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### **Removing barriers for school participation in coastal and marine education through Perth NRM's Adopt A Beach Program.**

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#### **Abstract**

Perth NRM is addressing the need to create opportunities to nurture pathways for young people to become active participants in caring for our fragile coastal and marine environments. This will be achieved through the Adopt A Beach school program, with support from the Feilman Foundation.

The Adopt A Beach program features a variety of approaches for students (currently K-10) to participate in meaningful, facilitated “at-beach” and “in-class” experiences as well as teacher-directed activities. Environmental education providers often cite the difficulties that they experience in trying to connect children to NRM and Landcare programs.

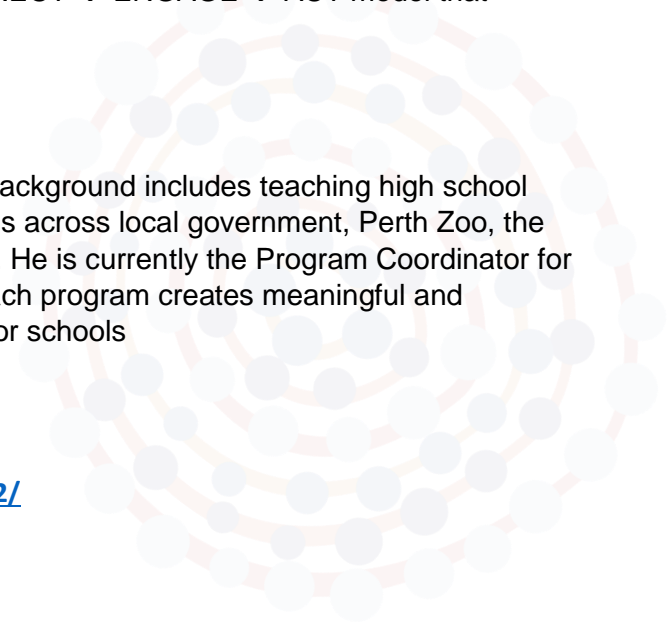
This presentation outlines Perth NRM’s approach to reduce the barriers to school participation in the Adopt A Beach program. It also demonstrates the CONNECT → ENGAGE → ACT model that drives an audience-centred Adopt A Beach experience.

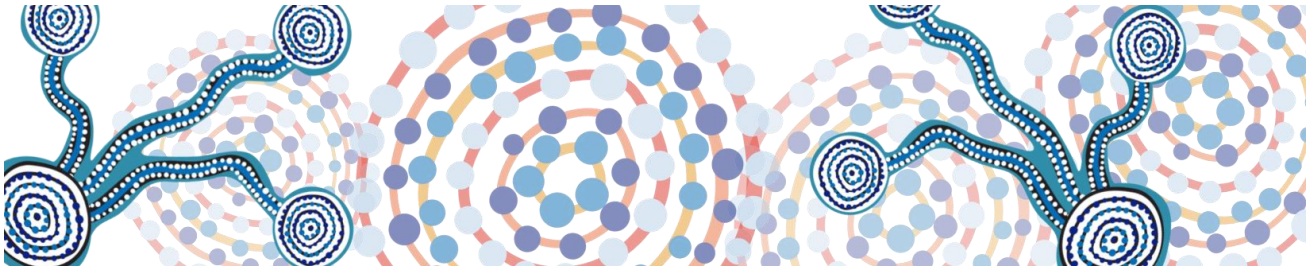
#### **Speaker Profile**

Wayne is an experienced environmental educator. His background includes teaching high school science and a variety of education and engagement roles across local government, Perth Zoo, the Western Australian Museum and recently at Perth NRM. He is currently the Program Coordinator for Perth NRM's Adopt A Beach Program. The Adopt A Beach program creates meaningful and memorable coastal and marine education experiences for schools

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