



## Keira 2021 - protecting iconic species at Lipson Cove

### Goals for the year

In 2020, Keira was awarded a grassroots grant from the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board to help protect local marine life at Lipson Cove.

She selected and researched three iconic local species; the Bottlenose Dolphin, Little Penguin and the White-Bellied Sea Eagle, and designed a sign showcasing information about the species, and how people can help protect them.

This year, Keira's sign was installed and she continued to educate and share her project with her school and local community.

Keira also volunteered with Flinders University students doing surveys on the breeding birds of Lipson Island.

### Biggest success or achievement

Keira says she was extremely excited seeing the complete sign for the first time this year, and very happy with the result. The Minister for Environment and Water, and the Mayor of Tumby Bay visited Lipson Cove to help celebrate her work, which was a significant achievement.

Her class also visited the sign, and Keira gave a speech to explain her project to them.

During 2021, Keira continued to learn about local biodiversity by assisting Flinders University students with bird surveys. She says she learnt a lot about the penguins, Crested Terns and other island bird species.

Another significant achievement of Keira's this year was her lesson with year 6/7 students at her school. Keira delivered an educational session about biodiversity and caring for the environment, including running a series of fun environmental activities with them.

### Others involved

The Lipson Cove project engaged a range of different groups, as Keira shared her project with school students, her wider community and local leaders.

She also engaged with the Flinders University through volunteering, and says both Landscapes SA staff and her family helped with the instalment of the sign.

## Promotion and awareness

Keira has achieved significant awareness raising through her project. She was nominated for the Young Achiever Awards for her 2020 project progress, gaining wide recognition for her work.

She promoted her project through speaking with and delivering education to students that year, and the Lipson Cove signage enables her great research to continue to educate local visitors.