

# MANNING COASTCARE SINCE 1996



## Our achievements:

- Strategic vegetation Plans
- Strategic approach to targeting weed priority areas through two major weed surveys in 1998 and 2009
- About \$1.4 million grant funding for bush regeneration undertaking weed removal projects
- Focus on littoral rainforests
- Volunteer groups particularly in
  - Old Bar
  - Manning Point and
  - Harrington



## 20 years of caring for the Manning Coastline

Formed in 1996, Manning Coastcare Group Inc. is a volunteer community group committed to achieving the best environmental management of the Manning coastline.

### Our Focus

Our priority has been vegetation restoration work along the Manning coast. The initial focus on eight significant pockets of littoral rainforests has expanded over time to cover about 80% of the 40-km long coastline from Crowdy Head to Hallidays Point - some 200 hectares.

### Other issues

Our scope is wide and we have supported other projects such as the endangered shore-birds program; and established the community nursery at Kolodong (now managed by Council).

## More than \$1.3 million in grant funding

Almost all the grant funding we receive goes to on-ground projects. In the 20 years we have been operating, Manning Coastcare has:

- Leveraged more than \$1 million in grants funds (NSW & Aus Govt)
- Contributed some \$480,000 of in-kind co-ordination
- Received \$329,000 (\$212,100 in cash & \$116,500 in materials) from the then Greater Taree Council

**Manning Coastcare Group was awarded the Australian Government's National COASTCARE Award in 2006**

## More than \$7 million value from Volunteer Worker Program

This 'Work for the Dole' program organised by Manning Coastcare involved 15 to 30 people working 15 hrs /week between 2000 and 2015. The dollar value of this program is \$7,383,000. Council helped fund the part-time supervisor (\$17K pa between 2001 and 2014).

## Administrative support

State Government funding in 2016 for three years has enabled Manning Coastcare to employ a coordinator one day per week. This has made a major difference to the way we function and can galvanise support. Prior to this we relied entirely on volunteer administration apart from 4 years of our operation between 2008 and 2012 when we received \$22,500 pa from the then Hunter Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority.

## Littoral Rainforests

All Littoral (coastal) rainforests in NSW are recognized as an Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995, and nationally the Australian Governments Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act regardless of how degraded they are. Manning Coastcare sees the protection of these rainforest areas as a priority.