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Working to save penguins on World Environment Day 3rd June 2008

Over 2,000 trees will be planted as part of a World Environment Day activity to help protect the Little Penguin colony living in the Lillico Beach Conservation Area.

A grant of \$21,000 was received by Mr and Mrs Robinson, owners of the property bordering the reserve, through the Australian Government's Envirofund program. The Cheviot Dale Conservation Project involves a series of works including the erection of a penguin proof fence and revegetation of the coastal reserve adjacent to the Lillico Penguin viewing platform.

"This work will allow for the expansion of this important penguin colony" said Anna Wind, Cradle Coast NRM Coastal and Marine Facilitator.

The revegetation work will be carried out on Wednesday 4th of June with a number of people contributing their valuable time to the project. Green Corps teams, volunteers from the Friends of Don Reserve, GE Money staff members and the Parks and Wildlife Service will be getting their hands dirty along with project coordinators, Cradle Coast NRM.

"It is wonderful to see local businesses getting involved in the community and undertaking volunteer conservation work as part of their staff programs" said Anna Wind, "and we would love to hear from other businesses that are interested in working on similar projects".

"The coastal reserve will be enhanced by the planting of over 2,000 trees and will provide more nesting opportunities for the birds" said Anna "The penguin protection fence has just been completed and will exclude stock from the extended reserve and keep the penguins safe, and the revegetation work on Wednesday will complete the works" said Anna.

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