

Natural Areas Newsletter

Spring 2025

Volunteering Round Up

Native revegetation projects ramped up this past winter with planting occurring at 14 sites. From foreshores and riversides to grasslands and woodlands, volunteers across the municipality came together to plant a total of 3981 native trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses.

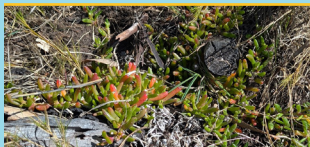
A fantastic effort to all involved and we can't thank you enough for helping us make Glenorchy greener.



New Town Rivulet Platypus Landcare Group held their first ever planting event!

30 people planted 170 small trees, shrubs and grasses to stabilise the bank and provide habitat in the future.

Increasing shade over the rivulet encourages growth of the creatures that platypus love to eat!



In July and August, Claremont Coast Care extended the Curlew Parade foreshore planting with 500 Poa grasses. They propagated seed from the site earlier this year, after a workshop with the Understory Network.



The top photo shows thriving native pigface, growing at the Curlew Parade site after being planted two years ago.

Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) brought together 10 volunteers including staff from FedX to plant 100 native plants, filling in the area planted by Cadbury staff, two years ago at Windermere Bay.

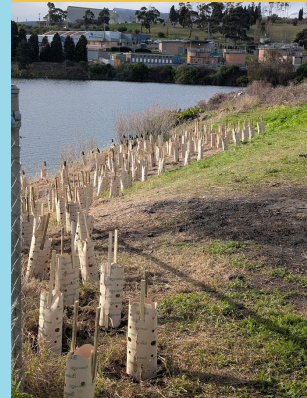
The aim of this planting is to provide a buffer between the walking path and breeding birds at Windermere Bay.



Lutana Woodlanders continue to enhance the Kangaroo Grass grassland in Lutana.

They increased the ground flora biodiversity by planting 135 herbs and poa grasses typical of the Kangaroo Grass Grassland.

They have also replanted the Lennox Ave entrance to the reserve.



Following removal of invasive boxthorn from the coast, 12 CVA volunteers planted the riparian zone with 160 native plants, followed by our contractors, Wetlands & Wildlife Creations who planted a further 375 further down the steep bank.

Prince of Wales Bay will be a focus for planting in the 2026 season.



CVA returned to Whitestone Point for the second year in a row, to plant Blue Gums, Banksias and grasses, in a grassy reserve.

22 volunteers braved a cold day to plant 110 plants which will provide important habitat for wildlife in the future.

Collinsvale Primary School, Friends of Collinsvale Landcare and Council Staff all worked together to plant 65 trees at Collinsvale Recreation Reserve, opposite the dog park.

The trees were planted to replace 10 trees removed from the Collinsvale BMX track to improve it for community use.



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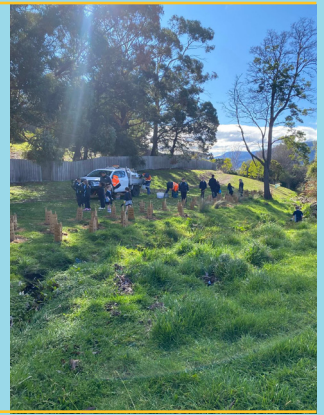
Conservation Volunteers Australia returned to Goulds Lagoon for the third year, continuing buffer planting between the road and the lagoon.

With 550 new plants added, planting here is now complete, covering the full western side of the lagoon.

Students from Rosetta Primary's E-Team met three times over the winter to plant 100 native plants at the rivulet behind the school.

The kids loved getting their hands dirty and can't wait to watch the plants grow!

Thank you to Northern Suburbs Landcare for kick starting this initiative!



Northern Suburbs Landcare returned for a second year planting at Montrose Road Reserve.

Over three sessions, 320 native trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses were added to the Islet Rivulet site, extending the natural area by a few metres and replacing a bank of ivy.



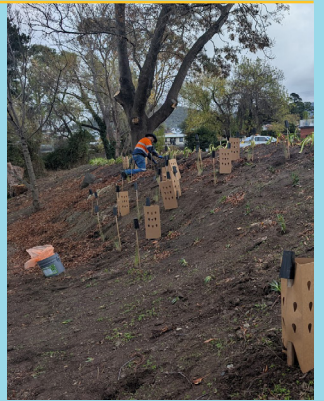
Brent Street Reserve Landcare planted 75 plants in the reserve, extending the wooded area, and planting a native garden next to the brand new playground.



On a beautiful blue-bird winters day, Moonah Nature Mates planted 140 native plants into Jim Bacon Memorial Reserve, extending the natural area with three new native sections.

These sections will allow the native ground flora such as Kangaroo Grass and Blue Devil to come up in between the planted trees.

Natural Areas team, Aderildo BC and Ash planted out 50 plants on the Berriedale Foreshore track, stabilising a bank that had woody weeds such as Cotoneasta and Boneseed removed from it.



As part of the Derwent Estuary Program and GCC saltmarsh extension project at Windermere Bay, volunteers from CVA and Claremont Coastcare planted a massive 770 plants in the riparian zone of the new saltmarsh.

In the future this will grow into a woodland, providing important habitat for birds and shelter for the saltmarsh.



Look out for GCC staff out with the watering tanker throughout the summer!





Volunteer Spotlight - Jane MacDonald

Jane is the passionate co-convener of Moonah Nature Mates and the creator of the group's famous ginger slice. In the photo she is sharing her passion for Moonah's history and story.

Why I volunteer - I really enjoy doing something useful, getting out and about with other people and learning new things.

How I got started with volunteering

My parents and grandparents were involved in a range of community volunteering roles and it's something I've always done. But retirement has given me much more time!

My favourite volunteering memory - Not sure that I can choose just one! Our Moonah Nature Mates weeding efforts and seeing the native grassland patch at Jim Bacon Reserve really starting to thrive and become highly biodiverse. Also, our recent planting event at Jim Bacon Reserve, to make more native bushland patches... and all our Moonah Nature Mates cakes at the end of working bees!

Best volunteering achievement - Learning to recognise some local native grassland species including Kangaroo Grass

Favourite quote or rule to live by - 'What matters?' or 'what's most important here?' I find it's very helpful to stop and focus on what matters most, and not worry about other details.

Winter Volunteer Stats July - Aug - Sept

Events: 31

Volunteer hours: 720

Morning teas: 19

Events cancelled due to rain: 4

Sign-ons: 262

Cocksfoot removed: Immeasurable

Plants planted over whole winter season: Nearly 4000!

Natural Areas Update

Contractors have been controlling weeds in Lutana Woodlands, Catherine Street Reserve, Poimena Reserve, Wellington Park, and New Town Rivulet.

GCC teams have recently been working on boneseed control at the top of Springfield Avenue, and other weeds in Roseneath Rivulet.

GCC now has four qualified bushfire fighters within the team. We are working towards introducing ecological burning in our reserves.

Aside from planting, volunteers have been busy weeding Spanish Heath in Wellington Park, weeding Cocksfoot from Lutana Woodlands and creating biochar out of Boxthorn at Prince of Wales Bay.

GCC are working with the Commonwealth Government to finalise the grant deed for a large environmental project on Humphreys Rivulet, focussed on erosion, weed control and revegetation.

The renaturalisation project at the mouth of the New Town Rivulet is almost complete! GCC and City of Hobart are hosting a big planting day on the 1st November. Email Ash for details!



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