



Fencing goes in to stop blow-out

Volunteers from Cambridge Coastcare are hoping the new fencing they have installed will stem erosion at Floreat dog beach.

Lines of fencing have been extended at Floreat dog beach to stem erosion of the dunes.

Volunteers from Cambridge Coastcare have put in the fencing at the closest point between the ocean and West Coast Highway, about 100m to 150m.

Winter storms and human activity had caused a dune blow-out at path 16 that threatened to blow sand on to the highway.

The first attempt to stabilise the dunes two years ago was vandalised, so Cambridge Coastcare is hoping this fencing across the angle of the sea breeze will arrest sand movement and allow it to build up along the fences.

It will also provide a wind-break for beach-goers.

If it is successful, Cambridge Coastcare will close off the avenues created by the fencing next winter and put down matting.

They will then plant spinifex to try to stabilise dunes and advance the line of protection they provide against erosion.

John Campbell from Cambridge Coastcare said that though climbing through the dunes seemed harmless enough, people were killing off the runners of plants like spinifex, which colonised coastal dunes and prevented erosion.

“Please stick to designated paths,” he said.