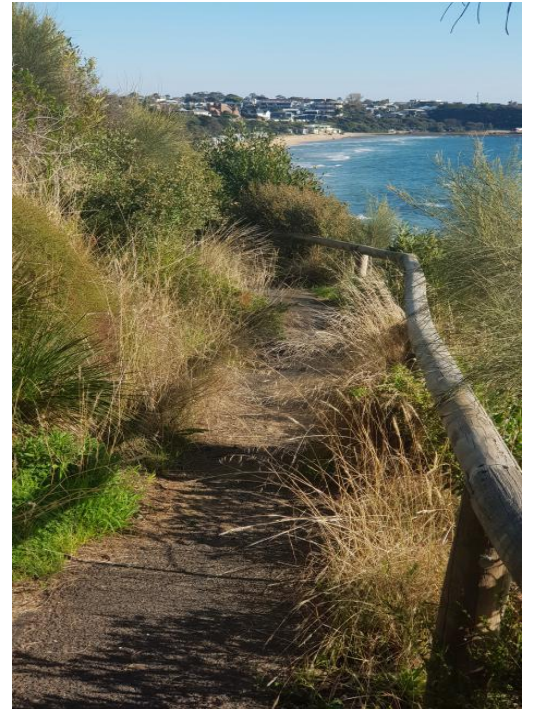




Working Bee on Cliff Path, 1st June 2023

The path has become alarmingly overgrown. Our aim was to clear the massive overgrowth of kikuya and other weeds on the first 100m of the path. The shire gave us a key to this area for the day. It is normally locked to prevent people approaching the very dangerous landslide 150m up the path. Please respect all the signs. The landslide is still unstable, trickling water sometimes, and is a real danger spot. We kept way away from it. Naturelinks slashed the kikuya with power tools and we did clearing and weeding around our plantings of the last three years. We cannot work on the central 300m of the path, near the Blue Gate, as it is classified as unsafe even for work bees. Kate Philip is organising the working bees now, and Peter Nicholson is doing admin, media and lobbying.



Photos on previous page: Tackling the weeds. Kate Philip, Cath Warters, Sally Madsen, Tess Graham, Harry Breidahl, Margrit Abbey and Peter Nicholson working the camera.



Photos this page clockwise from top right: 1. Left to right: Kate Philip, Tess Graham (half hidden), Callam Kindred (Naturelinks, in there somewhere), Cath Warters (back to camera), Dan Suffern, Margrit Abbey (obscured by large armful of weeds!) 2. Kate Philip raking 3. Margrit Abbey more weeds 4. Kate Philip and Sally Madsen 5. An "after" photo. 6. Harry Breidahl. 7. Sally Madsen trimming 8. Ian McCall "we keep working rain or shine". 9. (Centre) Margrit and Cath showing how to get weeds safely. Camera and layout: Peter Nicholson

The Friends of the Beleura Cliff Path receives grants from DEECA (Victorian Government Dept. of Environment), through Landcare, Coastcare and the Port Phillip Bay Fund. These grants are hard to win, and many volunteer groups apply. To win a grant you need a carefully thought-out ecological plan, and a good team of active volunteers. We receive help in various forms from the Mornpen Shire. The Mornington Environment Assoc. helps us by lobbying, insurance, and by acting as our auspice in grant applications. We receive donations from sympathetic locals, and are given water for irrigation and hand watering by the Tilbrook, Liberman and Nicholson families. Thank you to all these people.