



Natural Areas Newsletter

Autumn 2026



2026 has started strong, with more than double the amount of volunteer events, sign-ons and hours contributed compared with this time last year. Our Bushcare program keeps growing and so do our achievements! Keep reading to check out everything we've managed to get done together in the first three months of 2026!

Volunteer Stats Jan - Feb - Mar

- Volunteer events - 40
- Volunteer hours - 682
- Separate sign-ons - 271
- Corporate volunteer days - 1
- Biochar workshops - 4
- Cocksfoot removed from Lutana Woodlands - 420kgs
- Educational talks - 2



We have a new volunteer registration system, designed to improve record keeping and make signing on for each event easier. Scan the below QR code to register in advance, or do it at the beginning of your next session. You will only need to do this once.

Natural Areas Volunteering
Registration



Our **Boxthorn Busting Biochar project** is full steam ahead at Prince of Wales Bay. Already this year, Bill Harvey and Glenochy City Council have held four community biochar and boxthorn control workshops with volunteers from Tas Water, Conservation Volunteers Australia and the community. Soon the old fence will be removed, and we have big plans for revegetation in this location over winter. Keep an eye out for upcoming planting events!



Claremont Coast Care has spent the summer looking after several planting sites around Windermere Bay, including weeding, litter removal, mulching, seed collection and propagation of hundreds of native coastal plants for this year's planting season. The plan is to expand the foreshore plantings in the area, increasing biodiversity, habitat and providing local birds with a buffer from the road and dogs.



The **Derwent Estuary Program** held their annual Clean Up Australia Day litter pick at Prince of Wales Bay. 25 volunteers collected over 60 kgs of litter from the foreshore, with only one casualty nearly stuck in the mud.

A big thank you to all who helped out including people from Brew Lab, Incat, Nyrstar, EPA Tasmania, Prince of Wales Bay Marina and local residents.



Moonah Nature Mates have been busy, hosting weekly watering sessions for their plantings at Jim Bacon Reserve and Gerrard Street Reserve throughout the dry months. They have also spent time weeding hawthorn in Jim Bacon Reserve, and Amy Street Reserve, and had a fire ecology walk & talk at Amy Street Reserve. Top notch cakes delivered to each event of course!

Volunteer Round Up Continued...



Friends of Wellington Park with extra volunteers from The Project Lab made the trek to grid search the summit of Mount Hull on the hunt for Spanish Heath, last treated in 2023. Only a handful of weeds were found, showing that the efforts by this group are making a real difference for the bushland in Wellington Park.



The Lutana Woodlanders have been weeding introduced cocksfoot from the native grasslands, watering last years plantings, removing litter, thinning canopy cover, collecting kangaroo grass seed and more. This year the group and especially Rod in his spare time have removed nearly 500kgs of cocksfoot by hand!



Conservation Volunteers Australia have been busy throughout the summer, doing planting maintenance across multiple planting sites, tackling boxthorn at Prince of Wales Bay, and celebrating World Wetlands Day with an educational walk and talk at our salt marsh extension project at Windermere Bay.



Brent St Reserve Landcare kept up with rubbish removal, planting maintenance, watering and removal of pesky garden escapee agapanthus from the reserve.



Now that the boneseed has been removed from Montrose Road Reserve, **Northern Suburbs Community Landcare** have been tackling large invasive cotoneaster trees. These have been piled for an upcoming biochar workshop. This group continues to pull dumped rubbish from the rivulet each and every month.



New Town Rivulet Platypus Group have met up regularly throughout the summer to keep their young planted area thriving and it is paying off with healthy and fast growing plants.

They also held a seed collection and propagation workshop with Ruth Mollison of the Understory Network.



Friends of Collinsvale watered and weeded the guards of their winter plantings, as well as hosted a nature journalling session in Collinsvale Recreation Reserve which is a great way to slow down and appreciate nature while learning new skills.



Volunteer Spotlight David Hamori

Why I volunteer

To help improve the habitat for the local wildlife that call these areas home by removing rubbish that pollute these areas.

How I got started with volunteering

My wife and I heard through social media that a monthly clean of our local reserve was starting up and we wanted to help.

My favourite volunteering memory

Enjoying Ash's coffee and fruit cake at the end of an exhausting but rewarding two hours of work.

Best volunteering achievement

The removal of 40 car tyres, car parts, and multiple bags of rubbish from Montrose Bay (near MyState Bank Arena) since retiring some 18 months ago.

Favourite quote/rule to live by

How hard can it be?

Natural Areas Update



Our team hosted a native plant giveaway at the Giblins Family Fun Day where we gave away 200 native shrubs and trees for city greening, along with 30 buckets of biochar.



Our Coordinator Bushfire Management, Dr Stephen Bresnehan led two walk and talks about plans to introduce ecological burning to Amy Street Reserve and Lutana Woodlands this year.



Council Officer Maggie recently spotted a platypus in Humphreys Rivulet. This is great news as we plan our Humphreys Rivulet Rehabilitation Project. *Pictured platypus is in the New Town Rivulet, thanks to Bob Gilmore for the photo.



Glenorchy City Council will be working with Landcare Tasmania and CSIRO to release a boxthorn biocontrol over the next two months, hoping to slow the growth of this invasive weed.



Habitat Restoration Fund have commenced weed control within Wellington Park, already completing 20 hectares of spanish heath control over three locations, as part of a larger 60 hectare project.



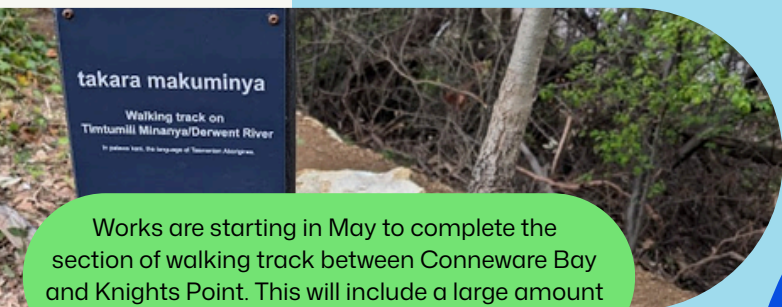
The saltmarsh extension project with the Derwent Estuary Program is going well at Windermere Bay with saltmarsh flora recolonising the scraped back area even faster than expected!



Contractors have been busy controlling weeds in many of our reserves, mulching our plantings and working hard to eradicate infestations of Pattersons Curse, and Spiny Rush.



Glenorchy City Council has taken on the administration of the Chigwell Community Garden to secure it's future. Gardening days will start again on Wednesdays and Playgroup is back on Thursdays. All welcome!



Works are starting in May to complete the section of walking track between Conneware Bay and Knights Point. This will include a large amount of weed control along the coast.

Thank you for reading.
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