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SUMMER 2014 NEWSLETTER



PLANTING PROGRAM FOR 2014

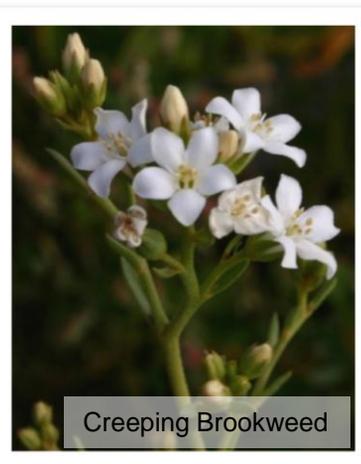
Cambridge Coastcare has been busy behind the scenes over the summer months progressing the planting program for the coming winter.

Each year Cambridge Coastcare endeavours to improve the plant palette available. The number of species on the planting list is now nearing 50 – a great outcome for biodiversity in the dunes!

Preparations for each year's plantings commences in October of the previous year. Commercial nurseries are engaged to grow plants of local native dune species from seeds and cuttings.

Most plants are grown in the nurseries for at least 6 – 8 months to ensure that they are of sufficient size for planting.

Some of the new plants being sourced for this year include *Anthocercis littorea* (Yellow Tailflower), *Leucopogon parviflorus* (Coast Beard-heath), and *Samolus repens* (Creeping Brookweed).



Creeping Brookweed



Coast Beard-heath



Yellow Tailflower

NEW FUNDING FOR 2014

Cambridge Coastcare was recently awarded funding from the Western Australian Planning Commission Coastwest grant program. The grant provides funding for the next 18 months to continue the good work of our Members and Volunteers eradicating weeds and planting native plants in the coastal dunes.

CHALLENGER PARK ECOZONE *TAKES OFF!*

Cambridge Coastcare's final planting day for 2013 took place on the 8th September. A glorious spring day, the promise of good company, and the makings of a new project saw a large contingent of Members and Volunteers turn out to plant newly landscaped ground surrounding an existing dune vegetation complex.

The Challenger Park Ecozone project is a collaboration with the Town of Cambridge and forms part of the Town's broader Ecozone Implementation Program that aims to promote biodiversity and conserve water whilst retaining the amenity and function of parklands.

In the lead up to the planting day the Town of Cambridge co-ordinated the removal of weeds and designated areas of lawn, landscaping works, and the installation of irrigation and mulching. A waterwise project, irrigation is planned once a week over the summer months for only the first 2 – 3 years before being turned off completely.

Cambridge Coastcare then moved in to plant around 5000 local native plant species selected to match the existing vegetation and to showcase some of the spectacular wildflowers the dunes have to offer.

Members and Volunteers were rewarded for their hard work with a coffee van and a gourmet lunch thanks to Kate Sputore, our Perth Region NRM Manager, Coastal and Marine Program.

Just six months on, the plantings can only be described as a spectacular success! The rapid growth and survival of all plants has caught even the most experienced of Coast-carers by surprise.

The growth and performance of all plants will be closely monitored by Cambridge Coastcare, with the project to provide valuable information and guidance for future projects.



**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