



WildEyre

WildEyre continues to deliver

A lot has been happening on the ground over the last year in the WildEyre area on the West Coast of Eyre Peninsula.

Andrew Freeman, WildEyre Project Manager said the Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation has delivered a number of project activities through their Aboriginal labour hire initiative.

"The labour hire team have undertaken 6000 ha of African Boxthorn control in the coastal zone between Talia Caves and Venus Bay Conservation Park.

"They have also collected 211kg of native seed between Elliston and Streaky Bay".

"The labour hire teams are now working in coastal areas between Elliston and Streaky Bay undertaking more African Boxthorn control and native seed collection."

"Over 8000ha of African Boxthorn control works have also been undertaken using the distribution of a granular herbicide from a helicopter in coastal areas between Point Drummond and Venus Bay. This included treatment on Waldegrave Island and in Lake Newland Conservation Park," he added.

Further African Boxthorn control using the distribution of a granular herbicide from a helicopter will occur in October 2014 and March 2015 between Point Drummond and Streaky Bay on public and private land in the coastal zone.

This control work is being carried out as African Boxthorn is a particularly invasive environmental weed that is capable of altering coastal bushland.

"An infestation of Italian Buckthorn is also being controlled between Mt Hope and Sheringa Beach".

Eight private properties have excluded stock from remnant vegetation so that 2,268ha (Drooping Sheoak Woodlands, Red Gum Woodlands, Mallee Box Woodlands and Swamp Paper-bark Shrublands) has been protected. On six of these properties landowners have also undertaken 172ha of direct seeding.

Funds for these activities have been acquired from the Australian Government.

WildEyre would like to thank all the landholders and contractors involved in achieving these activities for their efforts.

Landholders who own land in the WildEyre area or passionate community members are encouraged to discuss any project ideas with local Natural Resources staff at Elliston or Streaky Bay or with the WildEyre Project Manager.

For further details about WildEyre (a collaborative conservation project on western Eyre Peninsula) see www.wildeyre.com.au or contact Andrew Freeman (WildEyre Project Manager) on 8688 3076.



Lawrence Benbolt (Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation) collecting wattle seed near Port Kenny

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