

CAMBRIDGE COASTCARE

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AUTUMN 2016 NEWSLETTER



Firmly opposed to ToC parking plan



One of the rare examples of broom ballart (*Exocarpus sparteus*) in Town of Cambridge is growing in the area of Fred Burton Reserve which ToC wants to turn into a car park. The area is to the northwest of the existing car park, and is part of the area which Cambridge Coastcare volunteers have spent many hours weeding and planting on at least 5 occasions in the last 10 years. We think that there are as many 1500 valuable native plants in the area, many of which are the result of our plantings. As the primary stakeholder, we are very disappointed not to have been consulted about the proposal before its publication and are firmly opposed to the plan. Please read more about it on our website www.cambridgecoastcare.com.au and have your say in the ToC survey on their website:

http://www.cambridge.wa.gov.au/Council/Public_Notices/Fred_Burton_car_park_expansion

Volunteer days for 2016



Our first task for 2016 is to conduct a busy-bee in the CoastWest grant project area at the southern end of Fred Burton Reserve to remove rubbish, some weeds etc. This we plan for 9am on **SUNDAY 15 MAY**. Please put that in your diary.

We have a substantial planting schedule this year, involving the dunes adjacent to the new restaurants at City Beach (Dunes 1 and 2), the area to the south of the Fred Burton car-park and the dune blow-outs along Floreat Dog Beach. We need rain so the ground is moist before planting. That said, and provided we get rain when needed, we plan to plant on the following Sundays in 2016:

29 May

12 June

26 June

10 July

24 July

7 August

This year we plan to alert members to planting days and similar activities by text message as well as email and through newsletters. In many cases, we already have members' mobile numbers on file, but if you want to be sure to get notice of planting days, please send your mobile number to us at cambridgecoastcare@gmail.com.

Interested in dune conservation?



New base for CCC at Floreat Surf Club

We would like to find a small group of volunteers who would be prepared to dedicate a few hours on a given day each week to dune conservation – mainly weeding but also other tasks such as supervising contractors etc. Ideally, the work group would include someone prepared to organize morning tea and coffee. It will be based at our new storage facility shared with Floreat SLSC under construction above. If you are interested, please contact our secretary John Campbell on 0407 992 090 or (08) 9385 8895.

Life membership for Ross Farlekas



We were very pleased to mark the occasion of Ross Farlekas' recent retirement from the position of Manager, Parks at Town of Cambridge by awarding him life membership. Among the gathering were Ross, and Ross Bowman who is currently acting Manager, Parks. Ross' certificate of life membership was presented at the annual Christmas Party attended by about 50 members on a cool December night. Ross was the inaugural Manager, Parks after the formation of Town of Cambridge in 1994 and has long been a supporter of Cambridge Coastcare, being one of the instigators for our formation.