



## Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary ACTION GROUP MISSION STATEMENT

### **Mission Statement of the ADS Action Group**

The mission of the ADS Action Group is to protect the population of Dolphins in the Port River and Barker Inlet and the habitat that sustain the dolphins.

### **Goals of the ADS Action Group**

Under the guidance of the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) and in partnership with government and non-government organisations, and other community groups, the ADS Action Group seeks to help with the on ground delivery of the six objectives of the ADS management plan. The ADS Action Group will focus mainly in objectives 1, 4 and 5.

The ADS Action Group also seeks to raise awareness within the local community, the Adelaide metropolitan area and in national and international forums about the ecological importance of the ADS.

### **Culture of the ADS Action Group**

The ADS Action Group aims to work in collaboration with other agencies and organisations and not in competition. The ADS Action Group will avoid projects or initiatives that are already delivered by other organisations or agencies and will not substitute the work of paid staff.

### **Programs of the ADS Action Group**

Members of the ADS Action Group are proactive volunteers who give their time to assist with on-ground activities associated with the delivery of the ADS management plan and the protection of the ADS dolphins.

Some of the projects that the ADS Action Group would consider being involved with are:

#### Objective 1: Protection of Dolphins

- Research projects to improve knowledge about ADS dolphins.
- Continue Photographic Identification catalogue of ADS dolphins.

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- Educational and media actions to improve community knowledge about the impact of rubbish and fishing gear.
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- Rubbish collection.
- Monitoring and reporting of any intentional harm to the ADS dolphins

## Objective 2: Protection of key habitat features:

- Research projects to improve knowledge about key habitat features.
- Rehabilitation and re vegetation projects
- On ground educational activities with fisheries and encouragement of minimal impact fishing practices.

## Objective 3 – Improvement of water quality

- Vegetation protection works to support establishment of sediments.

## Objective 4 – Community participation

- Distribution and delivery of ADS education package.
- Provide educational talks about the ADS to schools, community groups, recreational users and other forums.
- Development of new ADS educational material.
- Development of electronic educational material.
- Provide information about the ADS to recreational users in the ADS.
- Promote the ADS Action Group activities with the intention to recruit new volunteers.

## Objective 5- Promotion of the environmental importance of the ADS

- Development of ADS promotional material.
- Development of electronic promotional material, including website, social media and others.
- Collaborate in the coordination and delivery of the Annual ADS open day.
- Collaborate in any other promotional activities including: Boat shows, university open days, country shows, etc.

## Objective 6 – Promotion of the principles of ecological sustainable development