



COTTESLOE COASTCARE

Mr. Geoff Trigg
Town of Cottesloe

Dear Geoff,

As you know Cottesloe Coastcare volunteers have been working in the vicinity of Vlamingh memorial for several years as part of our systematic rehabilitation program.

Work in the area has been in three parts:

- Victorian Tea trees have been removed and replaced with several thousand local native plants that are now well established.
- Establishment of paths, fencing and weeding has allowed recovery of native plants on the fore dune that was severely degraded. Native plants around the base of the Vlamingh memorial are now growing well.
- On the south side, the area that Town of Cottesloe has converted from irrigated lawn to a native plant area and the activity is progressing well, despite some weed issues.

Despite these positive initiatives, the Vlamingh memorial itself has become increasingly unsightly and the entrance steps are unsafe and untidy. Given that it is Cottesloe's southern entry point and a much-visited site providing interesting information for locals and visitors, it is unfortunately that it has been allowed to deteriorate.

Cottesloe Coastcare would be pleased to have input into developing a plan to restore the infrastructure that deals with both aesthetic and safety elements. We believe that resources need to be urgently allocated to allow this to happen.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Mike Ewing

Cottesloe Coastcare Association

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