

CAMBRIDGE COASTCARE

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SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER



2018 Planting Programme

- **Challenger Dune rehabilitation**

With the Challenger Dune grant, work is due to commence on replacing large woody plants with 2000 native plants. The area is to the east of Challenger Parade between the chicanes.



Town of Cambridge will be removing unsightly and rusty fencing from along the footpath on the west side of Challenger Parade. They will be cutting back vegetation along the edge of the path and planting barren areas with native plants.

- **Floreat dog-beach restoration**

We have ongoing work to infill gaps in our 2017 plantings and, probably in 2019, to increase biodiversity by planting other species between the spinifex plants. We are considering action on rematting and replanting in the area with a build-up of sand during the winter, south of path 16.

- **Floreat playground surrounds**

A small area close to the look-out at the Floreat Beach playground is barren and in need of matting and planting. Other plantings done in recent years around the playground area need infilling and maintenance.

- **Area adjacent to the car-park at Path 16**

Town of Cambridge has ordered 1200 plants for the area adjacent to the car-park at path 16 on Floreat dog-beach which was cleared and wood-chipped in 2017. They have asked Cambridge Coastcare to plant the area during the winter.



We are discussing steps to minimise further erosion at this location with Town of Cambridge.

Introducing our committee



Ivo Davies – Chairman of Cambridge Coastcare.

Cambridge Coastcare was formed in 1999, with Ivo one of our founding members. Ivo's vision for Coastcare is to manage our 6 kms of coastline and work with the Town of Cambridge to preserve the coastal habitat for future generations, whilst meeting the challenges of population growth and changing climate.

With his wife Gail, Ivo has lived in south City Beach since 1996. Their earlier life was spent on Ivo's family farm - 2,000 ha of sheep and wheat at Yorkrakine – where Ivo developed his interest and knowledge in Landcare. He was involved in many community organisations in the Central Wheatbelt and was President of the Shire of Wyalkatchem before retiring

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early from farming and moving to Perth. His other voluntary work includes with Cystic Fibrosis of W.A. and ongoing work with The Family Violence Service (a section of the Department of the Attorney General's Victim Support and Child Witness Service). In 2008, Ivo was nominated for Australian of the Year. He is a keen sportsman and enjoys golf, swimming in the ocean, athletics and horse racing.

Fine defaulters assisting Coastcare

In cooperation with the Department of Corrective Services, since September 2017, their Adult Offender community work teams have been weeding and tidying up in the Floreat area on a regular basis. We plan to engage their services over coming weeks to remove 8000 plant shields from the newly planted area at Fred Burton car-park. We hope to re-use some of these plant shields in our winter plantings.

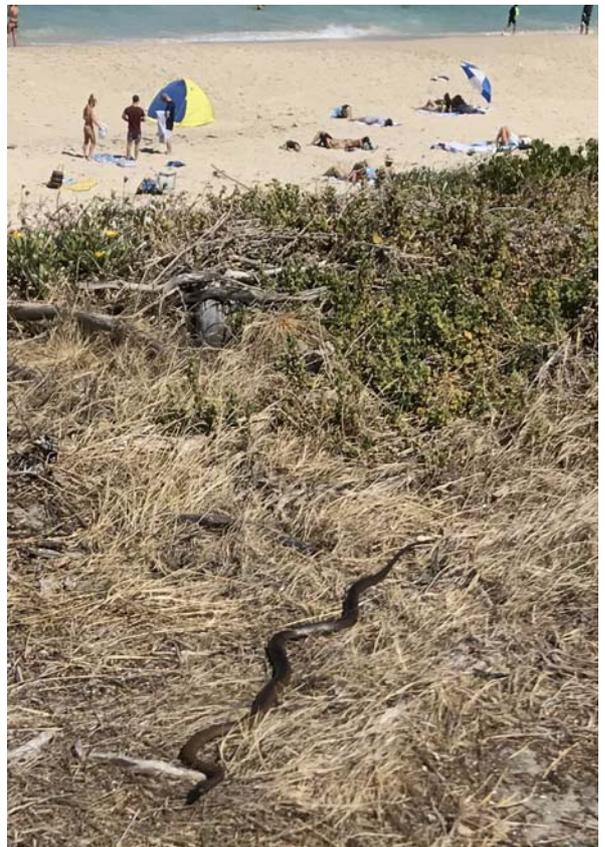


The DCS team members are people who are subject to community services orders by the courts, often through default in paying fines.

Dugites

Dugites are generally brown in colour but vary from light brown to almost black, with juveniles being banded in light and darker brown. Their young emerge in summer and are about the size of a pencil at first. Adults are generally about 1.5 metres. They are non-aggressive to humans under normal circumstances, and will usually seek a hiding place when discovered. Sometimes, they are not very good at hiding and leave their tails projecting out of their retreat, but their instinct is to escape from us and our pets because we

are too large for them to eat. However, when cornered or threatened, eg by being handled or 'worried' by a dog, they will react in self-defence. Their bite is dangerous as their venom is very toxic and has proved fatal to humans on rare occasions; their heads are small but they may be able to get their mouths around a finger, toe, ankle or small limb, and are particular risks to children and pets. They eat primarily rats, mice and baby rabbits, so are in fact useful neighbours, but they are also good climbers and go bird-nesting in bushes and pergolas. Watch out for them when walking along beach paths and observe but don't touch! Dugites are protected under WA law and killing or injuring them can attract a significant fine – if you get one in your garden, call a Town of Cambridge ranger.



(Photo taken on Christmas day 2017 at Floreat Beach)

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