Natural Areas Newsletter

Spring 2026

Hold on to your hats! Spring is here, and with it, another Glenorchy City Council Natural Areas Newsletter highlighting the great work of our Bushcare volunteers. July and August saw consecutive records set for the number of sign-ons and number of volunteer events in each month as we kept busy planting in our reserves. A massive achievement for nature and for people. Thank you for helping make Glenorchy a better place!

Volunteering Round Up

Volunteer Stats Jul - Aug - Sep

Volunteer events - 47
Volunteer hours - 1169
Separate sign-ons - 481
Schools engaged - 5
Number of students - 199
Biochar workshops - 2
Litter picks - 3
Native plants planted - 2864

Save the Date

Our volunteer appreciation Christmas party will take place on **Sunday 13th December** starting at 10:00am. We have activities and treats in store. More information will be shared soon!



Our **Boxthorn Busting Biochar Project** continues at Prince of Wales Bay. Contractors completed the last of the Boxthorn removal, providing material for us to host two more biochar workshops with Bill Harvey. We're now in year three of the project, and the vision is coming to life. The boxthorn is nearly eradicated, the old fence has been removed, and native revegetation is well underway, with help from **Conservation Volunteers Australia**, and 84 students from **Dominic College.**



Brent Street Reserve Landcare kept up with rubbish removal, as well as planting 115 native plants to help infill and extend patches of bush where weeds have been removed by the group in the past.

Slowly but surely, this dedicated group is transforming the reserve, increasing native biodiversity and providing more habitat for local fauna.



The **Chigwell Community Garden Group** continues to meet every Wednesday, with the main tasks being hand weeding, mowing, seedling propagation and planting, and of course picking vegetables!



Claremont Coast Care has extended the planting at Curlew Parade, Windermere Bay. The plantings connect with previous plantings at Curlew Parade, the Cadbury Plantings, and the Derwent Estuary Program's saltmarsh extension project plantings, providing lots of extra habitat for native fauna. The saltmarsh in the scraped back area is recolonising even faster than expected making the Derwent Estuary Program's project there a resounding success.

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Volunteering Round Up Continued...



Collinsvale Landcare Group held their annual event at Collinsvale Cemetery, weeding Spanish heath and thistles, socialising and learning about the local history. Collinsvale Landcare Group will be back in Collinsvale Recreation Reserve for their next event in November.



Conservation Volunteers Australia have been busy throughout the winter. They celebrated National Tree Day, NAIDOC Week and Threatened Species Day with native revegetation planting events at Prince of Wales Bay, and Mental Health Week with a mindful walk and working bee, looking after past plantings at Whitestone Point.



Our newest group, the **Hobart Trashbags** undertook three clean-ups in Glenorchy over the last three months. One in Granton and two at Montrose. 16 volunteers showed up to remove rubbish from our waterways and foreshore. The Hobart Trashbags pick up rubbish all over the Hobart region. Contact Vicki on vicki_omay@mail.com to find out about the next event.



Friends of Wellington Park hosted our annual Glenorchy and Hobart Bushcare event in the gully on Kalang Avenue. Volunteers from both areas joined forces to plant native understorey in the areas where we have spent three years removing weeds. Highlight of the day was a talk from Corinne Ooms, fellow Landcare Tasmania group convener and runner-up on the TV show 'Alone'. Friends of Wellington Park also visited Wellington Park, helping us with Spanish heath control.



25 locals from the **Goodwood Gardeners** came together to plant 105 native plants in the small reserve at Negara Crescent. The planting aims to increase vegetation cover in Goodwood and improve the views in the reserve, creating a welcoming space for people to enjoy. The impressive turnout meant we also had time to tackle weeds and rubbish in the adjacent car park, improving the whole area!



The **Lutana Woodlanders Weeders and Weekenders** have been busy keeping introduced cocksfoot at bay with hand pulling, while planting kangaroo grass and poas into the native grasslands in Lutana Woodlands. They have also tackled the next stage of thinning in the grassland, where we are aiming for 5% tree canopy cover to ensure the best overall grassland health.



Moonah Nature Mates thinned she-oaks from the grassy woodland at Amy Street. The selective removal of she-oaks prevents them from taking over and reduces competition allowing native grasses and herbs to thrive within the reserve. The pile of thinned branches is now drying out for a biochar workshop we will be holding in November.



The **New Town Rivulet Platypus Group** hosted a second native planting for the year. 14 volunteers came together to infill last year's planting behind Hobart High School. 150 natives were planted to help out-compete the grass, and provide habitat, shade and biodiversity to the rivulet. At the group's request, a redundant section of fence has been removed by Council, opening up the area for future planting.

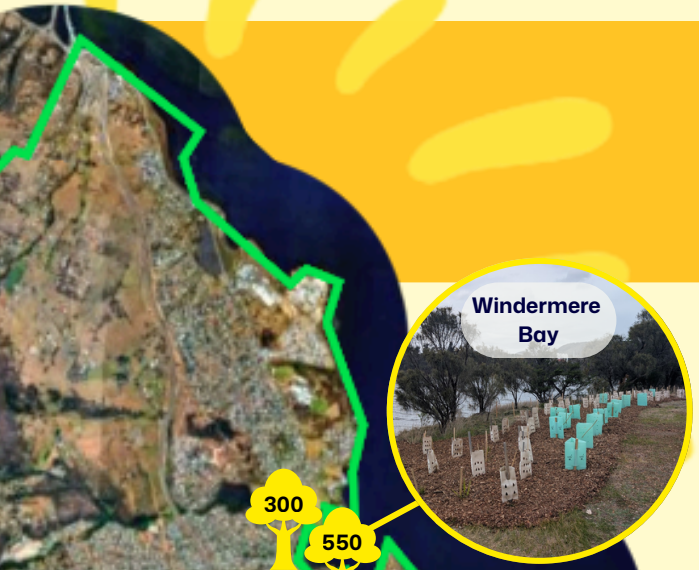


The **Northern Suburbs Landcare Group** continued to plant out the rivulet in Montrose Road Reserve, filling in the weeded area with native trees, shrubs and grasses. The group also removed flowering Paterson's curse, a declared weed infestation we are currently fighting in the reserve.

Bushcare Program
Total Winter Planting Season
May to Sept, 2026

What an achievement! Over the 2026 winter planting season, volunteers planted more than 3800 plants across 13 native revegetation projects in Glenorchy. Contractors planted an additional 1610 native plants. Amazing effort everyone!

There will be crucial watering and weeding maintenance sessions throughout the dry summer months to care for these new plantings. The more hands the better at these events, so keep an eye out on your local Landcare Tasmania group Facebook pages and/or email list if you would like to get involved in helping the plantings flourish!



Number of Trees Planted

Glenorchy boundary

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Volunteer Spotlight

Sara - Moonah Nature Mates



Why I volunteer
I love learning about our local bush reserves, deepening my connection to and sense of place here in Moonah, learning about native plants and building a sense of local community with other volunteers.

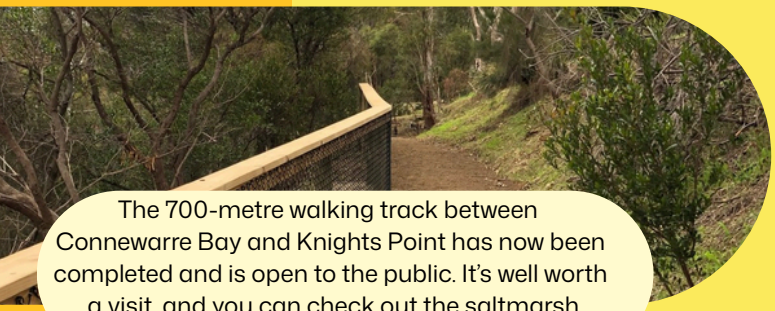
How I got started with volunteering
I've volunteered a lot in schools for years, but when my kids left home it was time to finally give back to the local bushlands. My dream is to be part of planting and then keeping alive 1000 trees. I've still got a way to go!

My favourite volunteering memory
I really enjoyed the tour of the Moonah bush reserves and hearing the history of this area, discovering the blue devil flowers in thriving abundance in our Jim Bacon Reserve planting area and seeing so many young kids/families planting approx 130 trees/plants in 2025.

Best volunteering achievement
Being part of the team of people who kept the new plants watered, weeded and nurtured over the last summer and across this year at the Jim Bacon Reserve (huge thank you to you Ash for facilitating this). I had no idea of the work involved to keep new plantings flourishing.

Favourite quote/rule to live by
I am loving listening to Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of Braiding Sweetgrass "The land is the real teacher. All we need as students is mindfulness. Paying attention is a form of reciprocity with the living world, receiving the gifts with open eyes and open heart."

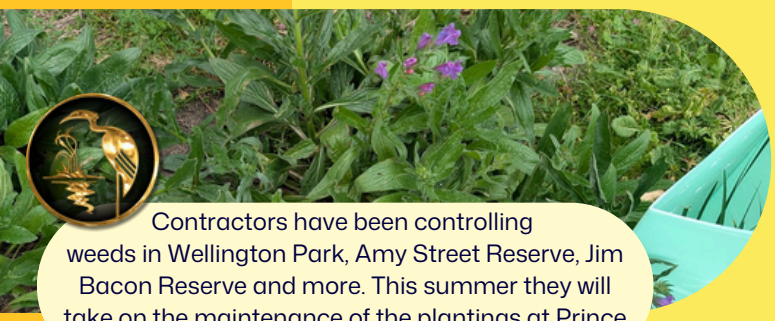
Natural Areas Update



The 700-metre walking track between Connewarre Bay and Knights Point has now been completed and is open to the public. It's well worth a visit, and you can check out the saltmarsh extension project site while you are there.



Erosion control and weed management contracts have been awarded for the Humphreys Rivulet Restoration Project, with works due to begin soon and planting due to commence next year. Watch this space!



Contractors have been controlling weeds in Wellington Park, Amy Street Reserve, Jim Bacon Reserve and more. This summer they will take on the maintenance of the plantings at Prince of Wales Bay



Landscaping works at the new Giblins overflow car park enhanced the area with 18 new advanced trees and more than 800 native shrubs and groundcovers planted at the river's edge.



Take part in this year's Great Southern Bioblitz! All you need to do is download the iNaturalist app and make observations from November 27-30. Visit greatsouthernbioblitz.org for more information.

Thank you for reading. 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: ashleigh.carden@gcc.tas.gov.au / (03) 6216 6353

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