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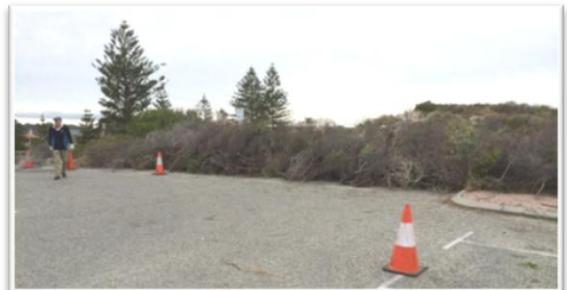
PLANTING PROGRAM FOR 2014

Another winter for Cambridge Coastcare has come to a close.

Over 6000 plants of 33 local native species were planted over four mornings in the dunes of South City Beach, Fred Burton, and Floreat. This is the most diverse palette of species ever planted and represents a significant milestone for the dune restoration programs at these sites.

A number of volunteers started the winter season with a good deal of hard work by removing a significant number of dead plants from the dunes at South City Beach. These dunes were the primary works site for 2014 and are some of the "oldest" of Cambridge Coastcare's restoration sites. After more than 10 years, many of the original acacias planted had reached the end of their life.

Cleaning out the dead plants provided an opportunity for Cambridge Coastcare to renew and enrich the vegetation in these dunes through two planting-days in mid-June and late-July.



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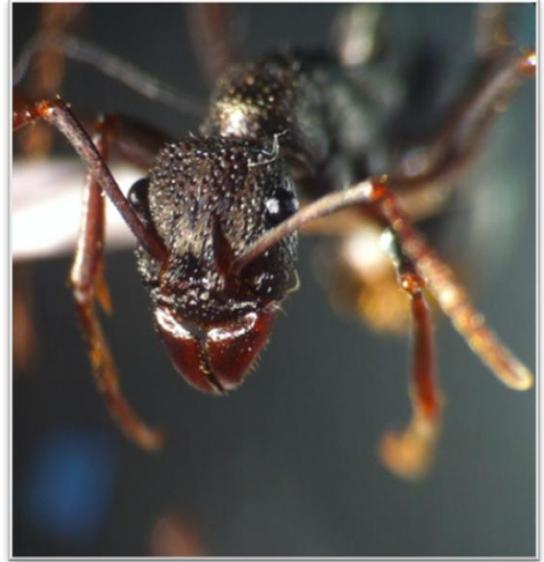
A big thank you is extended to all of our members and volunteers for their hard work over the busy winter planting season.

IT'S NOT JUST PLANTS THAT ARE IMPORTANT FOR OUR COASTAL BIODIVERSITY...

Following the sad passing in 2013 of Cambridge Coastcare's inaugural Chairperson, Stuart Knott, Cambridge Coastcare created an annual scholarship to support an Honours or Masters student at a Western Australian university.

This year's recipient, Sophie Cross, an Honours student at UWA, is studying the diversity of ant and bird species (both native and introduced), in combination with an assessment of vegetation quality. Sophie will use these data to examine the relationship between habitat patch size, ecological condition, and biodiversity in the Cambridge dunes.

Sophie's project is due for completion in November 2014 and Sophie will present the findings of her study in a presentation to members on 3rd November – stay tuned for further details.



A species of *Rhytidoponera*. These ants are often found in the vegetation surrounding urban areas.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

With the warming of the weather it's the favourite time of year for plant lovers and time to celebrate the many wonderful wildflowers that our coastal dunes have to offer. Here is just a small selection of the species planted this year.....



Clockwise from top left: *Acacia lasiocarpa*; *Dianella revoluta*; *Scaevola crassifolia*; *Templetonia retusa*; *Eremophila glabra*; *Clematis linearifolia*.

THANK YOU Thank you to all the members who have renewed their membership for 2014 or updated their contact details. If any of your details have changed don't forget to let us know at cambridgecoastcare@gmail.com
