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MEDIA RELEASE

Shires Release Online Community Survey for Coastal Planning

The Shires of Dandaragan and Gingin have released an online survey to ensure that the broad community's values and attitudes inform the design of short and long term coastal erosion management solutions.

The Shires are in the process of preparing coastal adaptation plans to manage coastal erosion hazards in accordance with *State Planning Policy 2.6: Coastal Planning Policy*. Shire of Gingin CEO Jeremy Edwards said that community input is a vital part of the process.

"Over 70 people participated in community engagement sessions on May 27th and May 28th in Jurien Bay and Lancelin. These participants provided important input into the coastal hazard planning process," said Mr Edwards. "The online survey provides an opportunity for community members who weren't able to attend the sessions to have their say in planning for the impacts of coastal erosion along our coast."

Shire of Dandaragan CEO Tony Nottle emphasised the importance of providing a range of opportunities that ensure broad community input into the planning process.

"This online survey will ensure that Councils have a clear understanding of the community's values and attitudes towards planning for coastal erosion," said Mr Nottle. "The engagement sessions were an important first step. This survey ensures that non-permanent residents, visitors and other users of our coastal areas can provide input into what is an important planning process."

The survey asks questions related to: what the community values most about the coast; beaches and coastal erosion; and, attitudes towards various erosion management approaches. The survey is available online through the Shires' webpages (provided below) and takes less than 10 minutes to complete. The survey will close on **Tuesday 20 June 2017**.

For the Shire of Gingin survey go to www.gingin.wa.gov and then Services/Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation/How Can I Be Involved?

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