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COMMUNITY EFFORT SAVES BEACHES

A major community effort has saved Booderee National Park's coastal dunes from an invasive weed.

The Booderee Park Care Group has spent more than 500 hours removing an infestation of sea spurge (*Euphorbia paralias*) from Steamer's Beach in the south-eastern part of the park.

Care group member John Hewitt said the operation showed how important community input was to the management of the park.

"Weeds such as sea spurge are a major threat to the coastal dune ecology and beach nesting birds such as the hooded plover," he said.

"Our group is committed to helping with the management of pest species such as this."

Have your Say – closing date November 28 2008

Community members now have the chance to have a say in Booderee's future by contributing to the management plan which will guide the park's operations over the next 10 years.

The park's Board of Management wants to hear the views of community groups, stakeholders and other interested parties.

If you have a view on the management of the park, get a copy of the 'Have your Say' brochure by:

- Visiting www.environment.gov.au/parks/booderee/index.html
- Emailing booderee.plan@environment.gov.au
- Visiting the park's Visitor Centre.

Send back your comments by Friday November 28 2008.

Booderee National Park, south of Nowra, attracts more than 400,000 local, interstate and international visitors each year.

The Director of National Parks jointly manages the park with its traditional owners, the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community.

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