



## COTTESLOE COASTCARE ASSOCIATION

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**Thank you** to all our members who continue to support the work of Cottesloe Coastcare. Your financial contributions pay our considerable insurance costs and our other minimal administration costs. We are delighted that we have 152 financial members at present. Members and friends who work throughout the year reap the rewards from their labour by seeing some restoration results. At Grant Marine Park for example there is a great improvement in the local vegetation, some plants are self seeding naturally as the original parent plant dies, sometimes after a quite short life.

The committee is preparing for another winter of planting. APACE nursery in Fremantle has done a great job of growing 2,500 seedlings from seed that we collected in Cottesloe. This year we will be planting earlier, commencing on **Monday 19th May**. A team from **Conservation Volunteers Australia** will join us all that week and I'm hoping that we will have a good team of workers every day. Please join us if you happen to have a couple of hours free any day that week. Working bee details will be on our website or ring Robyn on 9384 7668 a few days before we start, for details.



Our 2007/2008 project on the foredune opposite Bryan Way is coming on well. We received \$6,850 from The **Australian Government Envirofund/ NHT** and great assistance from the Town of Cottesloe. In the photo above you can see the watering team. One morning per month through the summer we hand-watered all 2000 seedlings. Now the thriving plants are on their own so we are eagerly awaiting good winter rains. Some weeding and maintenance will be required until the area is very well established.

CCA is very interested in a **biodiversity conservation project for 2008 – 2010**. At present we are seeking funding. Cottesloe has 66 local remnant plant species but our efforts generally focus on returning only 15-20 common species to project sites. Repeated attempts at growing other 'difficult to grow' species (by providing cutting material to commercial nurseries) has failed. Plant material from these species is very limited. Cottesloe now has 13 species with less than 5 remnant plants. We are keen to mount a project with the aim of being able to return some of the locally threatened species to our bushland areas. This would be a very exciting project for CCA and for the Town of Cottesloe. For a list of Cottesloe's local plant species see 'plants to plant' on our website.

CCA has also continued working at Grant Marine Park, in the Vlamingh area and at Cottesloe Native Garden. Details about these projects are on our website. During the last year we have had various school groups join in our activities and we have had classrooms on the beach and under the pines at Grant Marine Park doing nature studies. The photos below are of **Cottesloe Primary Year 4's** at a Conservation week event recently. We are very grateful for the assistance of Kate Sputore, the Coastcare Officer and Jade Hankin, Cottesloe's Sustainability Officer. You will find full reports and lots of photos of these two events on our blog. [www.cottesloecoastcare.blogspot.com](http://www.cottesloecoastcare.blogspot.com)



The photo below is of an orientation week group from **Trinity College UWA** who joined us for a big rubbish clean up.

Our CCA trailer was looking worse for wear after 6 years of work. Adrian Abel & Simon Mc Grath of **Abel McGrath Real**

**Estate** kindly funded the rust removal and repainting. In the photo (L) CCA members and a team of volunteers from **Price Waterhouse Coopers** stopped work to share morning tea with Simon and say thank you for the generous contribution from Abel McGrath.



CCA is working hard with Town of Cottesloe and the chosen consultants towards a 5 year **Natural Areas Management Plan for Cottesloe**. We hope that members interested in this important plan will take the opportunity to contribute when the public comment period is advertised in a few weeks.



Thank you to all our members and friends and we look forward to your continued support for the natural areas of Cottesloe.