

Code Off-road launches into gear

The South Coast Vehicle Working Group subcommittee of SCMG has been working to develop better educational products around the use of vehicles in the coastal zone. The "Code Off-road" was launched by the SCMG & South Coast NRM in August 2013 at the WA State Coastal Conference in Esperance. The series of Code Off-road brochures, initially completed for the Denmark & Albany areas, highlight and map three areas around each settlement where 4WD vehicles can access stunning coastal reserves. Information is provided on ways to drive lightly to respect our fragile coastal environment and pass on a few driving tips to make sure everyone gets home safely. Download an A3 version from our Publications page.

SCMG Chair Bill Auburn encouraged community members to pick up a copy of the Code Off-road from relevant land managers or 4WD equipment outlets.

"We'd like to invite both locals and visitors to take up this advice to make your day out more enjoyable, to explore and recreate responsibly," he said.

Maps within each brochure direct visitors to some of the spectacular scenery and magnificent beaches on offer in the area.

The Code Off-road brochures have been developed with the City of Albany, Shire of Denmark, Department of Parks and Wildlife Frankland and Albany districts, Albany 4WD Club, Peaceful Bay Progress Association, Parry Beach Voluntary Management Group and Lowlands Coastcare Group.

Albany 4WD Club's Kent Stehn explained opportunities for drivers to learn more.

"4WD outings are held every two to three weeks. Visitors and new members are always welcome," he said. Contact Kent on 0488 933 159.

The Code Off-road print run has a unique fold out design, with an A3 version available for download from www.southcoastnrm.com.au. The brochure was produced by Rosie Smith and Spurr of the Moment Design.

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