**LANDCARE REPORT TO LBCA meeting 30th September 2017**

Since our last report and during the cooler weather the weeding regime for all areas of our responsibility has continued and at this stage most pests are fairly well under control. Moth vine, bridal creeper, cobblers peg and asparagus fern continue to persist with other weeds needing attention from time to time. A final sweep of all areas has been completed this month. Maloneys to Long Beach headland and foreshore continue to be the present focus. The Council sprayed asparagus fern along the cliff needs further spraying with an abundance of berries now present needing removal. The pathway from Blairs Road to Mary Place remains a challenge and will be focussed on this coming season. Cullendulla Creek always has work. With the first snake of the season on the prowl, getting under bushes in the summer is not an option, so we will be working more in the open, though the continuing dry weather has reduced much of the undergrowth and stinging nettles.

The annual tabulation of hours worked for Landcare in the Shire passed a record 10,000 this year with Long Beach contributing just over 900. Deua Landcare group just pipped us with 1,000 hours. The greater proportion of our hours is spent weeding, but other tasks include, spraying, fencing, rubbish removal, education, training, administration and planning.

Long Beach Landcare comes under aegis of the newly incorporated Eurobodalla Landcare Network and our regular workers have recently received shirts which will make us more recognisable on the job.

The areas we work are listed below.

**A** North side of Cullendulla Creek from access point close to Nuyen Place drainage ponds up to and including Cullendulla Nature Reserve, Square Head

**B** [Square Head cliff (Bitou Bush infestation in National Park)]

**C** Square Head foredunes/Sandy Place reserve and walking paths

**D** Reed Lagoon foreshore from Henry Place to Sandy Place opposite public toilets

**E** Maloneys Headland to Long Beach and Maloneys Beach sand dunes

**F** Pathway, Blairs Road to Mary Place

**G** Gully, Blairs Road to Henry Place

**H** Gully north side of Blairs Road entry to Cullendulla Nature Reserve

**I** Gully between Bloomfield Crescent and Courtenay Crescent