



Media Release

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Whale viewing platforms provide boost for Kilcunda

Tourists, locals and enthusiastic whale watchers in Kilcunda will now have a better view of migrating whales as they travel up and down our coast with \$25,000 in funding from the Australian Government's Whale Trail initiative.

The Whale Trail initiative provides Commonwealth funding to the local community to help build whale viewing platforms and interpretive signage to inform and educate visitors about migratory whales.

The Kilcunda foreshore is one of seven communities around the country to receive \$25,000 in federal funding to build whale viewing platforms.

The funding is part of the Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan, which will establish a National Whale Trail of land based whale watching sites across the Australian whale migratory route.

The Whale Trail initiative will enhance and promote understanding in the community about the importance of protecting whales and dolphins.

Australians love marine wildlife and there is a genuine demand for vantage points along the coastline.

Developing a national whale watching network will encourage knowledge sharing among locals and visitors about whale and dolphin conservation.

Viewing platforms will give people the best possible view of whales and dolphins as they pass offshore, as well as providing information about these important animals.

The Whale Trail initiative is part of a \$2 million Australian Government investment over the next three years under the Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan.

More information will be available shortly at www.environment.gov.au

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