Coastcare in Southern Tassie: 
A Big Project and the Juicy Lessons

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1. The Project
2. The Lessons
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Special thanks to the magnificent

SCAT Committee
The Project: Goals

1. Protect and improve the coast
2. Involve and educate the community
The Project: What did we do?
The Project: Achievements

On-ground Works (ha)

- Target: 5
- Total: 12

Pest Animal- Derwent (ha)

- Target: 3.5
- Total: 3.7

Weed Control- Derwent (ha)

- Target: 5
- Total: 7.8

Habitat Restoration- Derwent (ha)

- Target: 3
- Total: 5.5

Stream / Coast Habitat Rest- Derwent (km)

- Target: 1.2
- Total: 4.6
Engage Community Organisations (No.)

Target: 41
Total: 217
Reflections on working with.....

Local Government

1. Variable!
2. Support for the environment (and you) has little to do with rate-payer base
3. ‘Left hand’ versus the ‘right hand’
4. You need support from the ‘top’ as well as the ‘bottom’
Reflections on working with.....

*State Government (Parks & Wildlife Service)*

- Keen but severely constrained
- Skilled organisation with similar core interests
- Attentive land manager - need to work with them
- They need time to factor your plans into their plans
Reflections on working with.....

*State Government (Crown Land Services)*

• Really significant land manager
• Severely constrained (set-up for failure)
• Doesn’t recognise (publically) that it is under-resourced
• Unskilled organisation in supporting community-based NRM
• Innattentive land manager
• Good luck!
Reflections on working with.....

Australian Government

• If your interests overlap- they will be your best friend (with deep pockets)
• What is promoted as their priority may not end up being their priority (politics!)
Lessons for the Community  
(about other organisations)

1. You need a relationship with keen staff **and** decision-makers
2. Clear communication- ‘Single point of contact’- find and provide
3. Be confident with your priorities- and use ‘fads’ to your benefit
4. Develop partnerships (beneficial to you)
5. Lobby (reasonably, intelligently)
6. The only consistency is YOU!
Working in isolation: Limiting and risky

Sailing solo is much more enjoyable when you bring a friend.

Thanks to Jon Kudelka
The greatest tool we have for developing partnerships and projects.....
The challenge...

After this conference, who are you going to buy a coffee?
Thanks Landcare Tas!

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