38 million has been allocated across 32 projects to safeguard Western Australia's coastline from coastal hazards such as erosion and inundation.

One project included in the funding is Caring for Wellstead Estuary Coastal Vegetation, facilitated by the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group in partnership with the Shire of Jerramungup and local volunteers, receiving \$51,936.

Bremer Bay is built along the Wellstead Estuary's western edge, and is the centre of visitor activity. The coastal vegetation along the estuary shoreline acts as a buffer from human disturbance and for built assets from erosion. The project will protect the vegetation by managing fragmentation, weed incursions and erosion hotspots.

Funding is provided through the Coastwest and Coastal Management Plan Assistance Program (CMPAP) grants, administered by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage on behalf of the Western Australian Planning Commission and the Coastal Adaptation and Protection (CAP) and Hotspot-CAP Major Project Fund (H-CAP) grants administered by the Department of Transport.

The 2024 CoastWA grants are part of a broader \$33.5 million, five-year program dedicated to the sustainable management of Western Australia's 20,000-kilometre coastline.

These grants support coastal land managers and community groups in implementing critical conservation, education, and adaptation projects, enabling our coastal communities to increase their resilience to erosion and inundation.

Recipients will contribute more than \$3.72 million in cash or in-kind contributions, effectively leveraging each grant dollar to maximise project impact.

For more information on the CoastWA program and to see a full list of grant recipients, visit [CoastWA \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au).

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

“This is important coastal protection work that will be undertaken by the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group, Shire of Jerramungup and local volunteers, and so I am pleased to see the project receive a CoastWA grant.

“Managing our pristine coastline is vital to ensure it can be enjoyed for generations to come.”

Comments attributed to Planning Minister John Carey:

"Western Australia is renowned for its extraordinary coastline, and it is vital that we manage coastal hazards such as erosion and inundation to safeguard the State's beaches for future generations.

"With a commitment of \$33.5 million until 2026, our Government continues to support projects that boost the State's existing coastal planning and management strategies, as well as data collection and community engagement, to better plan and manage our coastal areas.

"Since 2020, our Government has invested more than \$22.4 million in 219 projects that plan for, manage and adapt to the increasing impacts of a changing climate on our coastline.

"This important funding for coastal projects across the State will ensure we can continue to partner with local governments and community groups to sustainably manage the threats and pressures on our diverse but fragile coastline."

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