



COTTESLOE COASTCARE ASSOCIATION

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Thank you to all our financial members who continue to support our work - your annual membership fees are used for postage and the necessary fees we must pay to continue our work. If you know of anybody who would like to support our work - even if they do not want to become **HITS** (Yvonne's new word for all of us who put their **H**ands **I**n **T**he **S**and) - we would love to welcome them as members! And of course, a special thank you to all you hard-working CCA volunteers who spend all those hours planting, watering, weeding and seed-collecting.

And now the **fun part** of the year:

All Ye Cottesloe Coastcarers
You are invited to join us for our Annual Sundowner
Christmas Party
On the 6 December from 5.00pm to Sunset

On the lawn of the Cottesloe Civic Centre
Please bring your own glasses and utensils, picnic food and drinks and some nibbles and dips to share!
We'll have some delicious wine to welcome you.

Another **fun venture** was the installation of **two micro-bat boxes** in a gum tree near the Cottesloe Native Garden in Broome Street - the Seaview Kindergarten kids, parents and teachers are excited and we all hope that the bats will find the boxes! These bats are



native insect feeders and our plants will benefit as the bats will eat the pests that like to feed on them.

On the left Joe Tonga is installing a micro-bat box.

Funds for this very special installation came from some of the money donated to CCA from the **IGA's in Cottesloe and Mosman Park** - the contents of their donation boxes for their **no plastic bags** initiative came to a staggering \$836.00 from the Cottesloe IGA and \$1,612.60 from their Mosman Park store. We are very grateful for these generous donations - thank you so much, Phil Buzzard and Drew Randall (on the right with Frauke Chambers).



Sunshade for all: CCA won a large sun shade tent donated by Suncorp Bank in partnership with the Scott Kirkbride Melanoma Research Centre. At present it is stored in the trailer shed at the Depot and we are happy to share it with other local groups. It's quite big and will be a great asset for our working volunteers on a hot, sunny day.



CCA's New Project: Mudurup Rocks is getting a face lift



Work has started on the untidy and weed infested area around the very special Mudurup Rocks site in the heart of the Cottesloe foreshore. It is an 18 month project, guided by Town of Cottesloe's Natural Area Management Plan and funded by Synergy and Landcare Australia, in partnership with CCA. Weeding has been underway for some months. A group from Synergy did a great job hand weeding with CCA volunteers on November 13. (On the left a photo of the hard working team). Watch the site – you'll see a wonderful change!

Coastal Conference: *Whose Coast Is It? Adapting for the Future*

Three CCA members attended the Conference and learned about big picture strategic issues which put our work into a larger perspective, and great local initiatives by groups such as ours which were encouraging and strengthened our enthusiasm for our work. In particular, Professor Kingsley Dixon's emphasis on the importance of coastal revegetation in WA's biodiversity hotspot to ensure the restoration, maintenance and survival of ecological connections underscored and justified the reasons for what we are doing – and he especially confirmed our belief that weed eradication is absolutely necessary: **without Coastcarers' intervention the weeds will displace indigenous species.**

If you look at our fabulous website: www.cottesloecoastcare.org and/or our entertaining and beautifully illustrated blog: www.cottesloecoastcare.blogspot.com you will find lots more stories and information, photos and reports – we also have a new section called **Weeds to Watch** with descriptions and photos of the worst invaders of our coastal areas. It complements our **Plants to Plant** with great tips for your gardens and verges – there are over 60 local species to choose from! Ask in your local library for assistance if you don't have your own internet access – it's definitely worth it.

We Wish You a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year!