



MEDIA RELEASE

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Council partners with Port Cygnet Cannery to remove declared weed

Huon Valley Council is pleased to announce it is working with Port Cygnet Cannery to remove a large number of crack willow trees at the Port Cygnet Marine Conservation area.

Crack willow trees are a declared weed under the Weed Management Act 1999 and are one of the more difficult weeds to manage due to their economic and environmental impacts and potential for spread.

Once established, crack willow quickly shades out native plants, leaving bare ground which is prone to erosion. By removing them, the adjacent sensitive sedgeland and rushland vegetation, that characterizes the Port Cygnet Marine Conservation Area, will be protected.

Mayor Bec Enders said, "Removing these invasive trees is vital in protecting the local marine conservation area which is not only a high use recreation area but also a known habitat for a range of bird species in the area such as the migratory Latham's snipe."

"Our Natural Resource Management Unit continues to support ongoing weed management of the site focusing on gorse and blackberry removal. The control of crack willow is a substantial component that directly complements this work and ultimately supports protection of the area."

"The Port Cannery is investing significantly into the community by funding the removal of the 8-12 trees, which run alongside the Lymington Road public walking track at a cost of \$5890. The works will be completed by Duggans."

Port Cygnet Cannery Business Manager Ian Hall has been working with council's Natural Resource management Team, with council providing technical advice, contacting crown land and investigating the legislation to determine how the weed removal can proceed.

"Crack Willow are a declared weed in Tasmania and the Port Cygnet Cannery is proud to be working alongside Huon Valley Council and supporting the local community by removing this invasive species from the adjoining wetland."

"The Port Cygnet Cannery recognises the importance of these wetlands and this removal will have a lasting impact for both native wildlife and human visitors to the site."

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Work commenced today, August 23rd.

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