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Shell Coastal
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Conservation Volunteers Australia

Saturday May 13th.

We had another excellent outcome at this weeks Catherine Hill Bay Landcare (CHBLC) Working Bee. This was again because of the support of Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) through the Shell Coastal Volunteers (SCV) partnership not only on the Saturday but for the preceding 4 days as well.

This partnership has resulted in another great program of work completed:

- a large patch of beach front dune being cleared of weeds;
- the cutting of a weed buffer around an ecologically sensitive Palm Grove; and
- the cutting back of Bitou and other weeds around the Catherine Hill Bay Creek.

This considerable amount of work on-ground was again completed through the combined effort of the CHBLC and a team from Conservation Volunteers Australia. The CVA team was made available to CHBLC through CVA's national partnership with Shell, and the team was comprised of international and local Hunter Region volunteers.

There were five large piles of weeds produced as an outcome of the hand clearing of weeds around the Catherine Hill Bay Creek. Rio Tinto have offered to remove these piles to an appropriate dump site.

The next Catherine Hill Bay Landcare Working Bee is scheduled for Saturday July 8th, so please come along and meet the team and share your fun and enthusiasm while protecting the historic community of Catherine Hill Bay.



Some of the CHBLC and CVA Team that worked for the 5 days..



Before



After



Before



After



The Team at Work



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There were five large piles of weeds established which Rio Tinto are removing for us... There was a heavy layer of mulch left where the weeds were removed which will successfully prevent erosion into the Creek. There were also several struggling by established natives found. These were marked and protected during the weed removal and they should not take off in the new unrestricted environment.