



# Woolgoolga Lake, Willis Creek and Darkum Creek Estuary Processes Study, Management Study & Management Plan

## Monthly Progress Report – October 2011

### Summary of overall progress:

- the Estuary Processes Study has been finalised. The Estuary Processes Study identifies the processes driving function and health within each estuary and provides an understanding of the relationship between the estuary processes, external influences and issues of concern;
- Community consultation:
  - An initial community workshop was conducted in September 2010 to establish key community values and goals for the estuaries;
  - A community survey questionnaire sheet was released during the Easter period in 2011. Approximately 40 completed surveys were returned. The results from the survey will be used in the Estuary Management Study phase to develop key values, issues and objectives for the estuaries;
  - a community workshop was conducted in October 2011 to develop strategies to address key issues impacting on each estuary. Approximately 30 people attended the workshop. The outcomes will feed into the development of strategies for the Estuary Management Plans;
- a draft Estuary Management Study is being finalised for each estuary. The reports will outline key issues impacting on each estuary and prioritised strategies to address the issues. These strategies will form the basis of the final Estuary Management Plans which detail specific actions, timeframes, responsible agencies for each action and potential funding sources to implement each action.

### Summary of work undertaken in previous month:

- Community workshop to develop draft strategies
- developed initial drafts of the Estuary Management Study for review by Council;

### Summary of work planned for next month:

- Finalise Estuary Management Study reports;
- Finalise initial draft Estuary Management Plan reports for review by Council / OEH and relevant stakeholders.