



Communities Environment Program Grant

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The Commonwealth Government's Communities Environment Program supports small scale, community-led environment projects that address local environmental priorities in each of the 151 federal electorates across Australia.

Thanks to a grant through this program, the DSRA have been able to support community members to reduce coastal wattle on their properties. Although an Australian native, coastal wattle is not endemic to the Dolphin Sands peninsula. It was introduced by aerial seeding (with seed sourced from Mona Vale, NSW) as a way to stabilise the sand dunes when the area was subdivided in the late 1960s. Runners of marram grass were also introduced at that time. Since then, marram grass and coastal wattle have formed almost a complete monoculture on the dunes, outcompeting endemic species.

