



## Cooee-Camdale Coastcare

### Fixing Penguin Fencing

During the 2017-2018 breeding season, numerous Little Penguins were killed on the Bass Highway between Cooee Point and Camdale. This was because the existing penguin fence had not been maintained for a period of time and subsidence beneath the fence allowed penguins to burrow underneath, whilst an overgrowth of vegetation has also provided access for penguins to climb over the fence.

Cooee-Camdale Coastcare would like to thank Burnie City Council and Landcare Tasmania for their ongoing support which has allowed the group to implement a project to fix the penguin fencing. We have a small group of hard working volunteers who have begun work on securing the penguin fence that runs from the Cam River to Cooee Point (almost 4 kms). It is important that we complete this work by September, before the Little Penguins become most active in the area. Our goal is to ensure that during the coming breeding season, no Little Penguins come to grief on the Bass Highway in this area.

Our tasks include:

- Cutting back Coastal Wattles (*Acacia sophorae*) from the fence line
- Clearing ground covers and grasses to ½ a metre either side of the fence
- Securing the base of the fence so that penguins cannot burrow underneath
- In-filling areas of subsidence and taking measures to limit future subsidence
- Ensuring that the full length of the fence reaches the minimum height of 50cm
- Ensuring that, where we have excluded penguins from previous nesting sites outside the fence, we provide artificial burrows in suitable areas.

We are currently holding 2 working bees each week and during July these will be held on **Wednesdays** (10am – 12pm) and **Sundays** (10am until we've had enough). If you would like to help, please contact:

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### July Working Bees

| Sun                                                                                       | Mon | Tue | Wed                                                                                       | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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