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Kimberley	Wyndham Foreshore Protection and Enhancement Plan	To plan for the protection and enhancement of the Wyndham Foreshore. The Wyndham Foreshore is actively used by locals and visitors alike for fishing and recreational activities including being a main point of access for coastal boat landings. The project approach is to build on the already existing community group formed to guide the implementation of the newly built community jetty. Once a foreshore plan that protects and enhances the foreshore for the future has been finalised further co-funding will be sought for implementation.	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Wyndham Jetty Community Group to be renamed the Wyndham Community Foreshore Group	Wyndham Tourism Group, Kimberley Land Council	\$15,000
Gascoyne	North-West Cape Welcomes Shorebirds: Identifying habitat and building conservation capacity	<i>North-West Cape Welcomes Shorebirds</i> is a capacity-building and monitoring project that will facilitate the ongoing protection of the Cape's internationally significant population of > 50,000 shorebirds and their habitat. In this project Birds Australia WA harnesses experience and resources from Birds Australia's national shorebird community monitoring, education and conservation program to generate the environmental information and local expertise required for the effective protection of shorebirds. The identification and mapping of shorebird habitat in the Ningaloo Coast UNESCO site and adjacent Important Bird Areas will form the basis for community monitoring of shorebirds as indicators of environmental change. Our workshops will enable DEC Exmouth, Indigenous and other local stakeholders to contribute to this long term monitoring and conservation program.	Department of Environment and Conservation, Exmouth	Birds Australia WA	Exmouth Shire, Exmouth District High School, WestTreks, Cape Conservation Group, Birds Australia National Office	\$61,722.20
Mid West	3 Bays Walkway - Stage 1B Dynamite Bay to Cambewarra Headland	The Three Bays Walkway Management Plan was developed by the Green Head Coastcare Group (GHCG) and endorsed by the Coorow Shire Council in August 2010. Stage 1B of this project will protect the sensitive coastal environment, by erecting an interpretive lookout as stated in the Management Plan, to protect and maintain environmental values, aesthetic qualities and biodiversity of this unique coastal area, while educating visitors about its significance, through interpretive signage. The project will involve rehabilitation and monitoring by the community, to allow for safer public access to the coastal landscape. Ongoing interpretive trail maintenance will be carried out by the Shire in conjunction with the GHCG.	Shire of Coorow	Green Head Coastcare Group	West Midlands Group	\$71,500

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Mid West	Horrocks Beach Coastal Site Plan Development and Foreshore Restoration	<p>Horrocks Beach is one of the most popular locations in the Northampton shire. Its present condition requires substantial improvements and a coastal management site plan is needed. The project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a community and Shire endorsed coastal management site plan; • Protect, maintain and rehabilitate the natural environment for the use and enjoyment of everyone; and • Educate users of its importance and vulnerability. <p>The project will focus on developing a coastal site plan with a vision to protect, enhance and educate.</p>	Shire of Northampton	Horrocks Beach Progress Association	Northern Agricultural Catchments Council	\$23,000
Mid West	Innovative method to increase the uptake of climate change science in coastal fishing communities	<p>This project will facilitate a greater interest in, focus on, and shared uptake of regional climate change science using Photovoice; a technique that gives participants a voice through the lens of a camera. Robust discussion will be informed by high level input on climate, currents and fishery effects specific to the Abrolhos Islands. A regional coordinator will provide a strong link between the fishers, scientists & community throughout the life of the project.</p> <p>Two workshops will be held & the resulting photographs taken by fishers in their own time, will be exhibited with associated story boards as a special Museum of WA Geraldton exhibition over 2 months with a viewing expectation of approximately 8,000 people which will significantly add to the project legacy of an increase in shared, regionally focussed climate change understanding & adaptation awareness.</p>	Department of Fisheries	Curtin University (CUSP), WA Marine Science Institution (WAMSI), Women's Industry Network Seafood Community (WINSOC), OceanWatch Australia	WA Museum Geraldton	\$25,354
Perth Metro	Coastal Rehabilitation at Wells Park, Perth	<p>Wells Park in Kwinana is an important coastal reserve within an expanding industrial zone. This application presents an opportunity to convert grass turf and informal car park to native bush to complement the existing coastal reserve. The project will be implemented in association with the Kwinana Beach Coastcare Group and supported by Verve Energy a principal supporter of the Coastcare Group. The project will result in the establishment of 1660 m² of native coastal vegetation.</p>	Town of Kwinana	Kwinana Beach Coastcare Group	Verve Energy, Conservation Volunteers Australia, National Green Jobs Corps, Perth Region NRM	\$6,850

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Perth Metro	Protection and Restoration of Swanbourne Dunes	The City of Nedlands, SCA and Scotch College High School intend to protect and restore Swanbourne Dunes by replacing old fencing, installing on site signage to educate residents and the general public about the importance of protecting coastal environments, planting 6000 local native seedlings and removal of priority weed species. This project aims to build and improve on past restoration work undertaken.	City of Nedlands	Swanbourne Coastal Alliance (SCA)	Scotch College High School	\$23,460
Perth Metro	Restoration of coastal vegetation at South Iluka, metropolitan Perth	Weed invasion and foot traffic on parts of the coastal foreshore reserve at Iluka have caused damage including erosion of dune slopes and loss of native vegetation. The Friends of North Ocean Reef - Iluka Foreshore will continue hand weeding on current areas being rehabilitated, and will extend the area under intensive hand weeding to include the northern and southern boundaries of the grassed park. Eroding areas of dune that are currently trampled by the public will be brushed to limit the areas that can be accessed, and some of the areas will be replanted where native vegetation is absent.	City of Joondalup	Friends of North Ocean Reef - Iluka Foreshore	Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum Inc	\$15,112
Perth Metro	Mullaloo Middle Dunes Rehabilitation	The project aim is to protect the biodiversity of the dune by reducing erosion, controlling weeds and planting of local provenance seedlings. The project will control erosion by brushing and planting Spinifex species to stabilize the sand. The weed control program will consist of detailed mapping of weeds, prioritising species to be hand weeded and contractor and volunteer hand weeding. Seedlings will be purchased from nurseries that will propagate from plant material supplied by the City of Joondalup.	City of Joondalup	Mullaloo Beach Community Group		\$12,539
Perth Metro	Mullaloo Beach Viewing Platform	Mullaloo Beach is a popular recreational area within the City of Joondalup. Visitors to the area utilise the fore dunes in order to view surfers and other recreational activities on the beach. These actions have caused major disturbance to the fore dune area and have affected rehabilitation efforts by the City and local community groups. The objective of the Mullaloo Beach Viewing Platform Project is to minimise impact to the fore dune area of the Mullaloo coastline by providing access to a popular recreation area. The project will involve the design and construction of a viewing platform and revegetation of the site to protect and enhance the biodiversity values of the area.	City of Joondalup			\$22,000

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Perth Metro	Shoalwater Foreshore Beach Path and Coastal Rehabilitation Project	The Shoalwater Foreshore reserve has seen an increase in visitor numbers over the last few years. In order to protect valuable endemic coastal vegetation and to provide safe visitor access to the foreshore reserve the City is seeking to upgrade coastal beach access paths and remove coastal weeds whilst rehabilitating the dune systems located at strategic locations along this sector of the coast.	City of Rockingham	Kolbe Catholic College	Perth Region NRM Coastcare Program	\$52,500
Perth Metro	Restoring Mettams Pool, North Beach - Phase 2	West Coastcare has been working in conjunction with the City of Stirling to systematically rehabilitate and restore the Mettams Pool coastal area. Over the past 2 years the group have undertaken erosion control, removal of rubble and weed biomass, and planted the area with local indigenous plant species, as well as undertaken extensive community education in the region. This project will continue the work of the group, extending the rehabilitated area further to the north, with weed control, jute matting and planting of coastal species all to be carried out as part of a 5 year plan supported by the City of Stirling. West Coastcare volunteers will work with City staff, qualified contractors, the local community and school groups to continue to improve the biodiversity and environmental resilience of this popular coastal location.	City of Stirling	West Coastcare (Inc)	Perth Region NRM, Marmion Primary School	\$9,748
Perth Metro	Native Vegetation Mapping of the City of Stirling Coastal Zone	To support future restoration actions (weed management and planting) within the City of Stirling coastal zone the Indigenous flora of the coastal zone will be mapped. Flora mapping will be incorporated into the zones identified within the Weed Mapping Report (Title). The incorporation of the Indigenous and weed flora into the one database will enhance the management of the coastal zone by providing ecological knowledge which provides: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. database of the indigenous and weed communities; 2. the identification of the indigenous species which occur in limestone areas, fore dunes, swales and secondary dunes, enabling recommendations on the species most likely to survive and coexist in these differing locations; 3. Providing a monitoring tool for ongoing assessment and adaptation of on ground projects. 	City of Stirling	Stirling Natural Environment Coastcare	Perth Region NRM	\$17,500

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Perth Metro	North Metropolitan Coastal Weed Eradication Project - Part 2	This project is the extension of the 2010 North Metro Weed Eradication Project developed in response to the recognised requirement of community coastcare groups to have access to funds that can assist them in the ongoing weed eradication activities that are known to threaten existing rehabilitation sites and that require additional funding or resources to combat, including bridal creeper, white broom, black flag, Cape Tulip, Geraldton Carnation Weed, and Freesias. The project will value add to funding already obtained by coastcare groups and will increase the capacity of groups to extend their project areas and maintain the ecological resistance of these areas.	Towns of Cottesloe and Cambridge, Cities of Stirling and Joondalup	Cottesloe, Cambridge, Stirling, West and Joondalup Coastcare Groups	Perth Region NRM	\$20,500
Perth Metro	Coastal Protection and Rehabilitation at Henrietta Rocks, Rottnest Island	Henrietta Rocks is a popular site due to its beautiful vistas and snorkelling opportunity that allows for the exploration of a historical shipwreck. Visitors currently access the foreshore by trekking through the fragile coastal dunes. The project aims to reduce visitor impacts by formalising coastal access using a set of tiered stairs leading down from the current road lookout onto the beach. When formalised, eroded areas will be revegetated and interpretive signage will be installed. This project will engage community volunteer groups for all of the construction and rehabilitation works.	Rottnest Island Authority (RIA)	The Rottnest Society (Inc)	Winnit Club (Inc)	\$140,700
Perth Metro	Nyungar Wardan Katitjin Bidi	This project makes a major contribution to the representation of Nyungar coastal/marine values. We will develop a website and poster showing Nyungar dreamtime narratives, and names of coastal places, plants and animals. Using existing literature and records and new oral stories, we will present Nyungar Wardan Katitjin Bidi ('ocean people's knowledge trail'), including the history of Cockburn Sound from before the end of the last glacial period 7000-10000 years ago when sea levels rose. Visuals will include: maps of places, names and stories in Nyungar and English; a timeline reflecting both Nyungar and Western concepts; various images; and a glossary.	City of Cockburn	Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute	Perth Region NRM	\$52,572

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Peel	Preston Beach Coastal and Dune Management Project	The aim of the project is to maintain and protect the Preston Beach coastline and dunes from unnatural environmental influences and to guide and educate communities and tourists to prevent further impact. Placement of brushing on the coastal dunes to prevent further erosion and discourage unauthorised access. Signage to identify areas under protection and revegetation and to educate community members and welcome them to the Shire of Waroona on our coastal boundaries. Fencing along the north and south access points to the beach and gating of the brush collection areas.	Shire of Waroona	Preston Beach Progress Association	Preston Beach Volunteer Rangers	\$13,200
South West	Construction of two toilets near Cape to Cape Track - Guillotines and Gallows Beaches	To construct two purpose-built sustainable toilets to cater for the visitors to the nearby beaches and who are using the Track. The toilets will be designed and constructed for the maritime environment and will also be aesthetically compatible with the bush environment in which they will be situated.	Department of Environment and Conservation	Friends of the Cape to Cape Track Inc.	Shires of Busselton and Augusta-Margaret River	\$25,000
South West	Walpole and Denmark Weed Action Group Weeding Walpole Inlet	Denmark Weed Action Group (DWAG) will assist the newly formed Walpole Weed Action Group (WWAG) to develop weed identification skills, weed control techniques and organisational capacity to run their own group in the Walpole area. DWAG will encourage the participation of Pibulmun Elders, Shire of Manjimup and interested community members in a practical and theoretical capacity through monthly on-site community volunteer days. Project work will be focused around the Walpole Inlet where several environmental weed species have degraded the condition of surrounding bushland areas.	Shire of Manjimup	Denmark Weed Action Group Inc.; Walpole Weed Action Group	Department of Environment and Conservation; Noongar Elders	\$10,490
South West	Meelup Regional Park coastal nodes master plan	Meelup Regional Park's coast is heavily impacted by visitors accessing the coastal and marine environments for recreation. The main objective of the project is to develop a coastal node master plan to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conserve and improve the natural environment of the Meelup coast; • Protect the visual amenity of the Meelup coast; and • Provide coastal facilities as appropriate for visitors to Meelup Regional Park. <p>The plan will address access (vehicle and pedestrian), signage/interpretation, rehabilitation, parking and facilities to ensure a consistent and holistic approach to conserving and improving the Meelup coast.</p>	Shire of Busselton	Meelup Regional Park Management Committee		\$9,000

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South West	Yallingup Foreshore Management Plan	Yallingup beach has a coastal foreshore which requires active management to ensure that important social and environmental values are maintained and enhanced. To help manage this area, the LCDC, in conjunction with the Shire would like to develop a foreshore management plan. The plan will outline the current values of the area, threats to these values, and management actions to address these threats.	Shire of Busselton	Yallingup Land Conservation District		\$7,000
South West	Dune restoration project in the Maidens Reserve - engaging community and volunteers	This project will deliver dune restoration work in an important part of the Ocean to Preston regional park in the Maidens Reserve, an area locally significant for recreation and biodiversity. Using a specialised contractor and a range of community groups/volunteers (including Friends of Maidens Group, the City of Bunbury, Maidens Park Primary School) brushing and planting of native seedlings will be carried out to protect the area from uncontrolled human activities. Educational events will provide an avenue to foster ownership of the reserve and its conservation and management. Installation of 12 signs and the publishing of a brochure will aim to alter the usage of the reserve to prevent further degradation.	City of Bunbury	Leschenault Catchment Council	South West Catchments Council, Friends of Maidens Community Group	\$44,715
South West	Marlston Hill Sand Dune Rehabilitation Project	To rehabilitate sand dune blowouts and the foreshore area between BP beach lookout and lighthouse. This will include: brushing denuded areas, planting local provenance plants, repair and replacement of broken and rusted fencing to contain foot traffic to designated walkways and appropriate signage.	City of Bunbury	Marlston Coastcare	Parkfield Primary Dune Dudes, South West Catchments Council, South West Institute of Technology	\$2,000
South West	Rivermouth – Gas Bay Development Concept Plan Implementation: Gas Bay Precinct	The Prevelly /Gnarabup Coastal area is being subjected to increasing pressure due increased usage. Uncontrolled access is resulting in environmental damage to the Gasbay area. This proposal is a continuation of the Shire's previous work along the Prevelly/Gnarabup foreshore, the project will see the installation of a stair case and a look out on a degraded sand dune and beach access way the structure will be made out of Jarrah and include stainless steel fittings. The project will also see the installation of a concrete path that will formalise access to the lookout and beach access stairs, it will also provide disabled access to the lookout via a pram ramp from the Gasbay car park. The project will incorporate fencing to protect sensitive areas, brushing and closure of informal tracks.	Shire of Augusta Margaret River	Margaret River Coastal Residents Association		\$21,969.93

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South West	2012 West Australian Beach Clean Up	Marine debris is a well documented threat to the marine & coastal environments and the prevention and removal of debris is integral in addressing this issue. The 2012 WA Beach Clean Up will be the 8th year this event has taken place and aims to expand to engage over 800 volunteers in a beach clean up event at 120 coastal sites around WA over the weekend of October 13 & 14. The event aims to work with local partners to engage volunteers to register sites, remove marine debris, collect and submit data to Tangaroa Blue for inclusion in the National Marine Debris Database which is used both locally & nationally to find practical ways of reducing marine debris impacting the Australian coastline.	Department of Fisheries	Tangaroa Blue Foundation Limited	KABC, DEC, Shires of Busselton, Capel, Albany & Augusta Margaret River	\$16,539
Great Southern	Getting Dunsy Back on Track	The Dunsy Track traverses pristine coastal land that is utilised by tourists and locals but requires urgent repairs to its most degraded sections. Our project will install 150mt of <i>Tracpad</i> in these sections providing both protection to sensitive, vegetated sand dunes through the closure and rehabilitation of unwanted detours and stabilisation of the track. To enhance this work an educational DVD aimed at changing driver behaviour to reduce the impact of 4 wheel drive vehicles will be produced for Rangers to use as a tool to educate campers, park visitors, community groups and schools through direct discussions and meeting presentations.	Department of Environment and Conservation	Great Southern Institute of Technology	South Coast NRM	\$149,431.24
Great Southern	The Great Southern - Remote and Rugged	This project involves engaging the community in the production of an educational documentary on the coastal marine ecosystems of the South Coast of WA. The community driven project will present the social and ecological story of the region – from its formation to its current state as a highly sensitive yet broadly utilized location, where pressures from user groups coexist with some ground breaking conservation projects. The DVD will be accessible to and aimed at the general public and school students, which will assist in instilling a permanent sense of stewardship and encourage ecological sustainable practices and awareness in user groups.	DEC, Fisheries WA, South Coast Local Governments	South Coast NRM, South Coast Management Group (SCMG), Recherche Advisory Group (RAG)	South Coast NRM, South Coast Management Group (SCMG), Recherche Advisory Group (RAG)	\$57,100

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Great Southern	South Coast Shorebird Conservation Project 2012	<p>The South Coast Shorebird Conservation Project comprises the following components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A regional community volunteer based snap shot shorebird survey of key coastal sites from Walpole to Esperance in the South Coast Region in Jan/Feb 2012 followed by data analysis & report. 2. Community capacity building shorebird conservation workshops and talks. 3. Shorebird_ NRM South Coast Newsletters 2012 - Production of 2 newsletters for the south coast in the first six months of 2012 4. Community Shorebird Education Projects – Albany- Denmark in January 2012- a four day community environment education activity program with focus on Princess Royal and Wilson Inlet shorebird habitats and 5. Benthic Invertebrate survey of Wilson Inlet in mid summer to monitor changes to the range, abundance and size. 	WA Department of Environment, City of Albany, Shire of Denmark, Shire of Jerramungup, Shire of Ravensthorpe, Shire of Esperance	Green Skills Inc	Albany Birds Group, Birds Australia, South Coast Management Group, South Coast NRM, WA Department of Environment	\$24,388
Great Southern	Protecting coastal reserves – managing sustainable recreational vehicle access across the South Coast	<p>The "Protecting coastal reserves – managing sustainable recreational vehicle access across the South Coast" project will facilitate and promote positive recreational behaviour across the coastal zone of the South Coast region by implementing site-specific on-ground works at strategic locations in five coastal local government areas. The project builds on previous work by South Coast Management Group & its Vehicle Working Group sub-committee to respond to the impacts of vehicle use in the coastal zone through a regional program of education and on-ground works. The Coastwest component will support land managers and the community to undertake site planning in an identified priority site or corridor of coastal reserve. Site-specific access management works may include access hardening, site definition, and rehabilitation as needed.</p>	SCMG Local Government authorities across the South Coast region (Denmark, Albany, Jerramungup, Ravensthorpe & Esperance)	South Coast Management Group Inc.	South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc., local Coastcare type groups, recreational user groups, educational institutions	\$48,000

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State-wide	Community-assisted scientific assessment and management of Western Australian Marine Protected Areas	This project will bridge the gap between grass roots community involvement in coastal conservation and scientific assessment and management of WA's marine biodiversity. It will do this by training and involving a highly committed and experienced network of recreational SCUBA divers, who will undertake detailed and rigorous marine biodiversity assessments of three WA Marine Protected Areas (or no-take marine management zones) that will contribute complimentary data to MPA management plans by project partners. It will also build public knowledge and awareness in local communities through production and distribution of public materials that highlight biodiversity values and threats.	Department of Environment and Conservation, Department of Fisheries, Rottnest Island Authority	Reef Life Survey		\$95,000