

## How did Fingal Head Coastcare (FHC) get rid of the Bitou Bush?



Bitou Planted by Sand Mining

Example Forest Walk.

The South African Bitou Bush planted by the sand mining company became a problem and a monoculture which overtook other species.



Clearing Bitou

FHC trialled many methods to control the Bitou Bush.

The final method was to weed around the trees which were to be retained; slash the standing Bitou Bush and leave it on the ground; spray any new regrowth.



Forest Walk After Bitou Clearing - 1991

Rainforest species propagated by FHC were planted in the cleared areas.

Planting 1991 adjacent to Forest Walk.



Forest Walk - Rainforest - 2017

This work has helped to regenerate **Littoral Rainforest**, a nationally critically endangered ecological community - there are only 1,624 hectares left in NSW. We now have 18 hectares of Littoral Rainforest on the Fingal Peninsula, 16 hectares of which have been planted by FHC.