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Sand blow-out revegetated by Ledge Point community

Ledge Point Coastcare group ran their annual community planting day on 24th June and had a great turn out with over 20 volunteers attending despite the chilly weather. The Morley Scout group were invited to Ledge to help the local community volunteers revegetate a sand blow-out in the dunes in front of Key Biscayne Park. Jan Richards, Ledge Point Coastcare coordinator said 'Every year we run a community planting day to revegetate a part of the dunes that has been eroded or over run with weeds. This year we targeted a blow-out which needed revegetating to stabilise the bare sand and increase the habitat for native fauna.'

The keen volunteers managed to plant 450 native plants including *Scaevola crassifolia* and *Spinifex longifolia* into the blow out and 150 native plants into surrounding areas to help infill gaps from previous works. The seedlings were funded through Landcare Australia and the Mobile Muster scheme and the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC). NACC funded two seed collection days in January and May for Apace nursery and Dave Bright at Regen4 to teach Ledge Point Coastcare volunteers how to collect and process seed from plants endemic to the dunes. This seed was then grown by both nurseries and seedlings planted out as part of the planting day. This has ensured correct provenience of seedlings established.

The scouts then helped water all the plants using recycled milk bottles filled from a tap in the park, and this extra touch will encourage the higher successful establishment of the seedlings. After a few hours of hard work, the volunteers were rewarded with hot drinks and a sausage sizzle funded by the Shire of Gingin. Six lucky volunteers were also presented with family passes to the Naturaliste Marine Discovery Centre, Hillarys. Jan said 'Thanks to everyone who came along and helped, it makes a real difference having lots of helpers. Thanks to Landcare Australia, Mobile Muster and NACC for funding the seedlings, NMDC for donating the family passes, plus the Shire of Gingin for covering the catering costs. A further 600 seedlings were planted in and around the Key Biscayne dunes during the following week by Ledge Point residents which brings the total of seedlings established in 2012 to 1200 which is a great result.'

Jan concluded 'Remember the last Sunday in June every year is Ledge's community planting day so please put it in your diaries now.'

Please check out Ledge Point's Coastcare Facebook page for more photos and updates on future events, or contact MCC for more information on Coastal Engagement events in the Moore region.



Morley Scouts were a great help



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