

# Building the Bass Coast Bio-links

## Project Goal:

Working in partnership with the traditional owners (Bunurong Land Council) to protect the best of the Bass Coast's remnant biodiversity sites.

## What's been achieved (Year 1 of 3):

- 628 Ha of woody & herbaceous weed control, enhancing habitat values for threatened species.
- 1660 Ha of pest animal control (Baiting, trapping, spotlighting), reducing competition and predation.
- Cultural burn planned with Bunurong Land Council.

## Challenges:

- Navigating socio-political limitations to pest animal control in a scattered landscape.
- Re-invasion of weeds from bordering properties (lack of an integrated approach to management).

## Outcomes:

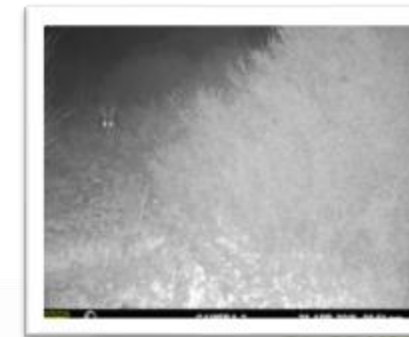
- 90% of weeds eliminated, 10% contained.
- Pest animal populations monitored and contained.

## Recommendations for future:

- Landowners/managers continue controls as per management plan.
- Continual development of relationships with the Bunurong Land Council.



*Above: Before and after photos of Sweet Pittosporum control at The Gurdies Conservation Reserve (1 of our 12 sites)*



*Above: Double trouble - two foxes caught eating rabbit bait (yes, rabbit) at Reef Island (Left). One of the few remaining rabbits on Reef Island consuming the bait (Right).*



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