

# Natural Areas Newsletter

Winter 2025

## Volunteering Round Up

Volunteering in Glenorchy's Natural Areas is going from strength to strength. From spring to autumn, we held 59 volunteer events — that's an average of 1.5 per week — and you contributed 1,037 volunteer hours to nature.

### THANK YOU!

Each year we are achieving more - here is a run down of what we have been up to over summer and autumn.



Claremont Coast Care have been doing plenty of planting maintenance at their site on Curlew Parade. Putting plants in the ground is just the beginning, and this group's dedication is resulting in a successful planting that is blocking out grass and becoming self-sufficient.

The group also took on seed propagation for the first time with guidance from the Understory

Friends of Wellington Park continue the good fight against Spanish Heath in Wellington Park across Glenorchy, Hobart, and Parks & Wildlife land.

Coming up this winter, we have our annual joint Hobart & Glenorchy event hosted by Friends of Wellington Park in Kalang Valley, with guest speaker Dr. Phil Wise from the Tasmanian Land Conservancy. All are welcome!



UTAS Landcare braved a cold and windy autumn day to join us at Goulds Lagoon, maintaining a Conservation Volunteers Australia planting from last year.

Two huge piles of mulch now surround the rapidly growing plants, helping to suppress weeds.



Brent St Reserve Landcare continues their great work in Upper Brent St Reserve — including rubbish removal, protecting young trees from browsers, blackberry removal, and planting.

Glenorchy Council has just completed a playground upgrade, and the group will beautify the area with native plants later this month.

Lutana Woodlanders continue the mission to protect the Kangaroo grass grassland in Lutana.

Weeding gorse and cocksfoot, thinning sheoaks to an acceptable grassland cover, and planting for biodiversity are all main goals for the woodlanders - that and cups of tea!



Moonah Nature Mates hosted a wonderful history and nature tour of Moonah. We learned heaps about the suburb from biodiversity expert Adam Muyt and Council's Heritage Officer Dave Parham.

Amy St and Jim Bacon Reserve also got attention, with weeding, litter picking, and woodland thinning taking place over the summer.

Friends of Collinsvale have worked with Glenorchy Council to open up the BMX track for the community.

This winter they will also be working with Collinsvale Primary to plant trees in the regenerating field next to the dog park area within the reserve.

Nature journaling, held on the last Friday of each month, is quickly gaining popularity!





# Volunteering Round Up Continued...



Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) have returned to Goulds Lagoon, Whitestone Point and Prince of Wales Bay, for weeding, planting maintenance and boxthorn busting.



On World Environment Day CVA brought together TAFE, to expand the planting at Goulds Lagoon with 300 more native trees, shrubs, groundcovers and grasses.

Northern Suburbs Landcare have been busy at the rivulet on the corner of Pitcairn Rd and Montrose Rd. Plenty of weeding, rubbish removal.

They have officially started planting for the winter, with 80 native plants added to an area previously over run with ivy.

Thank you to our contractors for spraying the ivy in preparation for the planting.



Over the past few months, Sea Shepherd volunteers visited our shores three times. Twice at Prince of Wales Bay (collecting 62 kg and 80 kg of litter), and once at Berriedale Bay (25 kg collected).



Currents and wind push litter east into Prince of Wales Bay where it gets trapped — so the efforts there are

After several cleanups, the Newtown Rivulet Platypus Group had their first weeding session — preparing the riverside opposite Hobart City High School for a native planting planned for August.

The rubbish removal is making a difference and the Rivulet is looking great thanks to the group!



## Volunteer Spotlight - Danny Pullbrook



Danny is the co-convener of the Northern Suburbs Landcare Group. They meet once per month to do weed removal and planting at the Islet Rivulet and plan to expand their reach to other reserves in the northern suburbs.

### Why I volunteer:

"I think that we all have a responsibility to look after the natural areas around our community."

### How I got started with volunteering:

"My wife Gabby and I, and a neighbour Corinne had a similar idea to restore and revegetate a creek close to us. This led to us forming the Northern Suburbs Landcare Group.

### Favourite volunteering memory/best achievement:

"A highlight while volunteering would be when we did our first planting after extensive clearing of boneseed and lackberries. Seeing all the work we had done was great."

"I would love to see younger people getting involved with landcare and other conservation projects and I believe it's really important that we teach our kids and younger generation the value of our natural areas and how we can look after them. My kids often come to our Landcare, they enjoy planting and rubbish collection. Our Landcare group is now working with Rosetta Primary School, they have a creek next to their school which we will get the kids involved with caring for, which the school can continue in the future."



Congratulations to Corinne Ooms, co-convener our Northern Suburbs Landcare Group for coming 3rd on the latest season of Alone.

What an achievement staying out in the wilderness for 70 days. Well done!

# Natural Areas Update



Our diligent contractors, **Wetlands & Wildlife Creations** have been busy working in Glenorchy reserves.

- A huge job removing boxthorn from the water's edge in Prince of Wales Bay - ready for us to burn in the biochar kiln!
- Targeted weed control within Lutana Woodlands, Goulds Lagoon, Poimena Reserve, GASP Foreshore, Collinsvale Reserve, Catherine St Reserve, Montrose Reserve and Dowsing Point.
- Mulching the plants in Tolosa Mountain Bike Park.
- Targeted blackberry and briar rose at Whitestone Point, ready for planting season.

Teams at Council have been busy continuing weed control in Islet Rivulet, Abbotsfield Rivulet, New Town Rivulet and Faulkers Rivulet. they are clearing woody weeds, rubbish and extensive amounts of blackberry and willows.

The Willow removal project New Town Rivulet continues across both Glenorchy Hobart areas in the rivulet.

Glenorchy City Council and the Derwent Estuary Program's joint project to reclaim historical saltmarsh by scraping back infill has been a success.

At high tide, the new saltmarsh is inundated with saltwater — weeds can't grow, and the saltmarsh is returning naturally.

The new boardwalk over the Windermere Bay inlet is open, and volunteers from CVA, NRE, and Claremont Coast Care planted 720 native species along the riparian zone, forming a buffer and future habitat for wildlife

The site is looking fantastic and is well worth a visit.



## Volunteer Stats so far January to June, 2025

Events: 46

Volunteer hours: 975

Morning teas: 35

Biochar burns postponed due to total fire bans: 1

Expert guest speakers: 2

Sign-ons: 358

Cocksfoot removed: 750kgs

## Planting Plans - Winter 2025

Windermere saltmarsh project - 720

Brent St Reserve - 75

Curlew Pde, with Claremont Coast Care - 221

Windermere, Cadbury planting - 100

Whitestone Point with CVA - 120

Montrose Rd, with Northern Suburbs Landcare - 220

Rosetta Primary planting - 30

Collinsvale Primary & Landcare Group - 75

Prince of Wales Bay with CVA - 160

Newtown Rivulet with the Platypus Group - 220

Lutana Woodlands - 135

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