

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **GLSC Rangers working at CREDO**

Mr Hans Bokelund, CEO of Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC), announced that the GLSC Aboriginal Rangers have negotiated a sustainable sandalwood harvesting contract with the Forest Products Commission for the area of the former Credo pastoral lease. He said “many of the GLSC’s Aboriginal rangers who will be undertaking the harvesting of the sandalwood have traditional ties to the area that the sandalwood is being harvested from”.

Mr Bokelund said “that the funds generated by this contract will help to sustain the GLSC’s Aboriginal ranger program, providing real jobs and building capacity for Aboriginal people in the region”.

In addition to this, with funding from the Commonwealth government and the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission, the GLSC Rangers will undertake caring for country activities at Credo that will contribute to the sustainable management of an area that has significance not only for the Rangers, but for many Goldfields Aboriginal people.

The GLSC Ranger Superintendent Trevor Donaldson (Jnr), whose grandfather and grandmother lived and worked on Credo Station back in the 1940s when it was a working sheep station, said he is “very proud to be working back on country, caring for the country, and learning and passing on stories about country. ‘I feel privileged to be part of the GLSC ranger program and to be seeing Aboriginal people not only being employed on country but developing skills that will allow them to participate in work in other industries’” he said.

Mr Bokelund said that he was “very happy with the successful launching of the GLSC’s Ranger program and was excited at the prospects for future development and expansion of the role played by Aboriginal Rangers in the region – both on country, and as a role model and mentor for local Aboriginal youth”.

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