

# MANNING COASTCARE WORKING AT MANNING POINT



## Major Projects:

- Weeding by Contractors
- Weeding by Volunteer Workers Program (Work for the Dole)
- Weeding by volunteers
- Fencing of vegetation areas by Council

## Weeding Contracts

Between 2001 and 2011 weed control contractors worked primarily in the SEPP 26 rainforest between the 4-wheel Drive beach access point and the margin of the core remnant on the spit. Asparagus Fern was the primary target. Funding to support these activities came from Government Programs such as Coastcare, Envirofund and Hunter Catchment Management Authority Land Management Initiatives.

More recent initiatives in 2011 supported by Hunter Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority targeted Bitou Bush and Lantana on the sand spit. Manning Coastcare is required to maintain this weeded area until 2021. Recent inspection indicates that concentrated weed removal works is again required.

## Volunteer Worker Program

Between about 2003 and 2013 Volunteer Workers worked extensively on the Manning Point sand spit controlling Bitou Bush with great success and resulting in regeneration of native cover to help stabilise the dunes.



## Partnering with Council

Manning Coastcare sought funding from the Australian Government Coastcare program to install protective fencing around remnant rainforest trees within the picnic areas at Manning Point (as well as at Saltwater Reserve), to provide protection of the existing vegetation and allow regeneration of the canopy cover for the future. Through partnerships with Council and Conservation Volunteers Australia, fencing was installed and these areas now show excellent regeneration. Council installed fencing around islands of relatively good rainforest vegetation at Manning Point in the picnic area. These 'islands' have regenerated well and could now be expanded.

