



Gavin's golden achievement

More than 20 years ago Gavin Wright had no idea a friendly neighbourhood meeting would spark a passion for his local bushland that would one day earn him a Bushcare Golden Secateurs Award.

The meeting was the start of the Lambert Gully Bushcare Group, which works along the slopes of Sandy Bay's Lambert Creek waterway and in Bicentennial Park, keeping at bay weedy plants that escape local gardens.

In November, and more than two decades after that first meeting, Gavin's dedication to the group and local conservation was recognised with a Golden Secateurs Award at the annual Bushcare BBQ.

Presented by Deputy Lord Mayor Alderman Ron Christie, Gavin was applauded for his wonderful efforts as a Bushcare ambassador and the enthusiasm, passion and infectious commitment he has for the Lambert Gully Bushcare Group and its members.

The Deputy Lord Mayor also thanked Bushcare volunteers and supporters for their significant contributions.

Now 75, Gavin is not quite the spritely 55-year-old who first started volunteering with Bushcare, but he tries to get to every working bee, and while he may not be able to reach every nook and cranny, he's still a very handy weeder along the tracks and trails.

"When you're out in the bush weeding you just switch off from daily life and switch on to mother nature," he says.

"You get the feeling you are doing something really positive for Hobart's bushlands, and you learn a bit about the native plants around you."

He's keen to see more people join Bushcare, and believes one of the best ways of doing that is by encouraging more schools to get involved. In 2013 he and other Lambert Gully Bushcare members worked side-by-side with boys from the Hutchins



Gavin Wright City of Hobart Bushcare Golden Secateurs Award Winner

School during the national Schools Tree Day, and he has been a mentor on the volunteer program Co-Pilots, designed to encourage young people to develop skills and confidence.

About 80 people attended the annual Bushcare BBQ at the Derwent Sailing Squadron, put on by the City of Hobart to thank all of its wonderful Bushcare volunteers for their great work.

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Bushcare reward and recognition event will be held on Sunday 4 November 2018 from 12 to 3 pm. The venue will be confirmed closer to the date.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2018

MEET US ON KUNANYI/MT WELLINGTON!

SUNDAY 4 MARCH 2018
10 AM – 1 PM
SUMMIT CAR PARK

Be part of Clean Up Australia Day on kunanyi/Mt Wellington, including fun activities for the kids from 10.30 am.

Please register your interest on the Clean Up Australia Day website.

More info email bushcare@hobartcity.com.au or visit hobartcity.com.au/cleanup



BUSHCARE profile



Caroline Corrigan in McAulay Reserve

Caroline Corrigan Co-Convenor Friends of McAulay Reserve

How did you first get involved in Bushcare?

Mark and I were involved in Bushcare when we lived in New South Wales and saw the excellent work volunteers did in stabilising foreshore areas and removing weeds from some beautiful bush areas.

When we moved back to Tasmania near McAulay Reserve we wanted to be involved in improving and beautifying this lovely little reserve. Public spaces are important in the community and are worth looking after.

What are the best aspects of being involved in Bushcare?

I enjoy meeting like-minded people and spending a couple of hours a month making a difference in the community. I like the teamwork aspect where it's not just me working in my garden alone, it's a small group of us working together to make a larger impact. The work is easy and not too strenuous.

Michelle from Bushcare is lovely and it's fun to get together with her once a month. It's awesome that Council supports our work with equipment and a cup of tea as well! I'm learning a lot about weeds and Tasmanian native plants and sharing that with others. I love that I can bring Tully the Bushcare Dog into McAulay Reserve to help us!

What else do you enjoy doing outside of Bushcare?

We have a large garden and so we're revegetating most of the yard with Tasmanian natives. It's a big job but it's going to be gorgeous in 10 years! I'm a sewing, kayaking, primary school teaching, mad-dog-lady bushcarer! :^)

Mark Corrigan Co-Convenor Friends of McAulay Reserve

How did you first get involved in Bushcare?

I've been involved with community advocacy in land use issues for many years and have always been impressed with the work of local Bushcare groups. The urban interface with natural reserves is under continual pressure of encroachment and needs these groups to protect reserved land from degradation. After we moved to our home next to the wonderful McAulay Reserve and saw a group beavering away one Sunday, I just bowled up during tea break to find out how to be involved in caring for our shared space.

What are the best aspects of being involved in Bushcare?

Volunteering with Bushcare gives me an opportunity to respond to a communal need and look beyond our own fenceline. I enjoy gardening, so poking around in the bush with a bunch of neighbours is a great way to spend the occasional weekend. A bonus is that I end up learning a lot about native plants and weeds.

What else do you enjoy doing outside of Bushcare?

I'm a chemical engineer who likes eating, so kitchen chemistry with fermented foods is fun. I'm a voracious reader of news and current affairs. Plus I like to sail when I have the opportunity.



Mark Corrigan at the Bushcare BBQ

Tasmanian Landcare Gathering

Saturday 2 December was a major event on the Bushcare calendar - the 2017 Tasmanian Landcare Gathering. People of all ages and from 61 'Care' groups across the state, including several from Hobart, converged at Launceston to celebrate the Landcare movement.

All up 145 people took part, visiting Landcare sites and projects around the Tamar before digging in to lunch and taking part in the Tasmanian Landcare Awards ceremony, officially opened by Deputy Premier Jeremy Rockliff.

There were eight award winners, who will go on as finalists in the 2018 National Landcare Awards.

Vicki Campbell from Fern Tree Bushcare said the field trips were a great way to see how other groups go about their work.



"I went on a field trip to urban 'Care' sites close to Launceston, where we saw how Friends of Trevallyn Reserve are addressing many of the same issues we have here at Fern Tree," she said. "Things like weeds, mountain bikes and fire."

The City of Hobart's Bushcare program was among a number of sponsors who helped people attend the event who might otherwise have missed out.

"The generous support of attendance sponsorship this year was a big factor in ensuring the 2017 Tasmanian Landcare Gathering was well attended, enjoyable and informative," said Landcare Tasmania CEO, Rod Knight.

"We hope all who attended will be inspired, and inspire others, and that the wider community will continue to recognise and support the fantastic work Tasmania's 200 Landcare groups and their 3300 members and volunteers do in addressing our environmental and sustainability challenges."



Bushcarers gather at Landcare Awards

Hannah Clark and Jo Betlem

In December, Jo and I from the Jubilee Creek Bushcare group travelled to Launceston for the Landcare awards and field trips.

We visited the Trevallyn recreation area and a tree planting project by Youngtown Primary School because it was the best fit for our group - we work on the flanks of kunanyi/Mt Wellington and have primary school aged children.

Trevallyn recreation area is a large reserve with mixed vegetation and mostly dry open woodlands. A Bushcare group has been active in the area for many years, meeting monthly.

Of interest was how the council manages fire reduction burns given the area is so close to housing. The reserve has also seen an increased number of mountain bike tracks and it was interesting to hear the group's reflections on how threatened species protection and track development had worked together.

Mostly the news was good with great communication between the mountain bike clubs, track builders, local council and Bushcare group (luckily for Trevallyn the group is run by an ecologist!), but a few lessons to learn as well. I will certainly be taking my bike to Lonnie next time I visit to explore the park further!

Get your copy of the City's new volunteer manual

The City of Hobart has updated its volunteer management system manual, bringing it in line with Volunteering Australia's National Standards for Volunteer Involvement.

The manual is a great resource for volunteer program coordinators and staff working with volunteers.

You can get a copy of the updated manual from Council centres or download it from our website.

National police checks

As part of the update and its commitment to a safe workplace, the City of Hobart now requires national police checks from all new employees and volunteers aged over 16.

Police checks are needed for the City to fulfil:

- due diligence and ethics
- corporate responsibility
- accountability to the Hobart community, including ratepayers who fund a large part of the City's activities.

The Bushcare Coordinator will administer this process for new volunteers. The City will cover application costs for new volunteers.

Working with vulnerable people

The changes also mean that all new volunteers aged over 16 need a current Working with Vulnerable People certification if they want to take part in Bushcare activities that involve children – those aged 16 or under.

The City will cover the application fee for any volunteers who need to apply for a card.

If you have been a Bushcare volunteer since before March 1, 2018, you will not need a police check or working with vulnerable people card, neither will new volunteers who take part in one-off activities or just three sessions over a six month period.

These changes will take effect from 1 March 2018. If you have any questions please contact our Bushcare Coordinator on 6238 2884.

Bushcare welcomes new team member

Bushcare has welcomed a new member to its fold. John Sampson has started working with us two days a week as our Visitor Services Officer.

John worked for years as a journalist and newspaper editor in Melbourne before moving into the field of environmental communications. He now brings his skills as a storyteller and communicator to the City of Hobart, and is excited at the prospect of working on projects in Hobart's bushlands.

His first taste of Tasmania was on a bushwalking trip, and he visited the island many times more to explore its wilderness areas before moving here full time almost ten years ago.

He loves working with volunteers and telling their stories, and sees some great opportunities

to raise awareness among Hobartians about the tremendous natural world that awaits just over their backyard fence.

"The first year I moved to Hobart from Melbourne I was so excited to live in a city so close to an alpine environment that I caught a bus from town up to Fern Tree with my partner. We took the tent, sleeping bag and cooker," he says.

"We walked to the summit, across the top past Pulpit Rock, and found an overnight camp spot somewhere near Collins Bonnet. We were treated to a glorious sunset and had the place to ourselves.

"The next morning a couple of joggers got the shock of their lives to see two hikers sitting in front of a tent having a cup of tea and some breakfast, but we couldn't believe our luck in finding a new home with a beautiful, big alpine mountain as its backdrop."

Bushcare's weed warrior nabs national Froggatt Award

When she's not searching for weeds on kunanyi/ Mt Wellington or leading a troop of volunteers on a Bushcare expedition, Nicole Gill usually has her head buried deep inside a book about nature. And if she's not reading about nature she's usually writing about it.

So it should come as no surprise that her efforts have been recognised with a national Froggatt Award, a prize named in honour of Australian entomologist Walter Froggatt, a lone voice in the 1930s warning of the dangers of releasing the cane toad into Australia to control beetle infestations in sugar cane.

Nicole, who is also one of our Bushcare Operations Supervisors, received the award for her book *Animal Eco-Warriors*, a children's book championing super dogs, hero rats and cyborg bees, just to name a few.

Froggatt Awards are given out every year by the Invasive Species Council to people who have made a major contribution to protecting Australia's native plants and animals from dangerous new invasive species.

Nicole joins some fine company, including Dr Wendy Craik, the former head of the National Farmers' Federation, as well as Tasmania's Sea Spurge Remote Area Teams (SPRATS), who received a Froggatt for eradicating sea spurge from the state's rugged southwest coastline.

Head of the Invasive Species Council, Andrew Cox, called Nicole's book extraordinary.

"Animal Eco-Warriors is filled with inspiring stories like the one about biosecurity beagles at Hobart airport, sniffing out diseases and other environmental threats before they make it past the security gate, terriers ensuring Tasman Island remains free of feral cats, and sniffer dogs hunting down orange hawkweed in Kosciuszko National Park," he said.

"It's hard to believe, but Nicole has turned the frightening world of dangerous invasive species into a mesmerising children's book filled with inspiring stories about animals operating on the frontline of biosecurity in Australia."



Bushcare Operations Supervisor Nicole Gill has won a national environmental award for her childrens book Animal Eco-Warriors

Nicole said she wrote *Animal Eco-Warriors* because she wanted to share stories of animals and people working together to protect our planet, and a lot of the chapters in the book focus on invasive species.

"A lot of people know that our native species are directly threatened by habitat loss, but not so many understand the role invasive species play in pushing native plants, animals and environments towards extinction," she said.

"When a forest is clear-felled, there's an obvious, immediate loss, but when invasive species threaten an ecosystem, they do so incrementally, in a way that's not so immediately obvious.

"I think it's so important that people, particularly children, come to understand these threats, so that we can better protect our native ecosystems, plants and animals."

Animal Eco-Warriors is published by the CSIRO. And we're pretty sure Nicole would be very happy to personally sign your copy!



Pseudoscleropodium purum

Overlooked invaders – invasive mosses

Michelle Storer
Bushcare Operations Supervisor

We spend a lot of time tackling invasive plants at Bushcare, but until recently I have been completely oblivious to one quite prominent invader, even though it was right under my feet!

While admiring the mossy landscape at a Fern Tree Bushcare working bee, bryologist (moss and liverwort expert) and Bushcare volunteer Lynette Cave pointed out that the main object of my admiration was, in fact, a weed!

Pseudoscleropodium purum is a large and obvious moss likely introduced to Tasmania in the 1950s. Indigenous to Europe, it has made its way across the world.

One of many invasive mosses in Tasmania, its impacts on our native habitats are yet to be explored. In other parts of the world invasive mosses reduce groundcover diversity and prevent regeneration of native forest species.

Pseudoscleropodium purum reproduces by fragmentation – making it easy to spread.

“Ten years ago I only had a small amount in my backyard,” says Lynette. “Now it’s everywhere. Animals, lawn mowers and people would all have helped, spreading fragments around the place. Look out for it on Mt Wellington, on the edges of tracks. There’s plenty of it.”

At the end of Bushcare working bees I always ask volunteers to check their clothing and equipment for weed seeds and soil – from now on I’ll be adding moss fragments to that list!

The small size and difficulty in identifying invasive mosses mean they receive little attention. There are many other invasive species for which this is also true, including fungi and insects.

At Bushcare we strive to improve our biosecurity practices. If you have suggestions for how we can do this, please get in touch at bushcare@hobartcity.com.au.

Bicentennial Park treated to Hutchins school makeover



Hutchins students at work

One of the most challenging sites for Lambert Gully Bushcare received a major makeover last year after intrepid year 8 students from The Hutchins School paid a visit.

As part of the school's 'student enrichment' program, 47 students and five teachers spent more than 140 hours hand-weeding and planting a drain line in Bicentennial Park, saving the Bushcare group years of hard work!

The drain line running down from bend 6 on Nelson Road is one of the last problem sites in Lambert Gully Bushcare's patch of Bicentennial Park. Infested with red hot poker, shasta daisy and agapanthus, it creates a seed bank that spreads weeds downstream along waterways.

Lambert Gully Bushcare holds several working bees every year at the steep and rocky site, painstakingly removing flower heads and slowly chipping out the masses of weedy bulbs. Over two days, the students made huge inroads into the infestation, removing two trailer loads of weed bulbs and roots.

Bushcare Supervisor Bec Johnson talked about

different approaches to weed control, bush regeneration, and the importance of maintaining soil health and species diversity. The students patched up disturbed areas by planting native grasses and fast-growing native herbs.

After this huge effort Lambert Gully Bushcare can now focus on far more pleasant tasks such as maintaining plantings and treating weed re-growth.

A big thanks to all of the students and teachers who took part in this event.



Daphne laurel project update

Daphne laurel no match for Fern Tree locals

Michelle Storer

Bushcare Operations Supervisor

It's not often complete eradication of a weed can be achieved, but Fern Tree Bushcare is well on the way to doing just that.

With help from a Naturally Inspired Grant from NRM South, volunteers and contractors have mapped and removed almost 100 per cent of the only known population of Daphne laurel in Australia.

Introduced as rootstock for other ornamental Daphne species, the weed had formed dense stands in a few Fern Tree backyards, and was steadily working its way into Wellington Park.

In other countries with cool temperate climates similar to Tasmania, Daphne laurel (also known as spurge laurel) has become a major problem. It rapidly colonises forest understoreys, out-competing native vegetation and forming dense monocultures. Every part of the plant is toxic, and consumption of the berries has been linked to the death of a child in Canada. Not a weed we want in Tasmania!

In an epic effort, 30 volunteers spent more than 250 hours mapping and weeding Daphne laurel in Fern Tree. Of the 54 landowners contacted only three chose not to take part. This unusually high participation rate is no doubt due to the grassroots nature of the project - the majority of the work was carried out by local Fern Tree volunteers.

Maps produced by volunteers of the Daphne laurel infestation will be invaluable in guiding future work on this weed, which will initially focus on removing new seedlings from areas where the infestation was densest. We will also expand the search area to ensure no plants have been missed.

Careful monitoring and follow-up control over the next few years could very well mean the end of Daphne laurel in Australia!



Fern Tree Bushcare volunteers mapping Daphne laurel



Daphne laurel plant



Winching boulders into place

Organ Pipes track works

City of Hobart track builders have been busy restoring the Organ Pipes track to its former glory as part of the Great Short Walk Rejuvenation Project.

Re-positioning massive boulders and taking advantage of suitable weather to carry out helicopter operations have been part and parcel of the daily work, which began in January.

The before and after photos below show repair of a boulder field section. Massive boulders have been re-positioned to provide an improved walking track surface.

Once the Organ Pipes track is complete, rejuvenation work will commence on the Pinnacle Track between the Organ Pipes track and the Springs. During these works the Pinnacle Track will be closed.

When not closed for helicopter operations, walking access to the pinnacle will be available along Lenah Valley track and up the Sawmill Track, or from The Chalet, then along the Organ Pipes and Zig Zag tracks.

For track work updates please visit the City of Hobart website.



Organ Pipes Track — boulder field section — before and after.



Dr Clare Hawkins, left, is keen to get more people involved in species monitoring

On the wings of eagles

At the annual Bushcare BBQ, special guest speaker, Dr Clare Hawkins shared her love of animals and dedication to her work as a zoologist to help our threatened species.

Clare regularly meets people who feel deeply the loss of habitats and species around them, and has started to experience her own concerns that species she's come to understand might disappear.

"You start wondering if you should switch from science to advocacy," she said.

The zoologist now firmly believes that a widespread understanding of what drives species towards extinction, and how we can stop that from happening, will make saving plants and animals far more achievable.

"I see the effect in myself with Bushcare," she said.

"Being involved inspires pride in your local area, and you can see the difference you make - it's so satisfying to find that it's possible. And then you also start noticing the weeds elsewhere and wondering how you can help there too."

In her role with the Bookend Trust Clare has co-organised three 'Extinction Matters' BioBlitzes, including one on the Domain with the City of Hobart in 2016. She is now part of a new Bookend Trust initiative called 'NatureTrackers', a program of threatened species monitoring projects.

The first project, called 'Where? Where? Wedgie!',

asks for everyone's help to update information on the Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagle.

A common impression is that there are plenty of Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagles around. When they're flying, the eagles are easy to spot from a long way off, making it easy to assume each view of an eagle is a different individual.

Best estimates of the eagle's numbers are currently based on limited information, but suggest there may be fewer than a thousand.

Have our efforts helped their numbers improve, or are there other things we could be doing? The Bookend Trust is coordinating volunteers in a statewide survey to answer this question on 25–27 May 2018, and invites everyone to sign up after the project's launch on 26 February.

If you think you know of an eagle's nest, it's best to stay well clear of it before March, to avoid frightening a very late fledgling into jumping out of the nest early. Learn more about how to recognise an eagle's nest at www.threatenedspecieslink.tas.gov.au.

Clare acknowledges she's 'wildly optimistic' about this project, but looks forward to taking us all back to that childhood time of enjoying nature.

"I know Bushcarers are at least halfway there already, so I hope very much that you'll join in on the journey!"

To learn more visit the new Nature Trackers website at www.naturetrackers.com.au.

New mountain bike project funding injection

The City of Hobart will cement its position as one of southern Tasmania's premier mountain bike destinations after it received funding approval for major track projects in the foothills of kunanyi/Mt Wellington.

The Tasmanian Government recently announced a raft of cycle track funding across the state, including for the City of Hobart's Wellington Park Foothills Project, which will improve track connections between the renowned North-South Track and trails on the lower foothills of the mountain.

The City successfully applied for a \$387,500 Cycle Tourism Grant, and will match that figure dollar for dollar, creating a project package worth \$775,000.

The improved loop on the eastern slopes of

kunanyi/Mt Wellington will take riders through ferns, wet forest, open woodlands and rocky terrain. It will give riders a true taste of the mountain's incredible natural beauty, including the upper reaches of the Hobart Rivulet and Strickland Falls.

The project will be carried out in two stages:

Stage 1:

The Missing Link – New track connections in the Strickland Falls/Bracken Lane area.

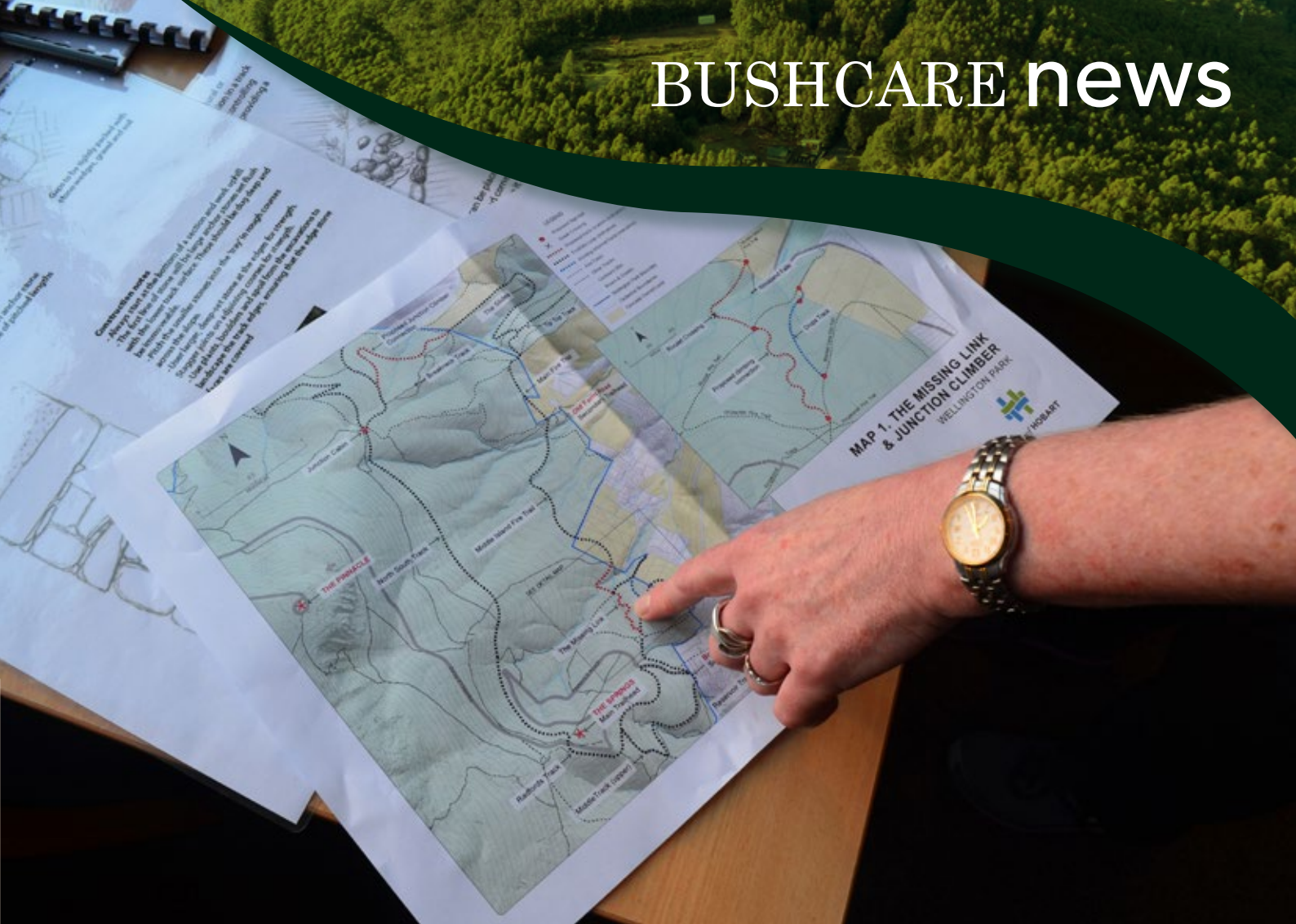
Stage 2:

Junction Climber – A new section between Main Fire Trail and Junction Cabin to provide more accessible and enjoyable riding.

Other local projects to receive funding include the Meehan Range Entry Hub and Maydena Bike Park.



Meet our Bushcare convenors



Trackcare – connecting mountain bikers and mountain trails

You may have noticed, there's a mountain bike riding frenzy sweeping Tasmania - riders now have an incredible range of experiences to choose from, including the new Maydena Bike Park and Blue Derby.

But let's not forget, Hobart was one of the first to cater for mountain bikers, launching the North-South Track on kunanyi/Mt Wellington more than a decade ago.

It's obvious that plenty of people are riding the mountain's tracks and trails, but how many are actively involved in looking after them?

Recently Bushcare and our Trackcare team hosted an information session for mountain bikers and bushwalkers interested in helping the City of Hobart maintain, improve and expand our network of tracks and trails.

It was a great turn-out, with plenty of enthusiastic and passionate mountain bikers keen to volunteer their time.

By joining Trackcare, volunteers will be taught practical trackwork techniques, meet fellow track users, and help shape Hobart's bushland trail network.

They don't need any experience – expert training, tools and equipment are all provided. And they will be supported by the City of Hobart's Track Projects team.

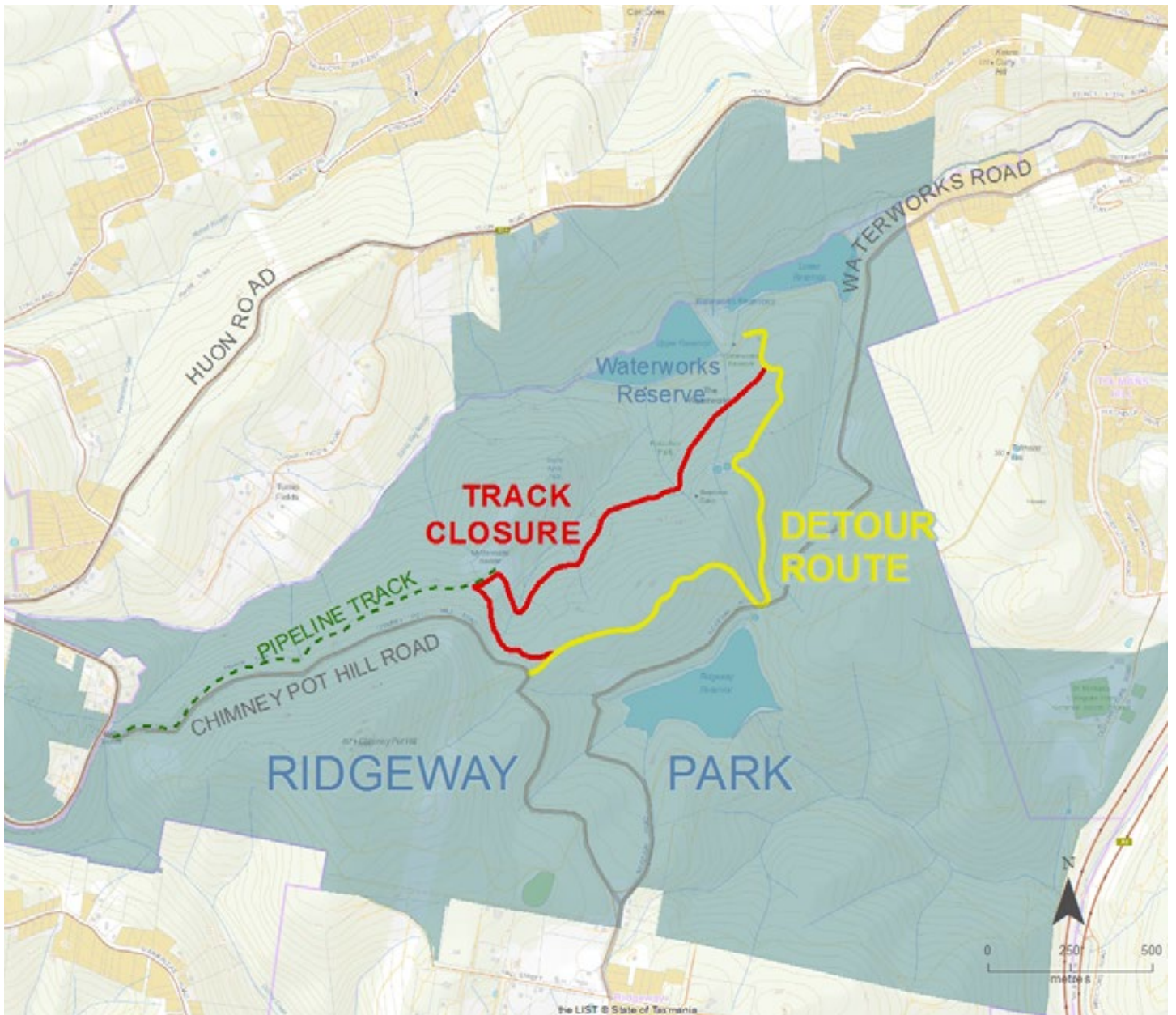
The goals of the volunteer Trackcare program are:

- Help maintain, improve and build tracks and trails in Hobart's bushlands and reserves.
- Build the skills and abilities of volunteers.
- Social support and networking among trail users.
- Family-friendly activities.

The first Trackcare information session generated plenty of ideas, including integrating the Upper Luge trail into the official track network, fine-tuning the new Slides track, and the idea of using existing firebreaks as trail corridors.

We're keen to get more mountain bike riders and bushwalkers involved in Trackcare, and have committed to holding regular working bees on the third Sunday of every month, 10 am - 3 pm.

To get involved visit Trackcare on the City of Hobart website and sign-up for our Trackcare email updates - www.hobartcity.com.au/trackcare



McDermotts Fire Trail gets a facelift

As part of its commitment to minimising the risk of wildfire to the community, visitors and the natural environment the City of Hobart will be carrying out major road works on McDermotts Fire Trail during February and March.

The work is critical to effective firefighting and fuel reduction activities, but for safety reasons means the trail will be closed to the public.

McDermotts Fire trail runs behind the Waterworks Reserve up to the Pipeline Track and then on to Chimney Pot Road. It is popular with walkers,

joggers and mountain bike riders, so a suggested detour route has been mapped out, with signs put up at key access points, on the city's website and in bike shops.

The work will re-form the surface of the fire trail, ensuring effective drainage and providing a stable, long-term surface for vehicles, walking, running and mountain biking.

The road works will also form a key boundary to planned hazard reduction burns and improve access for firefighting crews in case of a wildfire.

The City of Hobart manages more than 4900 hectares of bushland reserves and undertakes a number of programs to reduce the risk of bushfire to neighbours, infrastructure and ecosystems.

Summer gives way to autumn's Bush Adventures

As the summer nights fade and mycelium networks begin to fruit, our beautiful world is once again announcing the cyclical change of seasons.

It's been a great summer for the Bush Adventures program, with more than 40 activities and hundreds of participants connecting with and enjoying our special bushland reserves.

This season we reached out to people visiting our City for a short stay. As tourism grows we are working towards helping visitors gain a deeper and more meaningful connection with our beautiful home.

Our new 'Bush Stories' activities have seen bush kids out and about exploring and engaging in our diverse bushlands. As well as the kids it's been fantastic to see mums, dads, uncles, aunties and

plenty of grandparents sharing in these experiences.

This autumn the Bush Adventures team once again invites you to step outside and wander with wonder.

The Hobart Rivulet – Linear Park will come alive in early April as part of Nature Play Week (11–22 April). There's activities for all ages, discussions on the how, where and why of connecting kids with nature, and a plethora of life and fun to discover along the rivulet.

The Bush Adventures Autumn Program is full of more fun and engaging activities for everyone, with a focus on connecting kids with nature as well as helping adults to better understand the biodiversity of our city and surrounds.

We look forward to seeing you out and about in our bushland reserves.

For more details please visit www.hobartcity.com.au/bushadventures



BEYOND bushcare

Bushcare Walking Book Club scales new heights!

On Sunday 4 February, the Bushcare Walking Book Club rose to the challenge of 2018, holding our first event of the year at the Springs. Our first book was 'The Shy Mountain', a biography of kunanyi/Mount Wellington written by our very own local author, bird expert and Bushcarer Don Knowler. Don was generous enough to lead the group along the Lenah Valley Track to Sphinx Rock, chatting about the book, local birds and elements of the natural environment that make kunanyi/Mount Wellington so distinctive and beloved.

The Bushcare Walking Book Club is held on the first Sunday of each month from 2–4 pm (with the exception of April, where it would have fallen on Easter Sunday). We read books with environmental themes, while ambling through the City of Hobart's lovely bushland reserves.

Upcoming books for the rest of the year include:

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| 4.3.2018 | "Prodigal Summer"
by Barbara Kingsolver |
| 25.3.2018* | "Dark Emu"
by Bruce Pascoe
(*note change of date) |
| 6.5.2018 | "Physick"
by Pete Hay |
| 3.6.2018 | "Weeds"
by Richard Mabey |
| 1.7.2018 | "Climate Changed"
by Philippe Squarizoni |
| 5.8.2018 | "The Genius of Birds"
by Jennifer Ackerman |
| 2.9.2018 | "The Terranauts"
by T.C. Boyle |
| 7.10.2018 | "Feral" by George Monbiot |
| 4.11.2018 | No book club this month –
it's the Bushcare Annual Celebration! |
| 2.12.2018 | "Death of a River Guide"
by Richard Flanagan |

The Bushcare Walking Book Club is open to everyone – please get in touch with coordinator Nicole Gill if you'd like to come along. Or look for us on our Facebook page, where details of upcoming events are advertised.

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