

# CAMBRIDGE COASTCARE

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## AUTUMN 2017 NEWSLETTER



### OPEN DAY, Sunday 7 May 2017



#### Open letter to beach users and those interested in conservation

We need your help to restore coastal dunes in City Beach and Floreat Beach – we are holding an **OPEN DAY** at Floreat Surf Life Saving Club on Sunday 7 May 2017 between 10 and 11.30 am to explain what you can do to help conserve native dune vegetation. Cambridge Coastcare members will be on hand to demonstrate planting techniques and equipment and to explain how we intend to conduct future conservation efforts.

Broadly, we have a plan to promote 'Adopt-a-Dune' to the community where responsibility will be placed on volunteers to keep an eye on a small delineated section of the dunes on a routine basis to identify and report problems such as weed infestations and help prioritise their treatment or removal. We would like to see parents and teenagers volunteering to help us conserve beachside areas for future generations to enjoy the magnificent diversity of flora and fauna in this part of WA.



Come and join us on Sunday 7 May!

## Coastal Forum



The poster for the Coastcare Forum features a green starfish logo at the top left. The text reads: "Coastcare Forum Friday 7 April 2017 Ecology Centre, Bold Park, Oceanic Drive, City Beach, Perth". Below this is a photograph of a coastal landscape with dunes and vegetation. To the right of the photo is a list of speakers and topics, including Andrew Bamford on birdlife, Don Bradshaw on reptiles, Andrew Burbidge on island biodiversity, Sophie Cross on ants, Ben Crawford on coastal species, Kingsley Dixon on restoration, John Huisman on seaweeds, Hamish Longbottom on agricultural work, David Merritt on coastal seeds, Ashley Robb on adaptation planning, Kate Spurre on community development, and John Statton on marine restoration. A small starfish logo is also present on the right side of the text area.

**Time:** 9am to 5pm Friday 7 April 2017  
**Venue:** [WA Ecology Centre](#), Bold Park (parking available)

**Speakers and Topics**

- Andrew Bamford - Birdlife of the coast.
- Don Bradshaw - Insights from research on coastal reptiles.
- Andrew Burbidge - Terrestrial biodiversity of WA islands.
- Sophie Cross - Ants in the coastal system.
- Ben Crawford - Growing coastal species - tricks of the trade
- Kingsley Dixon - What next in coastal restoration?
- John Huisman - Seaweeds of the west coast - marvels of the deep and not so deep.
- Hamish Longbottom - Coastal work of the Northern Agricultural Catchment Council.
- David Merritt - Coastal seeds: dormancy and beyond.
- Ashley Robb - Coastal adaptation planning update: Guilderton to Jurien Bay
- Kate Spurre - Joining the dots in coastal community development and on-ground work.
- John Statton - Marine restoration on the west coast

*A bus tour to the City Beach and Cambridge Coastcare restoration sites will conclude the day.*

Those attending the Coastal Forum organised by Kingsley Dixon on 7 April were treated to 12 sessions presented by eminent professionals and academics on subjects as varied as coastal birds, reptiles, plants, planning for climate change, and seaweeds. A very interesting day of learning followed by a bus tour of some of Cambridge Coastcare's restoration projects.

## CVA Volunteers



We were fortunate to obtain a day's work from a Conservation Volunteers Australia team on 11 April. The team performed a solid morning's weeding and tidying up in Fred Burton Reserve, southern end. After lunch more tidy-up of redundant plant shields and litter was done in Templetonia



Reserve and at Floreat Surf Life Saving Club, which is now home to the Coastcare trailer. Many thanks CVA and its sponsor, Woodside Petroleum.

## Dog beach project



Our major project for 2017 gets underway on 14 June when we have a CVA team booked to lay 880 metres of coir matting on the blow-outs north of the Drain on Floreat dog-beach. The fenced-off areas will then be planted with a number of species of hardy native coastal plants and monitored on an ongoing basis by us.

## Interested in Coastcare?

If you, your neighbours or friends are interested in more information about Cambridge Coastcare or our Adopt-a-Dune process, please look us up on Facebook or website (see below). If you would like to join Cambridge Coastcare, send us an email to [cambridgecoastcare@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgecoastcare@gmail.com) and we'll get in touch. Membership costs just \$30 pa for a family, \$20 single, and \$10 concession for students and pensioners. Membership benefits include prompt communication of planned activities with text reminders, and our annual Christmas party. Where else can you feed the family for such a reasonable subscription?