

CAMBRIDGE COASTCARE

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WINTER 2013 NEWSLETTER



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BIOLINC TO GO AHEAD

Following an extensive period of community consultation, the Town of Cambridge council has voted unanimously to support the BioLINC project proposed by Cambridge Coastcare. BioLINC aims to see a biodiversity corridor created along the City Beach coastline, linking the sand dunes to the north and south. BioLINC provides a world-class opportunity for the Town to create an outstanding new visitor experience that will also deliver world-class gardens, restoration, and biodiversity benefits.

BioLINC brings together the world's best practice in integrating natural environments with managed urban landscapes, which will deliver long term environmentally sustainable and enduring amenity for residents and visitors alike. Planning is now underway for the next stages of BioLINC, and our members and volunteers will be kept informed of developments as this project progresses with the Town of Cambridge. Special thanks are due to all of our members who provided support and assistance through the consultation phase.

Below is a map released by the Town of Cambridge highlighting the Fred Burton dune system- a key focus area that will experience significant maintenance and biodiversity enrichment work as part of the BioLINC project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 5th 2013
Maintenance Day

Second and Fourth weekends in June
Winter planting days

Details of all events will follow as the dates are confirmed – keep an eye on your inbox!



PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

Volunteers, we need you for our big planting and maintenance efforts this year!

Over the coming winter months, a number of volunteer days are planned. These will range from maintenance and upkeep of our existing restored areas to dune enrichment plantings. One particular area of focus for maintenance will be the old car park at the end of the old West Coast Highway, one of our most recent success stories, which was planted in the winter of 2011. This area had excellent follow up rains and over the last two years has established very well; many of the plants now require removal of the protective tree guards, and the whole area requires weeding. The first maintenance day will take place on the 5th of May.

This winter also looks set to be another big year of planting, with some 13,000 plants already on order. There are several focus areas this year, and at this point planting days are planned for the second and fourth weekends in June. More details will follow as these dates are finalised!

STUART KNOTT- A TRUE GENTLEMAN

In 1997 the Town of Cambridge approached a group of interested citizens about the concept of forming a committee, with a vision to protect, restore and conserve six kilometres of coastal dunes within the Town's jurisdiction. One within this group was Stuart Knott, who became Cambridge Coastcare's inaugural Chairman and remained an active and respected committee member until his death in early 2013. Stuart drew up the initial five-year business plan, and was instrumental in the planning and implementation of many projects that still enhance the City Beach coastline today. Stuart was a vocal representative for all metro coastal groups, being the coastal delegate to Perth Region Natural Resource Management from 2002-2008, before becoming chairman of the State Coastal Conference held in Fremantle in 2008, and of the Coastal Reference Group until 2010. Undoubtedly, his strong advocacy played a significant role in ensuring the Perth coastal region was never neglected by the state body, and was responsible for many positive changes that have taken place within PRNRM in the last few years. Stuart was well respected by all of the coast care groups, but particularly by those who knew him within Cambridge Coastcare. He was always the best equipped at planting days and busy bees, and always among the first to lend a volunteers hand. During Stuart's battle with cancer, he was an inspiration to us all: never a word of complaint, and always the first to ask after anyone else's problems.



Stuart was a true gentleman, and will be sadly missed by all members of the Perth coastal community.

Thank you for your ongoing support, particularly the members who provided their support throughout the BioLINC consultation process. We hope you continue to enjoy the work of Coastcare and the Cambridge coastline, and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Please contact us at cambridgecoastcare@gmail.com.
