

Photo 5: Bitou bush dominating gaps in the dune vegetation complex

This is one of many gullies in the dune system observed from the site's beach access north to Middle Rock.



Photo 6: Dense Lantana patch at southwest corner of beach access.



Photo 7: Littoral rainforest regeneration hampered by lack of screening vegetation by Bitou

The green vegetation is mostly rainforest species <2m high. The Banksia woodland is senescing but succession is retarded by the high exposure to maritime stresses due to lack of protective vegetation ie recruit Banksias, etc, which would normally precede this community on the foredune and provide a closed structure – not this open woodland structure caused by smothering by Bitou. This may end up as low stunted rainforest scrub due to maritime stresses.



3.2.2.2 Beach Access

As detailed in section 3.4.2, the beach access will be formalised with an all-weather crossing (eg wooden slats with sand) with open paling or post and plain wire type fencing either side to deter wandering off the track.

The edges of this track are currently highly weed infested (see photo 9). These weeds will be removed on a staged basis to minimise impacts from maritime stresses, and will be replaced with native species to provide a suitable structured protective edge of the native vegetation communities.

In addition, Spiney-Headed Matrush is to be densely planted just outside each side of the fence as an active deterrent to users from entering the adjacent native vegetation.