

Natural Areas Newsletter

Summer 2026

Volunteering Round Up

Spring brought sun, rain, wind and rapid weed growth to Glenorchy, so our Bushcare program primarily focussed on planting maintenance to prevent fast growing weeds from out-competing the planted natives. We enjoyed spotting wild flowers and orchids while out and about, and came together to celebrate the end of a great year with a delicious lunch and walk at Poimena Reserve.

Your ongoing effort is appreciated and our Bushcare program is moving from strength to strength. We are looking forward to another year working with you all.



Claremont Coast Care carried out planting maintenance at the Curlew Parade and Cadbury sites, handweeding, watering, and mulching.

Hundreds of boneseed and broom seedlings were handpulled from the two sites, which are both looking fantastic.

Lutana Woodlanders undertook strategic thinning of silver wattles and she-oaks, aimed at promoting grassland diversity and health.

The Wednesday Weeders continued their battle with introduced cocksfoot, removing the competition for native kangaroo grass.

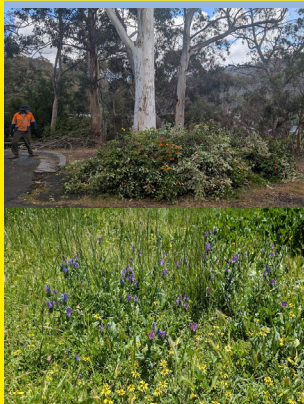


Brent Street Landcare Group continued with planting maintenance and litter removal in the reserve. They upgraded the cardboard tree guards to larger wire guards, preventing wallabies from nibbling the tops off the young blue gums and swamp gums planted in 2024.



Friends of Collinsvale upgraded the directional signage on their bushland tracks and kept up with spanish heath and blackberry removal in the natural areas of the reserve.

Tanya also wrapped up a year of nature journalling art sessions.



Northern Suburbs Landcare Group have started tackling a large infestation of cotoneaster along Montrose Road and are working with Council to eradicate the declared weed pattern's curse from the paddock on the corner of Montrose Road and Pitcairn Street.

Moonah Nature Mates spent time in Jim Bacon Reserve weeding, to help promote natives such as blue devil (pictured) thrive.

They also held a biochar workshop in Amy Street Reserve, processing previously thinned she-oak material.





Volunteer Spotlight - Phil Jenkins

Why I volunteer

I volunteer to do things I enjoy, feel good and to help the community. I have learnt new skills and stretched myself to do things I wasn't sure I could do. Volunteers are usually interesting and interested people, so it's a good social outlet too.

How I got started with volunteering

When my youngest daughter joined the scouts I helped with the local scout group. When I retired 9 years ago, I took on a few different volunteering jobs. There are so many different volunteering opportunities that you can try. Nature conservation is a passion of mine, so I have been actively volunteering in that area.

My favourite volunteering memory

I was tutoring conversational English to some Nepalese migrants. It was the last class before Christmas and I found a Nepalese music video to put on. The whole class erupted into spontaneous dancing and singing.

Best volunteering achievement

I volunteer at a museum in Bellerive called the Sound Preservation Association of Tasmania. The museum had a number of ongoing problems with finance and lack of storage. I realised that I might have the ability to help to make some changes for the better. I became the president and with the committee, we have got the museum on a much better financial and storage footing.

Favourite quote/rule to live by

Treating others as you would like to be treated yourself goes a long way in life. I think everyone you meet has got a different life story that you can potentially learn from.

Volunteering Round Up Continued



Biochar workshops with Bill Harvey continued, processing boxthorn removed from Prince of Wales Bay, sequestering carbon and turning the weeds into a useful soil conditioner.

Please let us know if you are interested in joining the email list for this year's workshops.

31 volunteers came together to plant out the final plants of the New Town Rivulet renaturalisation project. We managed to plant over 700 natives in under three hours. A great effort by all!



Conservation Volunteers Australia returned to their planting sites at Whitestone Point and Goulds Lagoon to water, weed, and mulch.



Since 2023, they have planted almost 1000 plants at Goulds Lagoon as road buffer and bird habitat, with plantings establishing well.

Staff from the Cadburys factory volunteered for a litter pick at Windermere Bay. We collected six bags of rubbish, an old bike, and a scooter from the river and saltmarsh area!



Natural Areas Update

For those who were present on the Poimena walk & talk and are interested on an update on the translocated *Dianella* plants. One of the plants has flowered (pictured) and is confirmed to **not** be the endangered *Dianella amoena*, but instead, likely to be the more common *Dianella revoluta*. We are eagerly awaiting the remaining plants flowering, to find out if this is the case for all of them. Aderildo BC is working hard behind the scenes to figure out where the mix-up occurred over the 3years+ of this translocation project. As you can see in this photo from Poimena, the stamens are yellow and brown. In contrast, *Dianella amoena* stamens are completely yellow.



Spring Volunteer Stats Oct - Nov - Dec

Volunteer events - 22
Volunteer hours - 528
Separate sign-ons - 166
Corporate volunteer days - 1
Active groups - 10



Please scan the QR code below to find out more about our Bushcare program.



If you have any questions about the content of this newsletter, or any ideas to be featured in the next one, please contact our Natural Areas Engagement Officer Ash, at ashleigh.carden@gcc.tas.gov.au or (03) 6216 6353



We are proud to welcome a new staff member to our team. Emily Smith is our new Climate and Sustainability Officer. She will be working both internally and externally with the community to introduce climate and sustainability initiatives. Emily will also be helping to run Bushcare events so I'm sure you will meet her before too long.



Glenorchy City Council is working with Habitat Restoration Fund on a project to tackle environmental weeds in Wellington Park over the next 5 years. Spanish Heath will be a major focus of this project.



The Windermere Foreshore walking track will be upgraded this financial year, improving the gravel connection between Connemara Bay Reserve and Knights Point Reserve. The works include approximately 600 metres of gravel track upgrades, along with weed management on either side of the track.



Landcare/Bushcare signs will soon be installed for Northern Suburbs Landcare Group, and Conservation Volunteers Australia to mark their contribution to our local natural areas, and to advertise our Bushcare program to passers-by.



Contractors have been busy in many of our reserves tackling weeds, mulching plantings and planting out the steep areas deemed too risky for volunteers. Thanks to Wetlands & Wildlife Creations for their reliability.

