

## Marine parks information on the road

Kangaroo Island residents will have the chance to find out the latest marine parks information when the marine parks road show rolls into the island next week.

The communities of Kingscote and Penneshaw will be able to learn about marine parks and ask questions at a series of upcoming information sessions.

The South Australian Government is creating 19 marine parks in state waters by 2010 and several will be in the waters around Kangaroo Island.

Department for Environment and Heritage community engagement officer Andrew Burnell encourages all residents with an interest in the marine parks process to visit the information sessions.

"We want to make contact with as many residents and regular visitors as we possibly can, to provide them with the current information about marine parks, Mr Burnell said.

He said people may have specific questions about marine parks, so for one-on-one discussions they could visit the road show when it is in their area.

"DEH is particularly interested in hearing from people who live at or visit their local coastline, particularly in what changes they have observed over the years," he said.

Visiting the information session for a one-on-one discussion is the best way to get up-to-date information and to add your name to the mailing list to receive more information in future.

"We want to ensure the new marine parks are areas of both marine conservation and sustainable use, that local communities are proud of and feel is an important part of their 'backyard'.

"To do this we want as much community involvement in the planning phase as possible," Mr Burnell said.

The marine parks road show will visit the following towns:

May 21 – **Kingscote** – Kingscote Town Hall (11.30am – 5.30pm)

May 22 – **Penneshaw** – Penneshaw Town Hall (11am – 5.30pm)

For more information contact DEH's Coast and Marine Conservation Branch on (08) 8124 4900 or visit [www.environment.sa.gov.au/coasts/marineparks.html](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/coasts/marineparks.html)

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