

# WILDCARE: FRIENDS OF LUMEAH POINT



## Newsletter June 2014

### Local Wildcare established

On 1 March this year, the residents elected members of the Wildcare: Friends of Lumeah Point Committee endorsed the Management Plan and participated in a Sausage Sizzle to celebrate the formation of what we hope will lead to the strengthening of a vibrant and co-operative community where many more generations will have the opportunity to live and grow. The committee:

President	Garry Hulme
Secretary	Janette Fagan supported by Sue Tacey
Treasurer	Mike Tacey
Committee	Anthony Houston Windsurfing Tasmania Mike Webb PLOGA Jan Kasteel – resident Roger Toombs Resident of Clifton Beach Sue Tacey - Resident

Residents and other interested folks are welcome to join the committee or attend meetings at any time. We want to develop better means of communication, see below.

### 5 Year Plan approved

Wildcare: Friends of Lumeah point has received Crown Land Services' agreement to its 5 year plan and approval to undertake the first year's program. As the manager of the foreshore Crown Land Services retains overall authority to undertake or approve any work from property lines to the waterline. With this approval we can apply for funding grants, undertake proposed maintenance outlined in the plan, and with Wildcare providing structure and insurance cover, organize volunteer participation.

### First Feral Oyster clean up a great success

Our first event was held on Sunday 6 April when we started tackling the feral oyster problem with the assistance of Pipeclay Lagoon Oyster Growers Association (PLOGA) and Windsurfing Tasmania. Thirty Four volunteers managed to clean up in excess of 9 tonnes of feral oysters in the space of about 2 1/2 hours. Windsurfing Tasmania worked on the lagoon sand flats whilst others worked on the foreshore North of the access track. The group participated in a well deserved sausage sizzle and everyone seemed to be excited about the prospect of our next clean up – even though there is a huge area to cover.

Thanks to Jan Kasteel and Mike Webb for their excellent organisation and to all who participated. With winter upon us clean up days will recommence in spring.

### Track maintenance project 01

Crown Land Services have generously agreed to fund the first track maintenance project. A \$2,000 grant will cover the cost of materials and delivery while labor will be provided by volunteers. The aim is to restore the tracks to a level of sustainability to limit dust and revegetate the North East Point without encouraging more traffic into the Reserve.

**1. North east point** – Use crushed base which allows water to seep through then finish off with bush sand.

The finished job will have a slight slope towards the north so any excess rain or super high tides will run off quickly. The bush sand can then be sown with salt tolerant native species recommended by Parks or Wildcare. The area will be temporarily fenced off and sown for regeneration through winter and spring. The area can be opened up once it has dried off, probably November, depending on the season.

**Please note: the track from the NE point on the North of the peninsula will be inaccessible until the revegetation is completed.**

**2. Northern Track** - Run a narrow layer of fine gravel along each wheel track. This will allow the centre of the track to regenerate to grass. The small northern foreshore access track needs a small quantity of crushed base to stop further erosion.

### For the diary

After checking tide times the following Oyster Clean up days are proposed for the Spring 2014 to Autumn 2015 season. All Sundays

23 November 2014	3.00p.m. to 6.00p.m.
18 January 2015	1.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.
15 February 2015	11.30a.m. to 2.00p.m.
1 March 2015	12.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.
12 April 2015	7.30a.m. to 10.30a.m.
24 May 2015	6.30a.m. to 9.30a.m.

### Communication

It would save time, trees, shoe leather and money if we could contact you by email. If you are happy to have us do this please email [garry.hulme@gmail.com](mailto:garry.hulme@gmail.com) subject "Wildcare", with your address and we will share further newsletters and announcements electronically.