

# MANNING COASTCARE WORKING AT HARRINGTON / CROWDY HEAD



## Major Projects:

- Weeding by Volunteer Workers Program
- Weeding by Contractors
- Weeding by volunteers
- Rainforest Walk

## Weeding Contracts

Between 2001 and 2011 weed control contractors worked primarily in the SEPP 26 rainforest between the break-wall and the 4 wheel drive beach access point. Heavy infestations of Asparagus Fern were the primary target. Funding to support these activities came from Aust. Govt. Programs such as Coastcare, Envirofund and Hunter Catchment Management Authority Land Management Initiatives. Coastcare Funds also contributed to a number of aerial spraying passes on Bitou Bush in this zone.

## Volunteer Worker Program

Between 2003 (approx.) and 2013 Volunteer Workers worked consistently by traversing the 5 kms of coastal vegetation beachside of the Harrington Crowdy Rd. The target in this area was Bitou Bush to allow the 'string of pearls' remnants of rainforest (post sand-mining to develop and to complement control works undertaken by Council and Crown Lands (both aerial and on-ground).



## Crowdy Headland and Back-beach

In the period 2010 to 2013 Manning Coastcare undertook a Crowdy Headland and Back Beach enhancement program which involved weed control, formalisation of beach access, liaison over Aboriginal cultural heritage matters, development of educational materials and drainage and protection works at the back beach.

## The rainforest walk

There is a significant rainforest remnant at Harrington near the lagoon. This rainforest once covered the coastline north to Crowdy Head. Manning Coastcare established, with Council, the rainforest walk and associated 'Walk Notes'. A current project is the updating of these walking track notes along with better maintenance of the track.



## Volunteer group reformed

In 2017 an **active** volunteer group which undertakes regular weeding in the bushland has reformed.