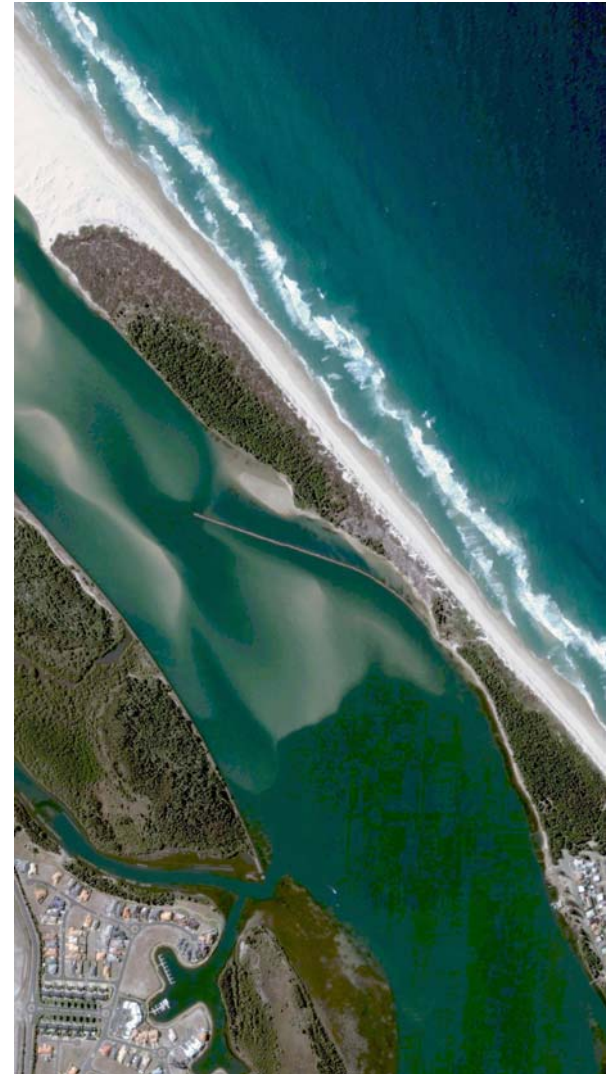
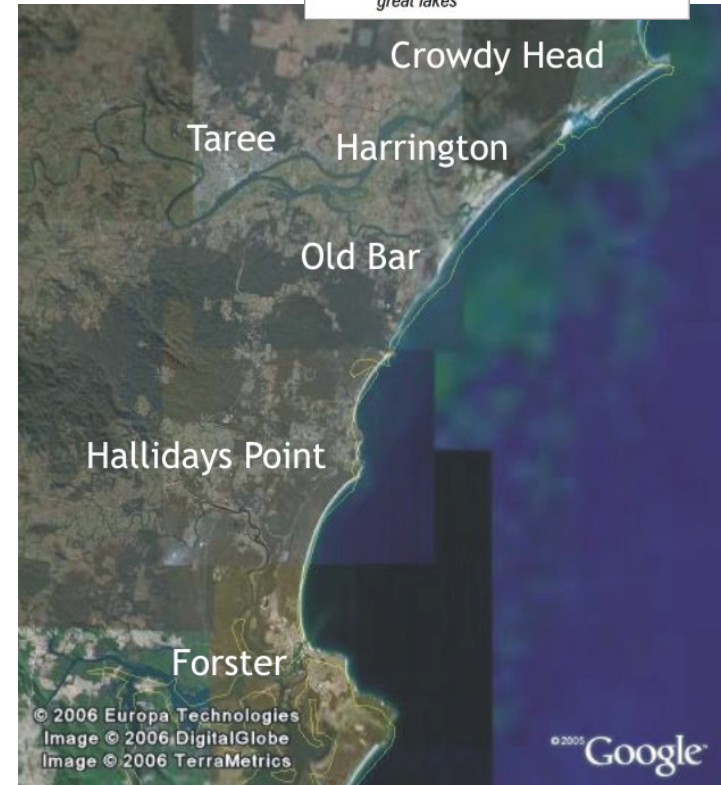




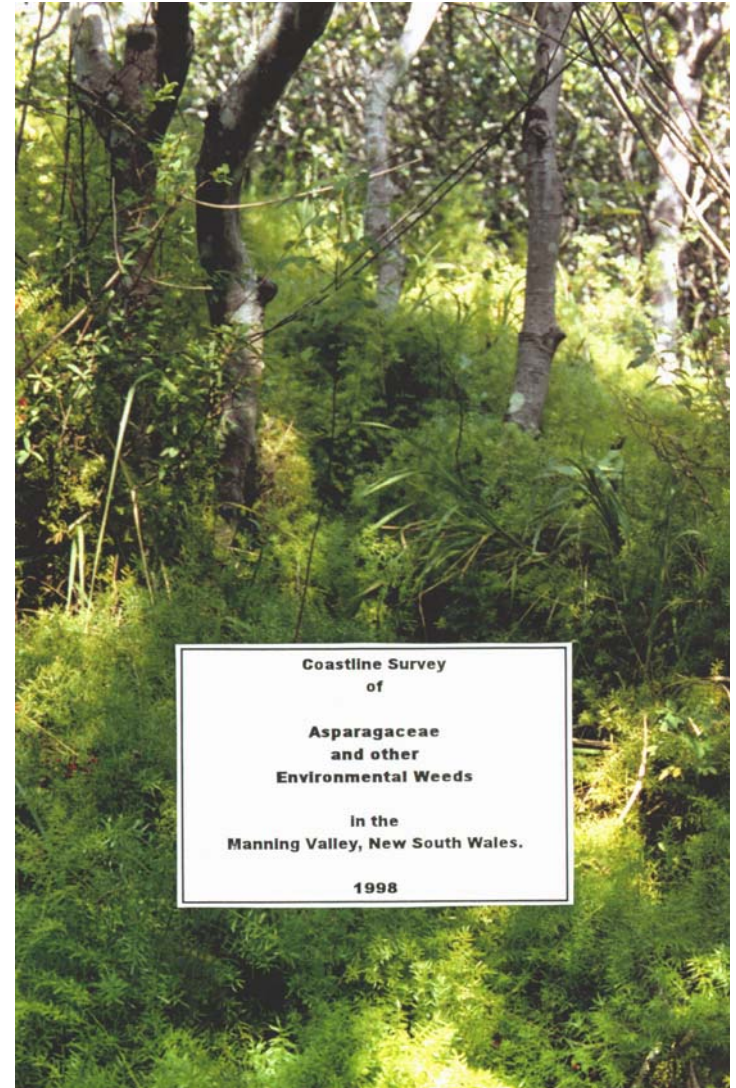
- Manning Coastcare Group started in 1996
- Members came from existing Landcare and Dunecare groups
- Worked on public land along the Manning coastline, on the Mid-North Coast of NSW



- Broadened our approach to coastal corridor vegetation management
- Shared knowledge and resources
- Targeted significant vegetation remnants
- Expanded our targets over time to cover 80% of the 40 km long coastline from Crowdy Head to Hallidays Point



- Investigated and surveyed environmental weeds at 51 sites
- Extended restoration to all Littoral Rainforest remnants
- Prepared a survey in 1998 on Asparagaceae and other environmental weeds
 - Asparagus Fern
 - *Asparagus aethiopicus* (Ground Asparagus)
 - *Asparagus plumosus* (Climbing Asparagus)
 - *Asparagus asparagoides* (Bridal Creeper)
 - *Chrysanthemoides monilifera* (Bitou Bush)



- Developed Restoration Action Plans
- The Plans cover eight areas of Littoral Rainforest
- Regeneration work started in 1998
- Manning Coastcare obtained funding, and coordinated contract regenerators and volunteer workers
- Worked closely with Greater Taree City Council and the NSW Department of Natural Resources



- Restoring native vegetation along the coastal wildlife and habitat corridor
- Implementing the Restoration Action Plans and expanding them beyond their original scope
- Success due to persistence and continuity of the Group's membership





- Regular monthly meetings are important
- Manning Coastcare works with
 - Greater Taree City Council weeds, natural resource, engineering and parks staff
 - NSW National Parks and Wildlife
 - NSW Department of Natural Resources
 - NSW Hunter Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority





- 19 grants received since 1996
- Total cash grants of \$541,089
- Total community in-kind contributions of \$2,914,760
- From 2006, will receive \$187,000 over 5 years under a Land Management Tender to continue work in high conservation value vegetation
- Work will extend to the NSW Endangered Ecological Community *Themeda grassland on seacliffs and coastal headlands*



- The NSW CMA grant of \$187,000 over 5 years will secure Manning Coastcare's viability
- Will re-resurvey the original 51 sites to determine weed extent and diversity
- Will identify and evaluate new and emerging weed threats such as *Gloriosa superba* (Glory Lily) and *Juncus acutus* (Spike Rush)
- Will document our progress over the last 10 years and plan our approach for the next 5 years



- Developed innovative approaches to support volunteers by funding:
 - contract bush regenerators who control priority weeds and assist and train community volunteers across all sites
 - a project officer to increase participation of community volunteer groups
 - a supervisor for a group of thirty over-50s volunteers who work two days per week under an agreement with Centrelink



- The over-50s volunteers:
 - work in groups at four sites
 - provide the continuity and resources to accelerate the control of Bitou Bush
 - re-established Council's nursery to provide plants for Coastcare, Bushcare and Landcare projects



- The combination of the Manning Coastcare Group and the over-50s volunteer workers is an excellent model for other coastal groups
- We are pleased to be part of the 2006 National Landcare Awards -- the State award has re-vitalised our dedicated Group

