

Natural Areas Newsletter

Winter 2024

Volunteering Round Up

Friends of Collinsvale have been persevering with spanish heath (*Erica lusitanica*) removal in the park, as well as maintaining the new unofficial trail they created last year. If you haven't checked out this trail yet, please do. It meanders through multiple different remenant bush patches and fields. Dogs are welcome on a lead, just follow the orange triangles! This trail can be found at Collinsvale Recreation Reserve. Please see the map below.



Janine and 25 keen volunteers from **Conservation Volunteers Australia** celebrated World Environment Day by planting 110 trees, bushes and grasses at Goulds Lagoon. This planting adds to a previous World Environment Day planting done by **Conservation Volunteers Australia** at the lagoon in 2022. We aim to continue the tradition next year too, providing extra habitat for birds as well as shelter from the road, pedestrians, litter, and run off. Thank you **Conservation Volunteers Australia!**



Hobart Wheelers Dirt Devils held their second track care event. Eight volunteers met up for three hours of trail maintenance in the lower mountain bike park. The new trails are settling in better now that we have had more rain in the area. We have plans to plant 1755 native plants in the mountain bike park this winter to combat erosion and compete with weeds.

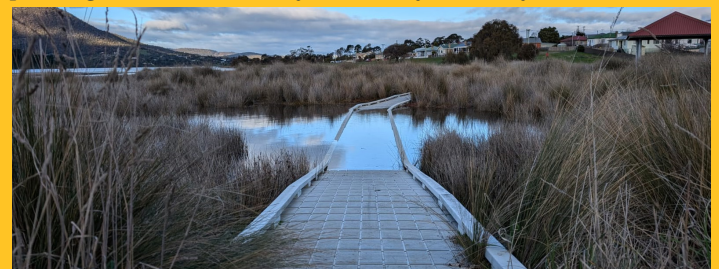
Friends of Wellington Park have spent the last three sessions tackling spanish heath (*Erica lusitanica*) and pine trees (*Pinus radiata*), near the Tolosa Fire Trail. It's always a pleasure to escape the city and head up into the park with the team to spend the day immersed in nature, cutting & pasting weeds.



Both **Brent St Reserve Landcare** and **Northern Suburbs Landcare** have been busy planting natives to fill in the gaps left by their extensive weed removal in two suburban reserves - Brent St Reserve and Montrose Rd Reserve. Between them they have planted 250 plants with a further 100 to go. The reserves are looking fantastic compared to how they were just one year ago.



Claremont Coast Care hosted an educational walk & talk with Ellie Green from the **Derwent Estuary Project** about plans to extend the saltmarsh area at Windermere Bay as part of a project with Council improving the boardwalk there. It was informative and exciting to see saltmarsh conservation planned for Glenorchy! **Claremont Coast Care** will be joining **Conservation Volunteers Australia** and **Claremont Rotary Club** for a National Tree Day planting at Windermere Bay on Sunday, 28th July.



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Volunteering Round Up Continued...

Lutana Woodlanders have been planting for biodiversity within the grasslands. They started with 48 kangaroo grasses (*Themeda triandra*) generously donated by **Nipaluna Nurseries**. Followed by 135 native flowers, lillies, and grasses including plenty of velvet tussock-grass (*Poa rodwayi*), a small poa, naturally occurring in Lowland *Themeda triandra* grasslands.



UTAS Landcare Society and Conservation Volunteers Australia have been chipping away at the boxthorn infestation at Prince of Wales Bay, once per month, with the help of local boxthorn buster Bill Harvey. Glenorchy City Council are pleased to have purchased a biochar kiln so we can finally start to burn the piles of boxthorn left on site. This along with the planting of seven eucalyptus trees and eventual removal of the fence, means Prince of Wales Bay is getting the TLC it deserves. We hope to extend the riparian plantings in this area in the future but there is a lot of boxthorn to deal with first.



Sea Shepherd and Glenorchy Reconciliation Group hosted a beach clean up in front of Berriedale community centre. **UTAS's** saltmarsh expert Vishnu Prahalad taught us about these fragile and important ecosystems and we found a hidden accumulation of 465 bottles & 373 cans that was extremely satisfying to remove.



We are thrilled to welcome our new Natural Areas Environment Officer, Aderildo Bueno Da Cunha (ABC), to our team! With a strong background in environmental management in his homeland of Brazil and a passion for nature, ABC brings a wealth of knowledge and fresh perspectives to Glenorchy City Council.

We look forward to the positive impact ABC will have and we are excited to work together to protect and preserve our natural values. Please say hello to ABC if you see him out and about!



The Pacific Black Duck Conservation Group and the Derwent Estuary Program have launched the 'Ducks of Tasmania' booklet. The booklet has illustrations of Tasmania's native and introduced ducks and aims to educate people on how to best protect our native ducks. This includes not feeding ducks, keeping dogs on leads, and getting to know our 11 beautiful native species of duck in Tasmania.

We have copies of this booklet available for free, just contact one of the Natural Areas staff to request one. There are contact details at the end of this newsletter.

Volunteer Spotlight - Stephen Mattingley



Steve is a valued member and co-convener for Friends of Wellington Park, a group who have been operating for over twenty years! The group focuses on track maintenance and weed removal with a special interest in controlling spanish heath (*Erica lusitanica*) spread within Wellington Park.

Why I volunteer

To give something back to the natural environment from which I derive so much pleasure, and to meet friendly, like-minded people.

How I got started with volunteering

My parents introduced me as a child to volunteering for various causes. I got seriously involved with volunteering as a result of bushwalking in my late teens and early twenties and feeling a desire to give something back and protect the areas I enjoyed.

My favourite volunteering memory

I have too many happy memories of volunteering to pick one favourite! I have enjoyed many trips to beautiful and out-of-the-way parts of Tasmania and New Zealand for volunteer work.

Favourite quote/rule to live by

Although I don't manage to live up to it, I am inspired by something my father used to quote:
"Life is mostly froth and bubble,
But two things stand like stone,
Kindness in another's trouble,
And courage in your own"

Volunteer Stats so far April to June, 2024

Number of volunteer events - 22
Number of volunteer hours contributed - 490
Boxthorn bushes removed - 100m
Morning teas enjoyed - 19
Landcare Tasmania 30th birthday cakes consumed - 2
Native plants planted - 411
Litter removed from the Derwent Estuary - 320kgs
New Natural Areas Environment Officers - 1



We have started to roll out Landcare signs where we have active groups. Look out for signs popping up near you!

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