



## Chair's Report - Cambridge Coastcare AGM 2020

All of us can be proud of what we have achieved in 2020 – with your energy and care the coastal dunes at Floreat and City Beach have benefited from:

- **Nearly 3000 additional plants “in the ground”**
  - 1200 in front of the dune at Clancy's Fish Pub, CB (plants supplied by ToC)
  - 300 infill planting at Floreat Dog Beach dunes CMB12 (old Path 16)
  - 600 infill planting in and around Floreat beach car park area
  - 800 at Challenger secondary dunes (*verify nmbrs with Jo and Nic*)
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- **500 hours “in the dunes”** – planting, weeding, removing old plant guards, clearing rubbish
  - With ~ 30-35 attendees at each of our planned days
    - (14 June - Clancy's, 2 Sundays in July - Floreat, 2 August – Challenger, 19 Sept - cleanup)
  - PLUS John Campbell with Keith Croker organise additional mid-week regular weeding and site maintenance work with the “Corrections team” – Dept of Corrective Services Adult Offender community work teams, lead by Chris Maynard.
- **At least 30+ bags rubbish stopped from entering the ocean, collected on 19 Sept and other days by individuals**

### Cambridge Coastcare committee

None of this happens without our committee members who do a lot of “behind the scenes” work (another 180 hours +) – planning work, organising plants & equipment, writing reports, grant submissions and media content, attending meetings, ensuring finances are in order, maintaining equipment and last but by no means least – ensuring we have a great Christmas celebration to complete the year!

Every member of the committee contributes with ideas, guidance, encouragement and support – to achieve our well-functioning Coastcare group – and I'd like to thank each and every one of you.

In particular, I want to say a BIG thankyou from all of us to:

- John Campbell - who does the lion's share of planning work and ensuring plants & equipment arrive on site. Our days on the dunes are so successful because of John's organisation!!
- Lionel Johnston – who keeps our finances in order, so we can purchase plants & equipment, meet all reporting requirements and, most importantly, afford the coffees and the Christmas celebration together which make it all worthwhile!
- Anna Napier – who schedules meetings, writes our meeting minutes and takes care of correspondence, newsletters etc - all the records one needs for an effective organisation.

And I would like to say a special thankyou to members of our committee who resigned or have indicated they will retire from the committee this year – Martin Heller, Keith Croker, Adam Cross and Shelley Lewis. We valued your input, your wise words and your support of all our planned and unplanned activities so much. We hope to see you “on the dunes” and at our future celebrations.



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One of our 1<sup>st</sup> actions for the year was to amend the Constitution so that all Committee positions become vacant at the AGM (today) – with a fresh call for nominations. We welcome new nominations so don't hold back!

### **Town of Cambridge**

We appreciate greatly the continued support from members of the Town of Cambridge Administration. Sue Waite (Natural Areas Officer) responds promptly to our requests for meetings, updates and input to project planning, weed-spraying et al. And Dominic Scibilia continues to provide on-ground support.

Mayor Keri Shannon shows continued support and appreciation for our work.

### **Perth NRM**

It was a pleasure to again have support from Kate Sputore (and her young family) on our planting days. Kate is the Coast and Marine Program Manager at Perth NRM. In addition to joining us at our work days, Kate organised additional volunteers for some of the "heavier" work under John and Ivo's guidance – Bankwest volunteers prepared Clancy's dune with fencing and dune matting prior to our planting (in March) and infill planting with UWA volunteers at Area D, Floreat Dog Beach.

### **Floreat SLSC**

Our two organisations continue to mutually support each other

- John King and other FSLSC members are working with us on the dunes in front of their clubhouse and the Kiosk.
- Ros Blair unfailingly meets our requests for use of the Training room for meetings.

### **Nature has the "last word"**

May 18<sup>th</sup> – our coastal forum was cancelled because of COVID19 fears, and for a few weeks we wondered if we'd be doing any activities together

May 24-26: 1 in 10 yr storm event with significant erosion along Floreat coastal dunes – wooden fence poles and brushed sand mounds (our restoration efforts over past 2 years) all disappeared or were located further down the beach. Ocean rubbish deposited on the beach was worst that had been seen – prompting families spontaneously to clean-up beaches, which was good to see.

Additional winter storms (during June, July, Aug) have created a loss of up to 8 metres of dunes along Floreat dunes.

### **Media (John became a household name!)**

The Post 14 March – article by John "Runners trample dunes" imploring people not to use the dunes for fitness exercises; another article about our community forum "High-tech view of floreat coast"

The Post 30 May – impact of former tropical cyclone "Mangga" on the dunes "Floreat flattened" with expert opinion sought from both John and Kingsley



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ABC News 2 June – the erosion at Floreat Beach with John explaining the efforts of CCC to manage coastal dunes

The Post 26 Sept – “Boy rescues wandering turtle” – this all happened during our beach clean-up in support of the Keep Australia Beautiful campaign and International Coastal Clean-up Day on 19 Sept. One of our newest family members (young Rohan Redding) was the rescuer!

The Post, 3 Oct – Fight on to fortify dunes (with photo of John King and Ivo installing the fence and details on the project from John

Cambridge News section of the Post – Cambridge Coastal conservation supported by grants (for 2021)

### Other highlights:

- Kingsley Dixon completed an expanded Coastal Plants 2<sup>nd</sup> ed – the authoritative guide for us all.
- Re-joined the Urban Bushland Council

### Looking ahead: our last get-together for 2020 and some exciting projects for 2021 (our 22<sup>nd</sup> yr)

- Our Christmas party at Kingsley and Lionel wonderful home on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec (put it in your diaries)
- Floreat Beach dune restoration – in front of Floreat SLSC, the Kiosk and the new playground. Coastwest funding, gained by John, and will be project managed by John with assistance from Ivo, and John King and members of FSLSC.
- History of Cambridge Coastcare – to be written and published by Emily Siggs and Janet Stevens (they have asked for your input) and will interview as many of you as possible in next few months.
- Work with PNRM to develop a schools program in our coastal catchment area – fostered by Nic Morecombe
- Town of Cambridge has funding for a coastal “Lookout” on the dunes at Floreat CMB12 to protect our dunes from “surf spotters”
- Town of Cambridge has funding for a Town of Cambridge Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan to provide guidance on actions of at-risk coastal areas. With input from CCC – John will represent us at their coordinating meetings.
- PNRM has submitted a 3-yr grant proposal for dune restoration along the Floreat Main Beach car park area with additional access to the beach at the boardwalk end – not yet known if funding is successful.

For further information on any of the above – see our website and Facebook pages.

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With our membership numbers at 70, we are in a good position to tackle these projects and anything else that arises.

Thank you for a wonderful year!