

# Tasmanian Landcaring Grants Funded Project Case Studies

## Case Study 4: Islands

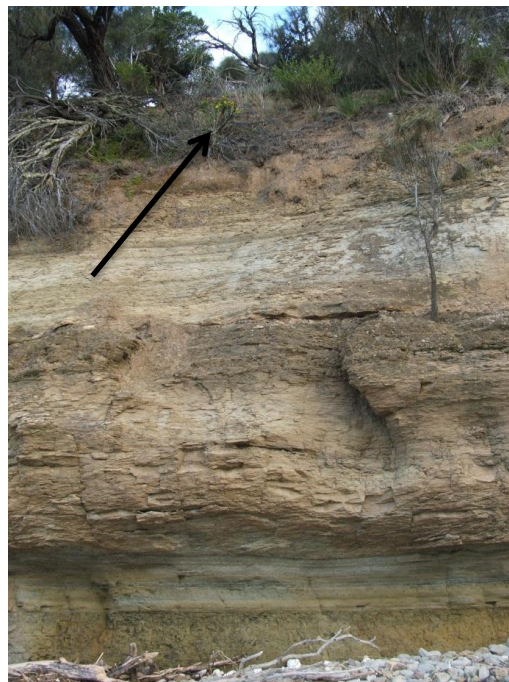
So what about the islands of Tasmania? The TLG has also spread support to a number of groups and landowners working on several Tasmanian islands. There are 11 projects funded that are tackling priority landcare actions on 6 different islands. Flinders, King, Bruny, Maria, Maatsuyker and Roydon Islands all benefit from these projects. Weeds are a common focus with Seeding Willows and Boneseed on Bruny I, Asparagus fern and Gorse on Flinders and King I, Boxthorn on Roydon and King I and Canary broom on Maria I.

Landcaring farmers on Flinders I are getting support through increasing skills in asparagus fern control with a skilled contractor undertaking some work and each farmer undertaking follow up actions. The King Island Community's awareness of the values of the Coast is being raised through a comprehensive program of engagement activities with school students, local community presentations and celebrations across the island. This includes a celebration of the springtime return of migratory shorebirds back from their annual pilgrimage to Alaska and Siberia to breed, just one reason for the recognition of King Island's coastline as a nationally Important Bird Area by Birds Australia.

The community's capacity to tackle major weed control works is inspiring with the Friends of Bass Strait Islands undaunted in their aim of eradicating African boxthorn ( the most recalcitrant, ferocious weed ever known), from Roydon Island, a very important bird colony site. Killora and Dennes Point Coastcare Groups are also taking on the incredible role of controlling boneseed on a very rugged, cliff lined, coast on the Channel side of North Bruny I. With the excellent work of abseiling weed contractors, Regnans, these Coastcare groups are well on the way to the word "eradicated".



"Ripping out the Canary Broom,  
Friends of Maria Island Project"



"Boneseed on a cliff face  
at Dennes Point , North  
Bruny Island, difficult  
but not impossible to  
remove."