

# Djulda-wawa Badja Project



Djulda-wawa Badja is a two-year project that aims to build the coastline's resilience through practical, on-ground land management activities across Yorke Peninsula.

## Overview

The [Northern and Yorke Coastal Management Action Plan](#) identified that coastal ecosystems across the region are under threat from the impacts of climate change, vehicle-based recreational activities, and invasive plants and animals.

The project aims to build resilience in these highly valued ecosystems by increasing native vegetation cover, stabilising soil and sand, and connecting and revegetating fragmented or degraded areas. The project includes on-ground action such as revegetation, fencing and weed management and support for eastern osprey with the roll-out of artificial nesting sites at Port Broughton and Coobowie.

The project will develop an access strategy for priority areas of coastal Crown Land. This strategy

will identify coastal access points and subsequent management of visitor impacts.

Djulda-wawa Badja means 'resilient coast' in Narungga language and was chosen to honour the Yorke Peninsula's Traditional Custodians, the Narungga people. Members of the Narungga community are involved in project planning, oversight and delivery. The project will employ a Narungga ranger and First Nations contractors for on-ground environmental work.

## Coastal revegetation

Djulda-wawa Badja will undertake 121ha of coastal revegetation at the following locations:

- Point Riley
- Point Pearce
- Wardang Island
- Port Victoria
- Point Souttar
- Sturt Bay
- Klein Point

### Yorke town Fire Recovery

The project will also support the SYP Community Hub Yorke town Bushfire Recovery efforts with fencing, weed control and 13ha of revegetation in burnt areas.

### Protective Fencing and Weed Control

The project will see 5km of fencing installed to protect remnant coastal vegetation and revegetation areas. 100ha of priority coastal weed control will reduce the pressure that invasive plants place on coastal ecosystems.

### Yorke Peninsula Council Coastal Management Strategy

Partnering with Yorke Peninsula Council, the project will support priority actions outlined in YP Council's Coastal Management Strategy. These works will include the installation of infrastructure at Gleeson's Landing to formalise access and to protect sensitive coastal vegetation.

More than 100 days of weed control will target invasive coastal species such as African boxthorn, fountain grass, tree arborescence, bridal creeper and bridal veil. There will also be 6ha of direct seeding and more than 6,500 local coastal seedlings planted.

### Coastal Access Management Strategy

A Coastal Access Management Strategy, developed as part of the project, will provide clear direction for organisations to manage visitor access in coastal areas, leading to reduced visitor impacts and increased protection of valuable cultural heritage and environmental assets. A consultant will be engaged to deliver the strategy and will undertake extensive community consultation.

### Pilot coastal campground

The project will also see the construction of a formalised campground and beach access point within a sensitive coastal area. This component of the project involves the development of formalised access and camping area infrastructure to provide an effective demonstration of the Coastal Access Management Strategy that can be adapted and applied along the coastline.

### Eastern osprey recovery

The project will support the work of SYP Landcare and the Friends of Osprey group through

providing for the construction and installation of artificial nesting platforms at Port Broughton and Coobowie to improve osprey breeding success.

### Narungga Project Officer

A Djulda-wawa Badja Ranger will be employed to assist in connecting local Aboriginal communities with the project and to support the delivery and monitoring of project activities. Relevant training opportunities for this role will also be identified.



First Nations artist Violet Buckskin designed this artwork to illustrate the project's conservation work on Narungga Country.

### Interpretive signage

A series of interpretive signs will be developed to increase broader community awareness and knowledge of Narungga culture. The signs, which will be developed with the help of Narungga expertise, are aimed at improving visitor experience at sites along coastal walking trails.

### Funding and Partners

This project is funded through the Landscape Priority Fund. Project partners include councils, Narungga organisations, Landcare and bushfire recovery groups, non-government organisations, landholders, YP Tourism, AGL, Legatus Group, and Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North and local schools.

## More information

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