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## Vegetation improvements in Coffin Bay

Vegetation works along Coffin Bay's coastal area will be carried out in coming weeks, thanks to a partnership between Lower Eyre Council and Lower Eyre Coastcare Association with funding from the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board's Grassroots Grants program and Council.

Works to be undertaken include:

- Weed removal by a qualified contractor, with follow up work by the community, led by Coastcare volunteers.
- Revegetation of the Council trial sites where dead timber was removed. Assessment of these
  trial sites by the EP Landscape Board found these areas to be prone to overgrowth of highly
  flammable weeds and has a negative impact on remaining native vegetation. The findings
  recommend revegetating the trial sites to suppress the growth of the highly flammable
  vegetation types.
- Revegetation of areas where weeds have been removed or vegetation has been illegally cleared over the last five years and in line with the Coffin Bay Foreshore Management Plan 2013.

The revegetation works is being coordinated by Lower Eyre Coastcare and will involve students from Cummins Area School and Lake Wangary School as part of National Tree Day.

Members of the community are also invited to participate in the upcoming works through weed removal and planting days.

If you would like to be involved, receive weed identification information or want to volunteer to water newly planted seedlings during summer, please contact Lower Eyre Coastcare via email <u>lowereyrecoastcare@gmail.com</u>.

For enquiries related specifically to the onsite works please contact the EP Landscape Board on 8688 3200.

For all other enquiries related to this work please contact Lower Eyre Council Cummins Office via phone: (08) 8676 0400 or email <u>mail@dclep.sa.gov.au</u>