**Project Summary**

The Peel Estuary Landscape Assessment Project aims to understand the Nyoongar cultural heritage of the Peel-Harvey Catchment. Outcomes include:

1. a review of previous environmental and cultural studies and the mapping of recorded heritage sites;
2. cultural mapping;
3. field survey of heritage sites;
4. a regional cultural heritage model; and,
5. a regional heritage management plan, including details for a proposed heritage trail along the eastern foreshore of the Harvey and Peel Inlets, which has been a long-term dream of local Aboriginal elders and other members of the community.

The subsequent restoration of cultural and heritage sites is proposed, but is dependant on funding.

A review of environmental and cultural assets was completed in November 2006. The assessment covers assets on the area of the Peel-Harvey Catchment located on the Swan Coastal Plain. The review also includes a detailed assessment of heritage sites located on both public and private land on the eastern foreshores of the Peel and Harvey Inlets.

The next stage of the project will utilise this environmental and cultural information in detailed mapping of the ethnographic and archaeological characteristics of the Nyoongar people to assess their heritage in the Peel-Harvey Catchment.