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FUNDING SUCCESS FOR ESPERANCE'S NATURAL ASSETS

The Shire of Esperance has been successful in receiving funding for all four applications submitted to the 2016-2017 State Natural Resource Management Program Community Action Grants, made possible through Royalties for Regions.

The projects receiving grant funding through this program total of \$136,500 and are:

- Lake Monjigup restoration of eco-education facilities and materials completion project, this is restore and improve reserve infrastructure that was destroyed by the 2015 bushfire. A detailed site plan of different interpretive walks throughout the reserve will be completed. (\$55,000)
- Western beaches site planning will provide detailed site plans on 9 beaches west of Esperance and include car park design, signage, formalisation of access paths, weed management and dune rehabilitation. (\$15,500)
- Twilight erosion protection aims to finalise remaining dune erosion protection works and remove weeds from the site that are threatening to smother native vegetation. Safe formal access to beach and a viewing platform will also form part of the project. (\$24,000)
- Quagi Beach protection project will focus on access, facilities, signage and protection of the immediate environment. (\$42,000)

All four projects will be undertaken by the Shire during the 2017 calendar year.

Shire President Victoria Brown said "Esperance is well known for its natural beauty and it is vital that we continue to look after our natural assets. We are very pleased to have been successful in all four funding applications and look forward to starting these great projects and making sure we continue to look after our beautiful corner of the world."

"We would also like to congratulate the Esperance Weeds Action Group and Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation in receiving funding for their separate community projects. It is so positive to see local community group's still working at assisting our natural environment in its recovery from the bush fires of last year."

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