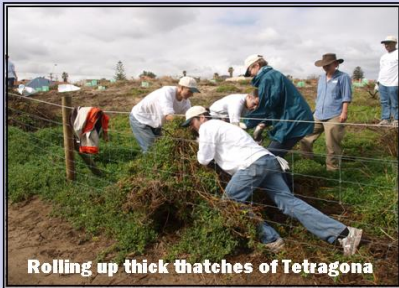


Woodside Corporate events' assistance gave the weeds some hurry up! Conservation Volunteers Australia supervisors and SNEC representatives kept our enthusiastic supporters targeting the correct species. This work was part of early and ongoing preparation for next year's big revegetation planting. North Beach Linkage is part of projects agreed to with City of Stirling.



City of Stirling Natural Areas staff have been supporting SNEC well. Keeping up the supply and removal of large 120 litre waste bags and additional mounds of weeds generated after big events, though pleasing, is extra work!



Rolling up thick thatches of Tetragona

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**Events for your diary:
Community Activity Workdays**

**Second Sunday each month—9-11 am
(Look for Coastcare banners + trailer)**

**Watermans Bay
North Beach—Linkage**

Midweek

**Check 'where?' (sites currently are between
North Beach and Watermans Bay)
and early start times—8 am to 10 am or as
arranged.**

Enqs M 0488190651 / M 0419191710

(The safety of our volunteers is a priority.
We do care however it is your responsibility.
Please wear a hat, enclosed footwear and clothing
covering your arms and legs.)

**For more info: Email:
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Aug 30 Tangaroa Blue—ID of resin pellets
Sep 1 Wattle Day
Dec 7-14—Coastcare Week

**"I used to sayWhy doesn't somebody do something!
Until I realized I was somebody" JFK**



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**Wet enough at last!
All 4800 Planted!**

Since reforming in 2009 to Stirling Natural Environment Coastcare (SNEC), this community group of volunteers has been working with the support of and in collaboration with the City of Stirling. SNEC is committed to ongoing monitoring and maintenance of our growing number of project sites and is appreciative of the recognition and support from the wider community.

There is a long term intention of creating 'green' corridors, linking natural areas to improve the coastal biodiversity of the region.

Tasks being undertaken include:

- Ongoing site preparation and maintenance
- Weed removal (with assistance from City of Stirling)
- Removal of all known Victorian Tea Tree along Stirling's coastline
- Using GPS to map weed infestations and other relevant information
- Planting with local native species.



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Mike planting into the mobile Dune

SNEC supports provision of facilities which provide for the wellbeing of Community without compromising the integrity of the coastal zone's natural environment!

4800 seedlings were planted with approximately half receiving installation of plant protectors. Planting sites included north of North Beach Headland, Watermans Bay BBQ Embankment site, Margaret Street Embankment site, Mary Street site, Norfolk Island Pine staircase site, South of Watermans Bay Marine Centre site, South of Lawley Street and Planter boxes North Beach.

Funding for 2009 plants has come mostly through Perth Region NRM; special Woodside funding and City of Stirling.

Funding for 2010 plants will in large part be through Caring for Our Country Grant. (March 2009).

Preparation is already underway and will continue until planting commences in June-July 2010.

This year's and last year's plant survival was tested to the utmost with the wild windy storms in July. Well established plants had 1/3 of their foliage burnt through by the extensive wild winds. Some small plants were completely burnt off however resilience is built in and it is surprising how many successfully recover although as expected there were some losses. SNEC is waiting to study "Stage 2 Draft Coastal Foreshore Action Plan Trigg Point to South Scarborough (Peasholm St)" commissioned by the CofS. Stage 2 will be an important reference guide for SNEC'S future project planning.

SNEC's current projects, North Beach Headland to Watermans Bay; are guided by "Stage 1 Coastal Foreshore Action Plan—Trigg Point to Watermans Bay".

- SNEC's focus from this Plan remains on completing
 - Review of signage and beach access. (New signage has appeared however there is still scope for review)
 - SNEC waits with interest for the release of the consultants' 'Hazard Risk' related report/s commissioned by the CofS. Climate change; impacts on the coast and coastal infrastructure(s); coastal erosion— are important issues.

The wild weather swept more sand away at Watermans Bay, the CofS was challenged to act quickly to protect beach structures. Beach erosion is an ongoing problem but the upside is that attention will be focused on the coastal foreshore. Infrastructure, roads, services and building setbacks in this area, do not meet current State Government requirements.

SNEC supports improved water quality entering the marine environment and endorses action to minimize the cumulative effects of chemicals and rubbish entering it.

SNEC was represented recently at a SEAS review workshop being carried out by Hassell's, consultants employed by City of Stirling to carry out this Review. It is SNEC's recommendation that requirement for all landscaping (architectural and domestic) in new and redevelopments be of local native species.

SNEC appreciated the opportunity to meet with State Minister for the Environment Hon Donna Faragher which was organized by Tony Krsticevic MLA for Carine, where local concerns were shared.

During Spring and during our Summer holiday break our keen mid week coasties will be busy furthering the monitoring and weed management in all project sites and pushing along into the linkages between North Beach and Watermans Bay.

Our volunteers are keen to have a go! Having a go and learning as we go is part of the fun!



Wild weather at North Beach Headland's Jetty



B I G THANKS to 'Everyone' who has contributed to making this such a very productive, happy and successful season.

SNEC Volunteers are working towards sustainable plant community, and animal habitats within the coastal zone and the protection of natural biodiversity, landform, and in adjoining areas.

