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Brian from Redhead Bluff Landcare

Brian is the team leader of Redhead Bluff Landcare, whose passion, initiative and hard work has seen huge improvements to the natural environment of the Redhead area. Since joining Redhead Bluff Landcare in 2007, Brian has devoted vast amounts of his time, effort and energy into improving the reserve areas around Redhead Bluff. Brian is responsible for initiating a major environmental project, the ‘Redhead Coastal Wildlife Corridor Project’, which saw three separate Landcare sites benefit from linking the remnant bushland together.

Brian writes:

“Growing up in the small mining town of Redhead post WW2, I spent a lot of time in the bush (there were no TVs or computers back then). Trapping and shooting rabbits was a popular pastime for many locals.

During the 1960s sandmining on Redhead Beach was in full swing, leaving a legacy of a degraded coastline. South African Bitou Bush was used to stabilise the dunes after mining removed the native vegetation, with the unintended consequence of most of the NSW coastline being smothered in Bitou Bush. This motivated me to try and save local plants and wildlife which has become a lifelong passion.

Urban bush regeneration is a major challenge which led me to join Lake Macquarie Landcare. With this vital support I have never looked back.”