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GLSC Women Rangers Start Work

On 21 August 2017, 4 women began work with the GLSC Land Management Rangers on a permanent part-time basis. This is the first time that the GLSC has had the opportunity to employ such a team on an ongoing basis. The funding for the Women's Ranger team was provided under the Commonwealth's Indigenous Advancement Strategy, and through the State's Royalty for Regions program, by the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission.

The Team led by Connie Farrell will undertake various land management activities in the central Goldfields, working with the elders and traditional owners of the area to deliver a land management regime incorporating traditional and scientific methods. This is the modern version of Aboriginal land management, and the responsibility to care for country is important. Through the program, Connie and other rangers will lead by example and contribute to building stronger communities.

The CEO of the Goldfields Land and Sea Council, Mr Hans Bokelund, said the "The Women Ranger team's activities will allow them to, protect and enhance their culture and heritage over their traditional lands. It has taken the GLSC a long time to build a Ranger program and I commend all those involved".

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GLSC Land Management Rangers – Women’s Team



L to R: Connie Farrell (Team Leader); Jade Cooper; Teresa Stokes; and Katelin Stokes