

Yorke Peninsula Vehicle Access Strategy

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Yorke Peninsula

700 km of coastline

Family friendly
holiday destination

Cultural heritage

Home to unique
ecosystems and
threatened flora
and fauna





Narungga Cultural Heritage



Coastal Ecosystem Health

An aerial photograph of a coastal dune system. The foreground and middle ground are dominated by light-colored sand dunes. Several sets of dark, winding tire tracks are visible on the sand, suggesting off-road vehicle activity. Scattered across the dunes are small, dark green shrubs and patches of low-lying vegetation. In the background, the ocean stretches to the horizon, with a clear blue sky above it. The water near the shore is a lighter turquoise color, while the deeper water is a darker blue.

Coastal Ecosystem Health

An aerial photograph of a coastal wetland. The landscape is dominated by dense, tangled vegetation, likely mangroves or salt marshes, which appear as a complex network of brown and grey lines. A small, irregularly shaped pond with blue water is located in the upper left quadrant. The overall scene depicts a natural, undisturbed coastal ecosystem.

Coastal Ecosystem Health

CONSERVATION RESERVE
DAY USE ONLY
NO DRIVING ON SAND DUNES

WARRI BEACH
GAP CAMPING RESERVE to PORT LUCHES
Please check tide times where possible
and respect the environment by
walking below the high tide line

Australian Government

A wide-angle photograph of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, a sandy dune slopes down towards the right, with a fire pit constructed from stones and sticks in the center. The middle ground shows a sandy beach with some low-lying green shrubs. In the background, the ocean stretches to the horizon under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

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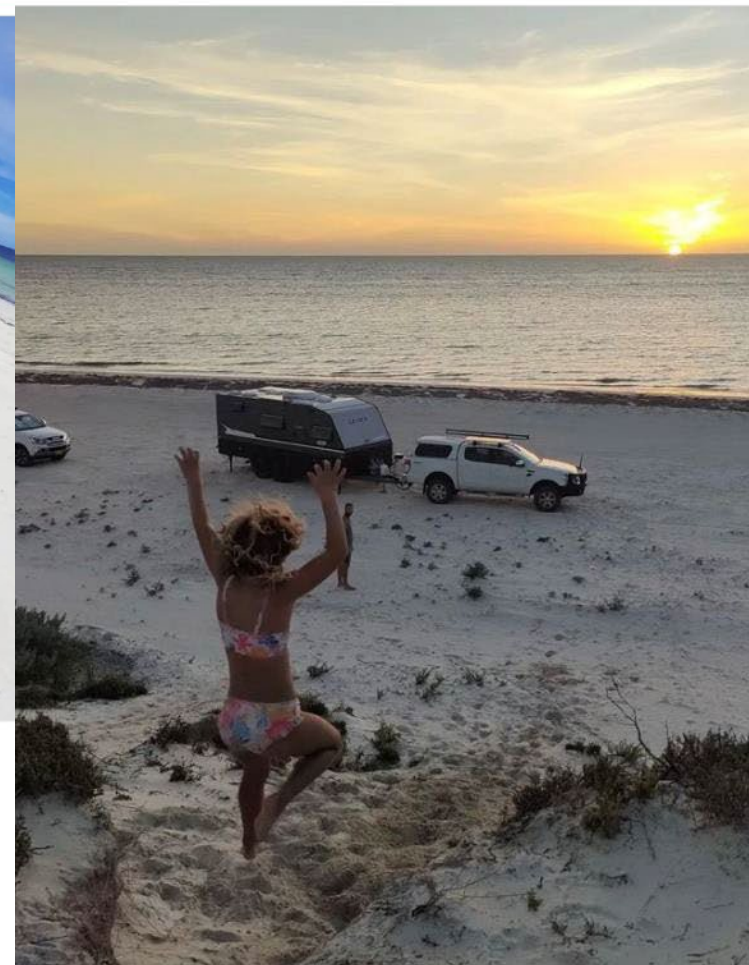
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What an epic week at Wauraltee Beach!!
We met some amazing people and made
some awesome memories.

We HIGHLY recommend this beach for a beach
front camp spot, just absolutely stunning!



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Beach Camping



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First beach camp of South Australia

Evergreen Richy M 11 people



This is why we can't have nice things

Rachel Hagan
JOURNALIST

THIDNA Conservation Park could soon expand to include a significant section of the adjacent beach, if a new proposal from the Department for Environment and Water is approved.

The proposal aims to stop vehicle access on about 100 metres of coastline next to the Gleasons Landing boat ramp, enhancing protection for the sensitive dune environment.

Corny Point Progress Association vice-president Michael Shepley, who owns property adjacent to the park, supports the restrictions, saying visitors are not adhering to existing rules and staying out of the dunes.

"People have been driving through and disturbing the dunes," Mr Shepley says.

"Accessing the beach is fine, but they have to stay out of the sand dunes, and they don't seem to want to do that."

Mr Shepley admitted he was once part of the problem, riding his bike through the dunes, but stopped when he realised the environmental impact.

"We've managed to get a fair bit of it (vegetation) to grow back, and then it was gone during the days of drifting sand dunes.

"We had it all closed off and stabilised, but suddenly people got back in and made new tracks."

DEW has expressed concern about the environmental damage caused by vehicles in the dunes, particularly the threat to the nationally vulnerable hooded plovers, which nest there.

With fewer than 1000 hooded plovers left in South Australia, Mr Shepley says, "vehicles, especially during the warmer months when the birds are nesting, are a big problem."

In addition to the environmental benefits, Mr Shepley highlighted potential financial advantages, as fewer vehicles would become

stranded on the beach.

"It's a very treacherous beach and a popular spot," he said.

"Anyone local who values their vehicle doesn't go on the beach because they know exactly what it's like."

Several bogged vehicles have been written off after becoming stuck on the beach, Mr Shepley said, and he often helps people who have become bogged.

"For one, I had two or three trips down with the tractor to get it out; we managed to dig it out, but it was quite a costly operation."

If the proposal is approved, pedestrian access would still be allowed within the park, and vehicles would continue to have access to the beach.

SAVE THE DUNES... Corny Point Progress Association vice-president Michael Shepley says he supports a proposal to expand the Thidna Conservation Park.



Increase in community concern

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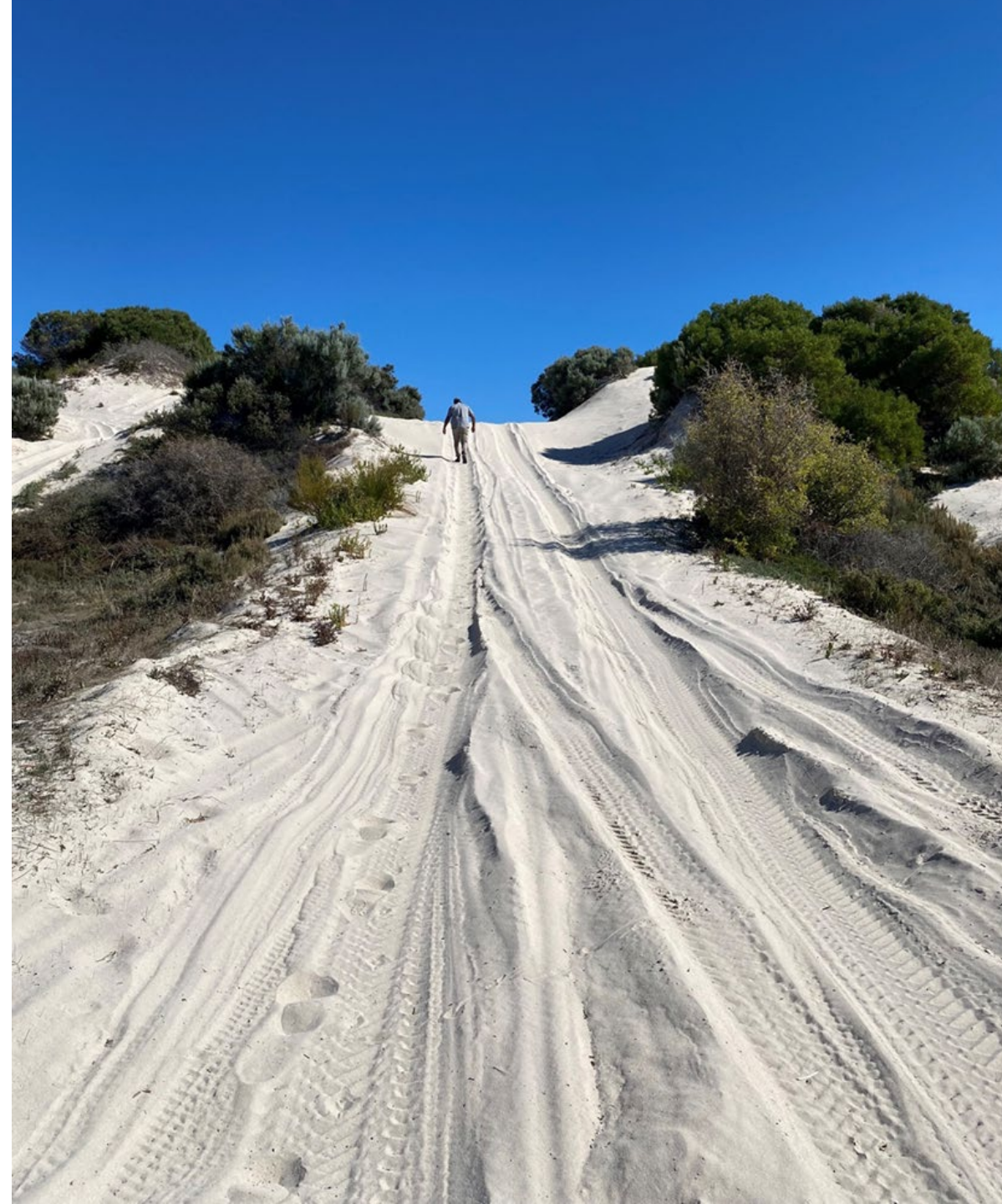
- Landscape Priorities Fund in 2021
- Partnerships and co-funding
 - Yorke Peninsula Council, Copper Coast Council, Barunga West Council, AGL, DEW, Legatus, SYP Landcare, SYP Community Hub

\$2.1m, 3-year investment in Yorke Peninsula coast



YP Coastal Access Strategy

- Aims to balance protection of the natural environment and cultural heritage with allowing access to the coast
- Phase 1 – Issues paper
- Phase 2 – Management principles, management strategies and actions
- Partnership implementation





Stakeholder Engagement



Department for Environment and Water

*Helping South
Australians
conserve, sustain
and prosper*

Land Tenure



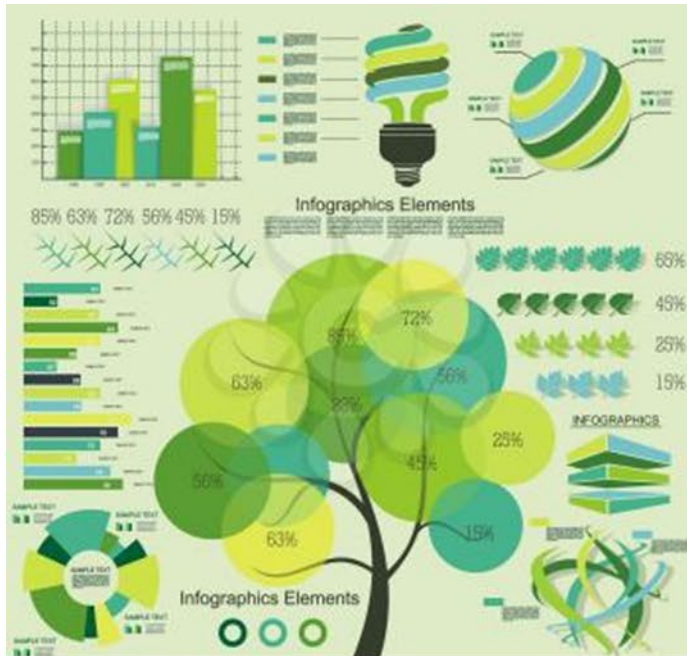
- *Crown land (unalienated/dedicated/licenced)*
- *Parks System (incl. Wilderness Protection Areas)*
- *Native title (determined/not yet determined)*
- *Private land*

Legislation

There are more than a dozen pieces of legislation that may affect how we manage beaches, and they don't always play nicely with each other.



Science is key



- *Mapping specific beaches*
- *Applying dataset searches*
- *Analysing the data*

Wrapping up

- *Why is this strategy different from others that have gone before it?*
- *Working together*



A wide-angle photograph of a coastal landscape featuring several white sand dunes. The dunes are covered with patches of green and greyish-brown shrubs. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue. In the foreground, there is a flat, sandy area with some sparse vegetation. A dark teal rectangular box is overlaid on the bottom left of the image, containing the text "Thank you" in white.

Thank you