

# Natural Areas Newsletter

Winter 2024

## Volunteering Round Up We've been busy planting!

We have had a great planting season this year with all the rain giving them a fantastic start. We kicked off in June with **Brent St Landcare** planting 31 native trees, grasses & lillies within the woodland to fill in the gaps where they have removed blackberry and boneseed. They followed up with another 33 plants in September. This small reserve is completely trasformed by the group's work and this summer they look foward to finally eradicating blackberry completely from the area.



**Northern Suburbs Landcare** followed suit, and over 3 months, planted 335 trees, shrubs, bushes, grasses, lillies and rushes in Islet Rivulet on the corner of Montrose Rd and Pitcairn St. This aims to increase biodiversiy and habitat in the area.



**Conservation Volunteers Australia** and **Claremont Coast Care** teamed up to host National Tree Day in July. 30 volunteers braved the wind to plant 300 coastal natives in Windermere Bay.



**Conservation Volunteers Australia** and **TAFE** also held a planting day, planting 110 native trees and grasses for bandicoot habitat at Whitestone Point.



**Lutana Woodlanders** added another 50 kangaroo grass (*Themeda triandra*) to bring their total planting numbers to 235 in the Woodlands this winter. With a focus on grassland herbs and grasses, the increased biodiversity in the reserve is an important component to their goal of getting the reserve habitat listed. They have also kept up with weeding cocksfoot in the reserve and thinning the aggressive stands of sheoaks (*Casuarina*) and silver wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) in the reserve.



Prince of Wales Bay recieved 3 cider gums (*Eucalyptus gunii*) and 4 Tasmanian blue gums (*Eucaplyptus globulus*) as part of the ongoing boxthorn busting project at Prince of Wales Bay. This project is being run in partnership with **UTAS Landcare**, **Landcare Tasmania** and **Conservation Volunteers Australia**. We so far we have burned 6 kilns of boxthorn sequestering more than 3 tonnes of carbon from the atmosphere. The bay is starting to look different with the lack of boxthorn. What an awesome effort from the community!

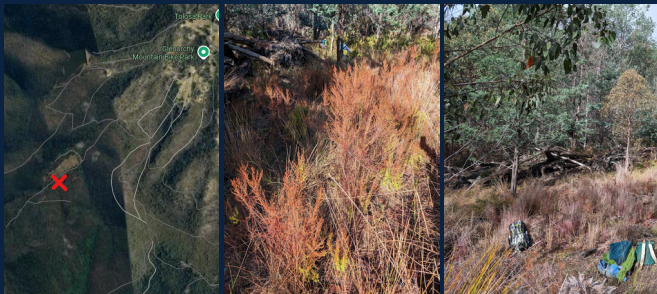


# Volunteering Round Up Continued...

**Glenorchy City Council** and **Hobart City Council** held their second annual joint bushcare event at Kalang Ave. There were plenty of woody weeds to keep us busy. Big tree enthusiast Yoav Daniel Bar-Ness spoke to us about big trees in Tasmania and around the world. Why they are important and offered us some new ways of thinking about them in a fantastic talk under a beautiful centuries old white gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis*). We hope to re-visit this gully next winter for our third go at the weeds.



**Friends of Wellington Park** have returned 2 times to the same site at Tolosa Fire Trail to target an infestation of spanish heath (*Erica lusitanica*), even donating an extra session to the Glenorchy side to get the job done.



**Claremont Coast Care** followed up their National Tree Day planting with a smaller planting of 30 native trees near the beginning of the new track at Conneware Bay. These trees will provide bank stabilisation and replace habitat lost when our contractors removed a large amount of boxthorn from the site.



**Moonah Nature Mates** spent another session at Jim Bacon Reserve, removing woody weed infestations and planting 10 trees to provide a protective border to a patch of kangaroo grass (*Themeda triandra*) grassland.



## Volunteer Spotlight - Tanya Scharaschkin



**Tanya Scharaschkin is a keen botanical artist and science educator. She is the leader of Friends of Collinsvale Landcare group, and volunteers her time at Collinsvale Primary School, leading environmentally focussed S.T.E.M projects.**

### Why I volunteer

I feel a sense of responsibility towards people, community and the environment. Volunteering allows me to contribute my time and skills to causes I feel strongly about. I volunteer because I enjoy it!

### How I got started with volunteering

I can't remember when I started volunteering. I have always "helped out" wherever I have seen I can make a contribution or when others have needed assistance.

### My favourite volunteering memory

Overhearing someone appreciating the spiced rissoles the first time I volunteered to make them.

### Best volunteering achievement

Being involved with activities that contributed to Collinsvale Primary School receiving the 2024 Junior Landcare Award.

### Favourite quote/rule to live by

Respect

# Natural Areas Update

Our wonderful contractors, **Wetlands & Wildlife Creations** and **Pakana** are continuing their good work in Glenorchy.

- Thinning silver wattle (*Acacia dealbata*) from taking over in Jim Bacon Reserve.
- Completing the planting of 1755 native plants in Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park to help with erosion control and revegetation.
- Continuing with sweet briar rose (*Rosa rubiginosa*) and blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus*) removal at Whitestone Point.
- Boneseed removal at Catherine St Reserve where an infestation was taking over.
- Spanish Heath removal in Wellington Park, adjacent to the area where Friends of Wellington Park have been working.
- Treatment of *Rosa rubiginosa*, blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus*) and spanish heath (*Erica lusitanica*) from the regenerating paddock at Collinsvale Recreational Reserve.

We are working with Alister from Clarence Council who has secured funding to control bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*) within the Southern regions of Tas.

We are partnering with the Derwent Estuary Program to reclaim historic saltmarsh in Windermere Bay by scraping back filled in land.

Teams at Council have been busy undertaking weed control in Islet Rivulet, Abbotsfield Rivulet, New Town Rivulet and Faulkers Rivulet. they are clearing woody weeds, rubbish and extensive amounts of blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus*).

City of Hobart has secured a large grant from Disaster Relief Fund to remove the crack willows from New Town Rivulet. These works have already started and we are pleased they are taking a catchment approach and including the Glenorchy City Council owned and managed areas of the rivulet as well.

This coming fortnight, urban services will be greening the city by planting 11 trees on disused roadsides at Barossa Rd and Terry St.



## Volunteer Stats so far July to September, 2024

Number of volunteer events - 22

Number of volunteer hours contributed - 450

Litres of biochar made from boxthorn - 2040

Morning teas enjoyed - 18

Events cancelled because of wind and rain - 4

Expert guest speakers - 3

Types of native species planted - 33

## Winter Planting Totals, 2024

- Brent St Reserve – 65
- Conneware Bay – 30
- Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park – 1755
- Goulds Lagoon – 120
- Jim Bacon – 10
- Lutana Woodlands – 235
- Montrose Rd Reserve – 355
- Poimena – 120
- Prince of Wales Bay – 7
- Whitestone Point – 130
- Windermere Bay – 300

**Total: 3127!**

Fantastic result, thank you to everyone!

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