



**Streaky Bay Area School Wetlands a winner
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Increased student numbers and a scientific wetlands project of state significance make Streaky Bay Area School a model of excellence, Member for Flinders Liz Penfold said.

She said the wetlands project was started in 2002 as a combined enterprise between the school, Streaky Bay District Council and Transport SA.

The three principal objectives are to create a wetland habitat as a curriculum resource for environmental education at the area school, to reduce the discharge of storm water into the marine environment, and to harvest clean, low salinity water for reuse.

Educational activities associated with the management and ongoing establishment of the wetlands are included in the school curriculum from junior primary to the senior school.

Mrs Penfold said public tours of the project can be arranged through the school and she recommended a visit to this outstanding water reuse scheme.

"It's been a long road since the first meeting in 1993 and the formation in 1995 of the Streaky Bay Local Environmental Policy Committee.

"I congratulate the community on its vision and on its dedication in bringing that vision to reality," she said.

Mrs Penfold said the success came about despite handicaps such as a staff room which has been on the list of public works for 15 years and for which the 30 teachers on the staff are still waiting.

Mrs Penfold commented on the wetlands following her visit to the school to present a cheque for the *active8* program on behalf of the Minister for Youth Stephanie Key.

Active8 short programs are designed for young people who have special needs, are geographically isolated, are Indigenous, at risk of leaving school early or are under the guardianship of the Minister.

Streaky Bay Area School is working in partnership with Guides and Scouts to deliver the *active8* program in Streaky Bay.