

## Heuston, We Have a Problem!

### Singleton Shire Landcare Network



## Singletonians Successfully Snipping Suspicious Shrubbery

### The issue

Heuston Park, otherwise known as Apex Lookout at Singleton had previously been the site of Green Corps/Green Army works in the early 2000's, while still a popular walk it has become overgrown with weeds, in particular African Olive.

Grants have been sought and obtained from Singleton Council and Hunter Local Land Services to support the removal of weeds and the planting of native species.

Regular working bees as well as use of contractors will bring the site to a more natural state.

### The solution

Kieran Fellowes from Singleton Shire Landcare Network engaged with Singleton Council early in the planning stages and was able to secure funding through the Council's community grants program for weed control works, council also assists in disposal of removed weeds and rubbish. Funding was also sourced from Hunter Local Land Services for revegetation.

Letterbox drops and social media alerted local residents to the upcoming works inviting those interested to come along with regular working bees every fortnight.

### The impact

While still early in the process over 600 square metres of weeds have been treated and areas prepared for revegetation.

Eight working bees have been conducted attracting 6-8 volunteers resulting in around 150 hours of volunteer labour treating roughly a hectare of weeds.

Weeds treated include Castor Oil, African Olive, Green Cestrum, Balloon Vine and others.



### Key facts

- Collaboration with both Local and State government
- Around 150 hours of volunteer labour.
- Use of social media and "old fashioned" letterbox drops to gain interest

### Project Partners



This initiative is made possible by the NSW Landcare Enabling Program, a collaboration between Local Land Services and Landcare NSW supported by the NSW Government.