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AUTUMN 2015 NEWSLETTER



BIOLINC PROJECT PROGRESS

The 5.2km coastal zone in the Town of Cambridge is Perth's longest and most intact and pristine inner urban coastal ecosystem. This coastal zone is a world-class asset with outstanding natural and biodiversity values. The BioLINC (Landscape Integration for Natural Connections) Project plans to link the southern and northern dunes ecosystems to create a continuous wildflower garden and ecological connections to facilitate biodiversity movement. It represents the largest inner-urban coastal restoration project of its type in an Australian capital city.

The project is a unique opportunity to deliver seamless ecological connections in a coastal ecosystem; it will create a 'Kings Park by the sea' with outstanding spring-time wildflower displays in landscaped, restored and reinstated dune-scapes using species native to the dunes. Stage 1 will involve enhancing the borders of Jubilee Park.

Subsequent stages will involve enhancing the western side of the Fred Burton dunes as shown in the lower illustration and over-page. The plan on the next page will need to be updated when details of the expansion of the Fred Burton car-park have been finalised.

The project is timely in being coincident with the redevelopment of the City Beach surf club and nearby areas. Its landscaped dune gardens and an extensive network of wildflower garden and dune-scape trails will attract significant numbers of tourists and visitors to the area.

Town of Cambridge council unanimously endorsed BioLINC in August 2013 and its allocation of resources to the project will determine starting dates for the various stages. Cambridge Coastcare will apply for a Lotteries Commission grant to fund its involvement in the initial stages and hopefully

this will mean work commencing later this year or in 2016.

BEFORE: Jubilee Park



AFTER: Jubilee Park and Oceanic/Challenger roundabout



BioLINC Project – planned link between northern and southern dune systems at City & Floreat Beaches (subject to change as regards the Fred Burton car-park layout)



GRANTS

Cambridge Coastcare was successful in being awarded a grant of \$19,500 to undertake restoration of high value coastal dunes in City Beach. The grant is under the 25th Anniversary Landcare Grant programme and was one of a very limited number of such grants made for 2014/15. Congratulations go to committee member Dylan Martini for producing what was clearly an impressive and comprehensive application.

PLANTING DATES FOR 2015

Planting dates are always weather dependent and we may need to revise these nearer the time dependent upon rainfall and nursery deliveries. Provisionally, we anticipate conducting planting activities on the following Sunday mornings, commencing 9 am: 21 June, 12 July, 26 July and 9 August 2015.

STUART KNOTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP THESIS

In early 2014, Sophie Cross was awarded the inaugural Stuart Knott Memorial Scholarship to assist her in undertaking an honours project at UWA.

She will present her thesis on the topic “Assessing the return of biodiversity in a coastal restoration chronosequence” at a **special members’ meeting** to be held at Town of Cambridge’s offices, 1 Bold Park Drive, Floreat, on **4 May 2015 at 7.30 pm**. Sophie studied the presence of a number of species of birds and ants to gauge the success of restoration in coastal dunes. All members are welcome and the presentation is not expected to take more than an hour.

THANK YOU Thank you to all the members who have renewed their membership for 2014/15 or updated their contact details. A final reminder to any former members who have yet to renew – this will be your last newsletter from us!
