



## Funds for natural resource projects

THREE major environmental and agricultural projects have attracted \$1.23 million in Australian Government's Caring For Our Country funding.

The funding will be given to wind erosion projects on northern Eyre Peninsula, soil projects on lower Eyre Peninsula and revegetation for the Chain of Bays on the West Coast.

Targeted Chain of Bays areas will be revegetated, restored and protected under a \$779,400 project, led by the Friends of Sceale Bay in partnership with the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management board, the Wirangu 2 Association, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the District Council of Streaky Bay.

A feature of the project will be the production of documentary films highlighting indigenous knowledge and involvement in restoring these coastal

areas.

EPNRM Aboriginal program manager Adrian Simpson said the project would help build the local skills base.

"Local Aboriginal people have been collecting seeds of plants that will be suitable for revegetation of the area, developing their plant identification skills and knowledge of quality assurance systems for seed collection and storage," he said.

The Lower Eyre Agricultural Development Association (LEADA) has been given \$161,000 for Rural Solutions SA's Kieran Wauchope to focus on overcoming sub-soil constraints on lower Eyre Peninsula that have restricted crop productivity and affected soil health.

The Federal Government has provided \$296,900 for the third project, which will focus on reducing wind erosion from light, sandy country across the north of the region from Nundroo to Cowell.