



Surprise funding for elder friendly project

The district councils of the Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula have been advised the Elder Friendly Communities Project for Yorke Peninsula is to continue in 2010, receiving funding of \$93,000 for a further stage.

District Council of the Copper Coast manager community services, Greg O'Connor, said this third stage was not expected and councils involved now have to re-establish a position as to how and what will be delivered within the funding criteria.

"Only \$20,000 is allocated for this financial year, with the remaining \$73,000 in the 2010-2011 financial year," he said.

The project aims to complete an assessment of the assets, capacities and needs of older people who are ageing on Yorke Peninsula.

To achieve this goal the research seeks to gain an understanding of the experi-

ences of older people and identify the factors that will build 'elder friendly communities'.

Mr O'Connor added that the extended funding was a result of feedback from someone in the community to the minister.

The Minister for Ageing provided funds in 2007-08 of \$80,000 in Stage 1 and \$90,000 in 2008-09 in Stage 2 of this project to the District Councils of the Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula, jointly, to fund the project.

A project management group was formed comprising representatives from the two councils and major stakeholders from relevant organisations and service providers from Yorke Peninsula.

Four communities on Yorke Peninsula were selected to participate — Kadina, Port Hughes, Port Vincent and Yorketown — two from each local government area.