

## MEDIA RELEASE

## **Environment Program Update**

The Environment Program continues to be implemented across the Public Reserves. Activities undertaken during March include:

- Two Chimneys Reserve removal of woody weeds
- Ball Bay Reserve removal of woody weeds and chipping
- Middlegate Reserve installation of timber fence and gate
- 100 Acre Reserve removal Coral Berry weeds, felling of tree (timber to be used for snail habitat)
- Selwyn Reserve removal of woody weeds

The majority of the above work continues to be completed by a variety of local contractors, with additional work to complete before the end of the financial year. The Norfolk Island Flora and Fauna Society (NIFFS) continue to organise volunteers to removal Coral Berry and other weeds species in 100 Acre Reserve each Wednesday, with morning tea provided to the volunteers by NIRC. The work completed by the contractors and volunteers alike is highly valued and continues to restore native habitat in the reserves allowing establishment of endemic Norfolk Island species.

Planting of native vegetation is scheduled to commence in May and June this year across the reserves, with native species sourced from the National Parks nursery. This will include community planting days, which will be open to all-comers. Details will be to be provided in the coming weeks.





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