

# PROTECT THE PAINKALAC VALLEY FROM WEED INVASION!

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Meet at the jetty near the corner of Coastal Court and River Road,

Aireys Inlet. Wear old clothes, bring gardening gloves and if possible, gum-boots. Tools will be provided where necessary.

We look forward to seeing you!

For more details, contact Tim or Ros on 5289 6562.

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## Aireys Inlet Volunteers Continue To Wage War On Weeds

SPRING is the right time to remove flowering boneseed according to the team of volunteers who spent a recent Sunday pulling up the roots of this tenacious weed from the Painkalac Valley in Aireys Inlet.

To reach patches of the yellow flowering South African weed, volunteers from Friends of the Painkalac Valley, local environmental group ANGAIR, and interested members of the community were ferried across the Painkalac Creek in canoes supplied free-of-charge by outdoor recreational business, Go Rats.

And go they did, working hard for the morning in an attempt to rid the valley of this prolific weed, along

with other introduced species including Flax Leaf Broome, and Coast Wattle.

ANGAIR's Margaret MacDonald said the event, which has occurred annually each spring for some 10 years, has led to a significant reduction in weeds across the valley. Ms MacDonald said without the ongoing removal of these introduced plants, the valley would be overrun with weeds, taking the place of indigenous flora and affecting the habitat of waterbirds and other native fauna.

She thanked the 28 volunteers who took part in this year's assault on weeds, in particular recognising the ongoing work and energy of the Friends of the Painkalac Valley.



Ms MacDonald also acknowledged the supportive role of the Surf Coast Shire which has auspiced the event for many years.

For more information about volunteering for local environmental initiatives, please contact the Surf Coast Shire's Environmental Officer, Steve Cameron on 5261 0600.



### Aireys Inlet/Fairhaven

Victoria Police Surf Coast District has a public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 25 at 7.30pm at the Anglesea Community Hall, McMillan Street, Anglesea. The intention of this evening is to provide a public forum for residents of the Surf Coast Shire to discuss policing issues and concerns. For further inquiries about the evening, please phone 5261 6058.

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