



COTTESLOE  
COASTCARE  
Volunteers Caring for our Coast

## Annual Report to Town of Cottesloe 2021-2022



### Cottesloe Coastcare's aim is:

To restore the areas of remnant natural vegetation in Cottesloe by 2030 through our direct efforts and through advocacy and support of the wider community.

The remnant vegetation of Cottesloe comprises at most 15.5 hectares and is mainly confined to the foreshore, the most visited part of Cottesloe.

This remnant vegetation is important as it provides:

- Ecosystem services. For example, filtering road runoff before it reaches the beach, preventing erosion, stabilising the dunes, and protecting infrastructure.
- Habitat for local fauna.
- A "sense of place". The native vegetation is a significant part of the coastal landscape that gives Cottesloe its special nature as a place by the sea.

### 2021 – 2022 Activities

#### 1. Direct efforts

Coastcare organised over 51 events which has resulted in:

- A total contribution of **\$98,907** to the natural areas of Cottesloe, composed of:
  - A volunteer contribution of 1,863 hours of work on the ground. This is valued at \$55,890 using a rate of \$30 an hour.
  - Grants for 2021-2022 = \$43,017
- Engagement with 8 different schools and 3 different corporate groups including Price Waterhouse Coopers, Woodside and Stantec.

#### 2. Perth NRM and Natural Areas Alliance

This was the first year of the MOU with Perth NRM. In Coastcare's view this has been a valuable initiative and Coastcare looks forward to developing this relationship further. Perth NRM contributed to planning workshops for John Black Dune Park and submitted a significant grant application for JBDP.

### 3. Liaison with Council staff

The close working relationship with Matt, Troy and Dave Derwin continued and is much appreciated by Coastcare. Emma Saikovski deputised for Adeline Morrissey who was on maternity leave. Thanks to Emma for filling this role and we welcome back Adeline.

### 4. Liaison with Council

We have had strong support from Councillors during 2021/2022 with both direct support at working bees and indirect support. This is greatly appreciated.

The informed communication and support from Councillor Bulbeck, as our liaison Councillor, has been invaluable and greatly benefits the Town's activities in the natural areas. It is essential that communication between the Town and Coastcare is open and transparent.

### 5. Osprey nest

The osprey nest is nearing completion and it is hoped that it will be erected by the end of the year at Vlamingh. This would not have been possible without the significant volunteer input of two local engineers.

## Current issues

- **Contractor performance**

Coastcare has raised concerns about the performance of some of the Town's contractors in relation to weed control and planting. For example, Coastcare's success in planting is in the order of 75% (ie of 100 plants planted 75 survive to the next year). Contractor's performance varies but in some cases is about 20% (ie of 100 plants planted only 20 survive). Again this is a cost to Council and compromises revegetation projects. Better performance measures for contractors are required. This will require liaison between the Town and Coastcare, with input from Perth NRM.

- **Rabbit control**

Communication problems with WESROC meant that rabbit control was not implemented this year. This has had a significant effect on new plantings. Replacement of these plants is a direct cost to the Council and extra burden on volunteers.

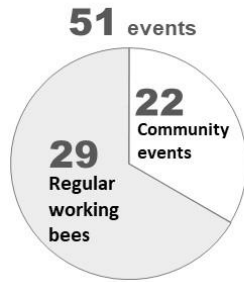
- **Succession planning**

Coastcare's two most experienced volunteers will be away for a significant period during 2022-2023. CCA will manage this for the next year but this highlights the importance of succession planning. As well as a direct contribution to on-ground work, Coastcare contributes significant experience and expertise to the work in the natural areas in Cottesloe, including liaison with the Town's contractors.

- **John Black Dune Park**

Council has committed to assisting with the revegetation of John Black Dune Park in the area surrounding the skatepark. Coastcare has committed to organising two community planting sessions for 2023. This will require close liaison between the Town, Coastcare and Perth NRM.

## Statistics 2021-2022



**401** people from wider community engaged.  
School, corporate and community groups.



**2021-2022**

1863 volunteer hours



\$55,890 volunteer labour

\$ 43,017 grants

**Total \$98,907**



5,100 plants planted

## Breakdown of work 2021-2022



**2021-2022**

**VALUE**

1863 hrs @ \$30/hr

**\$55,890**