

# Seasons project funded

DENMARK Environment Centre has received \$86,400 in Lotterywest funding to conduct Phase 2 of the Six Seasons Project.

Warren Blackwood MLA Jane Kelsbie and Menang custodian and educator Larry Blight presented the grant funds to DEC on January 20.

Phase 1 of Six Seasons was completed last year and involved six field trips to locations around Denmark.

This enabled people to learn about the sites and from local Noongar speakers, like Larry Blight, about Denmark's Aboriginal cultural heritage.

DEC found that the community had gained a lot from the field trips and films created in Phase 1, and would like the trips to continue.

In addition to the field trips a new dual naming display will be created for the DEC.

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# DEC secures funding to continue popular Six Seasons project

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Though the existing map in the photo is old, it has been a welcome feature in the DEC shop and has interested many locals and tourists.

A new display and a dual naming calendar of prominent Denmark locations will also help familiarise people with the Aboriginal naming of sites around town and their relevance.

The reinstatement of traditional Aboriginal place names is an important step for the original custodians of this land.

DEC hopes this will play a role

in reconciliation of Aboriginal and western cultures.

The new project will also deliver educational activities derived from the films produced in the first Six Seasons project.

It is hoped that through these activities new audiences such as local school groups will engage with the cultural and environmental issues explored in the documentaries.

DEC will contribute a minimum of \$5600, plus volunteer hours for the excursions and needs to raise funds to support its ongoing work and this project.