



## Friends School Landcare help Clean Up Cornelian Bay

Friends School Landcare joined Bushcare at Cornelian Bay for a mid-week Clean Up Day in Autumn. The group removed 51kg of rubbish and 4.5kg of recycling from the foreshore and Selfs Point bushland in 2 hours. The students from year 7 and 10 wanted to support Cornelian Bay Bushcare and are excited to make their clean ups regular events.



### Discoveries at the Cornelian Bay Clean Up

Students made this strange discovery at their clean up event at Cornelian Bay, guesses at the identification of this 'noodley' mass included worms or algae, but it was later confirmed to be an egg string produced by a type of marine snail known as a sea hare (genus: *Aplysia*).



Photo: Sea hare egg string found by Friend's students at Cornelian Bay

### Newly declared weeds

Tasmania has 32 newly declared weeds! In Tasmania, the Weed Management Act 1999 is the legislation under which the most damaging weeds are controlled. Weeds declared under this Act are actively managed by the State Government through weed management plans, and landholders can be legally required to take action on problematic infestations of declared weeds on their property. Published in the Tasmanian Government Gazette yesterday, the Weed Management (Declared Weeds) Order 2017 adds holly, asparagus fern, several *Erica* species, and many others to the list of declared weeds. The full list of newly declared weeds can be viewed here: <http://dpiwve.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds/recently-declared-weeds>



Photo: Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*). Photo by Adam Muyt



# The Bushcare Golden Secateurs Award – Nominations Open

Do you know a Bushcare legend? Each year Bushcare seeks nominations for enthusiastic volunteers to recognise their outstanding volunteer efforts.

The 'Bushcare Legend Golden Secateurs Award' is awarded to an individual Bushcare volunteer who:

- has made a positive and lasting impact on Hobart's bushland
- Inspires others to contribute to caring for Hobart's bushland

If you would like to nominate a volunteer for this award please email a nomination to [bushcare@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:bushcare@hobartcity.com.au) detailing why you think the volunteer is a bushcare legend. All nominations must be received by Monday 6 November 2017 at 9am.



Photo: The 2016 Bushcare Golden Secateurs Award



## Waterworks Valley Landcare – bringing the bush back to the burbs

Waterworks Valley Landcare have had a huge session removing weeds adjacent Waterworks Road, Dynnryne. As a part of a community streetscape rejuvenation project, the group have focused on tackling big clumps of *Echium anglocandicans* (Pride of Madeira), as well as the occasional blackberry and boneseed bush. Volunteers definitely earned their tea and pikelets at the end of their working bee after sending four truckloads of weeds to the tip! This project has rejuvenated not only a roadside verge, but also a community group, bringing in new faces and creating community connections.







Photo: Mapping daphne laurel

## Fern Tree Bushcare's Daphne Laurel Eradication project update

The daphne laurel eradication project is in full swing thanks to the efforts of Fern Tree Bushcare volunteers, private property owners and Council staff. Volunteers have eagerly been mapping the distribution of daphne laurel in Fern Tree. The group are aiming to work with over 60 properties owners in an effort to eradicate this environmental weed.

Why map you may ask? Mapping allows groups and Council to target volunteer and contractor efforts, as well as gain an understanding of the spread of this novel weed.



Photo: A patch of daphne laurel located on private property



Photo: Volunteers and Bushcare Operations Supervisor, Michelle Storer, enjoy a well-deserved morning tea break.



Photo: The weed infested rocky shoreline prior to weed removals, October 2012

## National Tree Day – Rehabilitating the Derwent Foreshore

The City of Hobart has been working with the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens since 2013 to restore Hobart's rare coastal woodland and protect Aboriginal heritage along the Derwent Foreshore through efforts from Council staff, contractors and community volunteers.

This year for National Tree Day, the community was invited to participate in one of the last plantings for the project at a once weed infested rocky shoreline. 80 volunteers participated, planting 220 trees and shrubs. A big thank you to Mount Stuart Scouts, Lenah Valley Scouts and Ahmadiyya Muslim Community for bringing volunteers on the day.



Photo: National Tree Day planting July 2017



## It's a family affair - Ridgeway Bushcare is back!

Ridgeway Bushcare are back! After a short hiatus, the group held their first working bee of the year in June. With a new convener and several new residents in the area, the group welcomed no less than nine new volunteers to the group. After an introduction to the bushcare tools and cut and paint weeding method, the group set out to hunt for gorse seedlings. The junior bushcarers quickly got their 'eye in' and made very useful spotters! The hot chocolates and biscuits enjoyed for afternoon tea were well-earned. This group is very family-friendly, with activities provided for the kids when they tire of weeding.



Photo: Ridgeway Bushcarers learning about fungi

## Trackcare working bee on the North South Track

In July, ten Trackcare volunteers helped maintain the popular North South track on kunanyi / Mt Wellington. The aim of their working bee was to help improve the surface and drainage of the track north of Junction cabin to provide a better experience for track users. The work included some rock hardening and paving, as well as reinstating dips by building rollers. To find out more about the North-South track visit - [www.greaterhobartrails.com.au/track/north-south-track](http://www.greaterhobartrails.com.au/track/north-south-track)



Photo: Trackcare volunteers maintaining the North-South Track

# National Volunteer Week

## Caring for Our Environment Photo Exhibition

This year Bushcare collaborated once again with NRM South to celebrate National Volunteer Week at the Sustainability Learning Centre. For a second year in a row we celebrated, recognised and thanked our volunteers with a 'Caring for our environment photo competition.' Alderman Reynolds, chair of the Council's Parks and Recreation Committee attended and thanked volunteers across Southern Tasmania for their efforts. The winners were announced at the National Volunteer Week celebration and were divided into four categories.

### Category

#### Open

- 1st – Nigel Richardson
- 2nd – Nel Smit
- 3rd – Peter Osborne
- 4th– Nigel Richardson
- 5th – David Reynolds

#### Junior

- 1st – Corrado Vitali
- 2nd – Lena Diddams
- 3rd – Corrado Vitali
- 4th – Nina Pahari, Tom Davies and Willow Barrett

#### UTAS

- 1st – Erik Rowan
- 2nd – Ho Bin Ling

#### People's Choice

- 1st – Corrado Vitali
- 2nd – Erik Rowan
- 3rd – Tom Davies
- 4th – Mila Skingle and Yarran Fenton



Photos: Caring for our environment photo exhibition

## City of Hobart Volunteer Recognition Event

Each year the City of Hobart invites all community organisations that operate in the Hobart municipal area to attend the Volunteer Recognition Reception. Two volunteers from each nominated community

organisation are invited to the reception to receive a certificate on behalf of all volunteers in their organisation. This year, Friends of Knocklofty Reserve volunteers Jim Anderson and Robin Mounster attended to represent the efforts of their group. Well done!



Photo: Robyn Mounster and Jim Anderson with the Lord Mayor, Sue Hickey



## Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania workshop – Getting informed

Bushcare was invited by NRM South to an aboriginal cultural awareness workshop delivered by Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania. We were joined by representatives from Landcare Tasmania, Tassal, other councils and community groups. This workshop provided us with guidance on identifying aboriginal heritage. Factsheets from the workshop are available to view at Bushcare working bees.

## Changes to the Aboriginal Relics Act – What does it mean for you?

Significant amendments to the Aboriginal Relics Act 1975 have been approved by both Houses of the Tasmanian Parliament. They include the establishment of a new statutory body, the Aboriginal Heritage Council. It will replace a non-statutory body of the same name. The Government intends to appoint the Council before commencement of the amendment legislation.

### So what has changed, and what does it mean for bushcare groups?

The amendments address a number of inadequacies in the existing legislation, including by:

- changing the name of the Act to the "Aboriginal Heritage Act";
- removing reference to 1876 as being a "cut-off" point for what is considered as Aboriginal heritage (still referred to as "relics" in the Act);

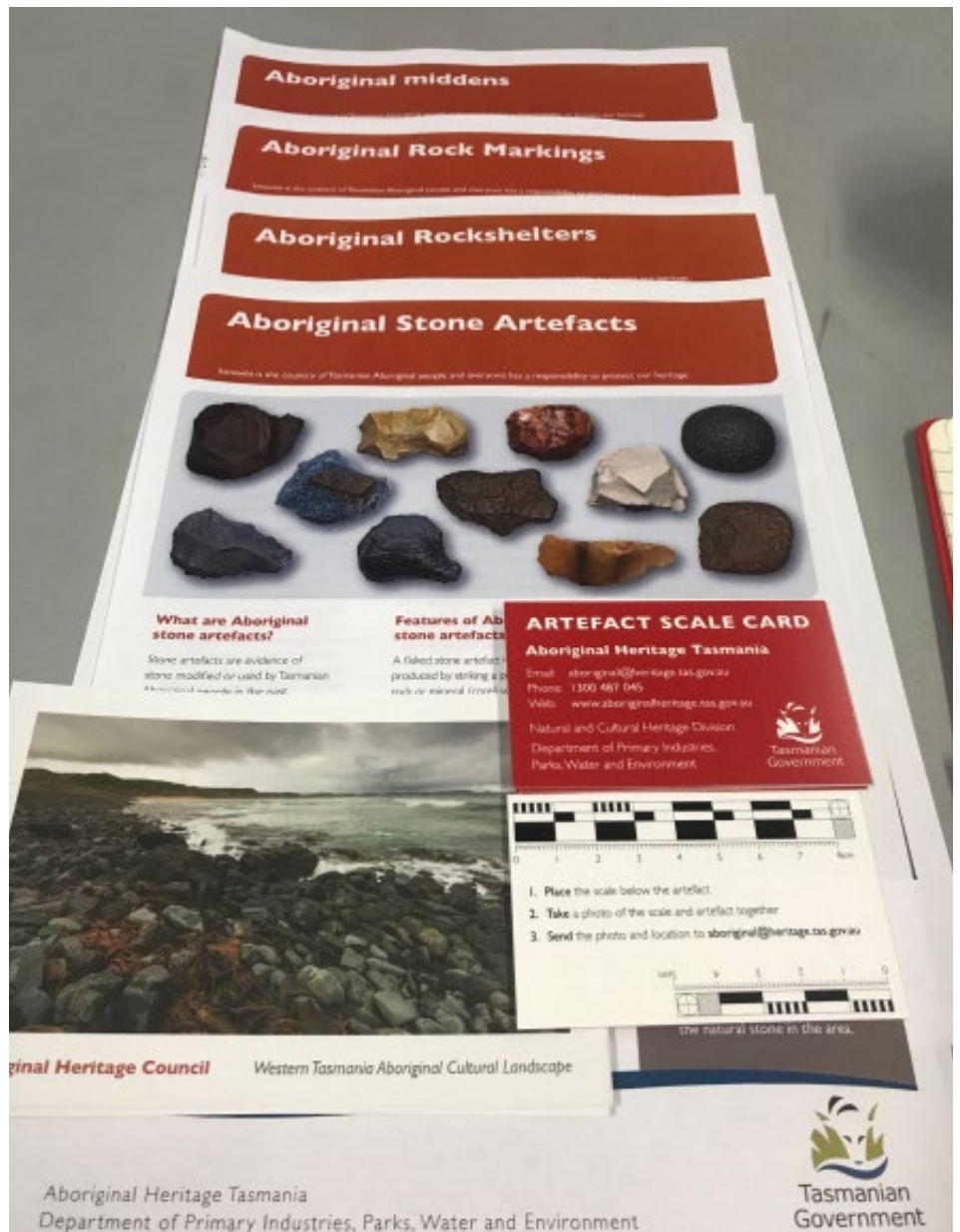


Photo: Factsheets on identifying aboriginal heritage

- increasing penalties for damage to Aboriginal heritage to be in line with the penalties for damage to non-Aboriginal heritage;
- introducing tiered offences, in association with the removal of the ignorance defence; introducing new defences related to emergency responses and compliance with guidelines; and removing the six-month time limit for prosecuting offences;
- establishing a statutory Aboriginal Heritage Council of Aboriginal people to advise the Minister; and
- setting a statutory three-year deadline for a full review of the Act.

For more information visit - <http://dpipwe.tas.gov.au/about-the-department/amendments-to-the-aboriginal-relics-act>

## Plant Give Aways – A great success!

There's a few more native plants in the Hobart municipality thanks to Mount Nelson Bushcare. This group hosted one of several plant give-aways Bushcare will be organising for the remainder of this year. These events are a great opportunity for the community to learn about Bushcare and meet their local Bushcare champions. This year, Mount Nelson Bushcare dedicated their entire working bee to the plant give away which was hugely successful and made for a positive experience for everyone.



Photo: Mount Nelson Bushcare plant give-away

Bushcare also teamed up with the Open Door Program at Mount Stuart Hall for World Environment Day where we did a plant-give away to Mount Stuart residents.



Photo: Bushcare Operations Supervisors, Michelle Storer and Nicole Gill at the World Environment Day plant give-away

## Technology making life easier – Photomon

How can a Bushcare group showcase the value of their work over time? One of the simplest ways is taking regular photos of exactly the same place over time. Photo monitoring isn't however without its challenges, but a smart phone application, Photomon, can assist. This app aims to simplify photo-monitoring, making it easier for volunteers and land managers to track changes in the environment over time. To find out more visit - <http://www.nacc.com.au/photomon> , download onto your smart phone or tablet and use in demo mode to photo monitor your site!

## Sustainability Learning Centre achieves a 6 Green Star rating

The Sustainability Learning Centre has been designed to operate in ways to promote environmental sustainability. This year the Sustainability Learning Centre became Tasmania's first 6 star green star rating building. Green Star is an internationally-recognised sustainability rating system and in achieving a 6 star green star rating the Centre has become a world leader in building construction. Bushcare was thrilled to be invited to celebrate the centre's achievement in June.

The Centre has hosted a range of Bushcare and Natural Resource Management events, but it is much more than a venue for hire. The Centre undertakes a range of programs to educate children ranging from birth to year 12. You can find out more about these activities on their website - <http://sustainabilitylc.education.tas.edu.au/programs/> . These programs have clearly made an impact on school children throughout Hobart, with Hobart College students passionately telling the audience about the various environmentally focused initiatives around their school, developed by students inspired by their learnings at the Centre. These include collecting 1.25 litre plastic bottles and re-using them to make a greenhouse at their school, as well as setting up clothes swaps and recycling initiatives on campus.



# Bushland and Reserves Unit News



## **Great Short Walk – Stage 1 – Organ Pipes Track (Sawmill track to Chalet), Wellington Park**

We invite everyone to come and explore the newly rejuvenated Organ Pipes Great Short Walk.

### **When was the last time you wandered under the Pipes?**

There's a great reason to head back out and take a wander under the majestic Organ Pipes on some impressive track restoration work. The bushland track team has transformed more than a km of very rocky boulder field track from the Chalet to near the Sawmill Track junction.





Photo: Max's Infinity Loop

## The Springs – Visitor works

Works to improve visitor information, amenity and safety at the Springs on kunanyi/ Mount Wellington are underway. The improvements include track work to the Springs lookout, new visitor directional signage, new picnic furniture, maintenance to the day hut/ public toilets and opening the gravel overflow carpark to ease parking congestion around the new café area. The track work

underway includes a short return walking loop by reinstating the old exhibition gardens perimeter track and a building a new section of track linking back to the Springs café area. The signage improves visitor information at the Springs, complementing the service provided by the café and responding to all the FAQ's for walks, rides, dog walking, things to do, how long it takes etc.

## Max's Infinity Loop Upgrade

Work is almost complete on the first stage of the Max's Infinity Loop project on the Queens Domain. The trail head car park below the big twin tanks has been upgraded and three softfall running surfaces are being trailed. The completed project will provide Hobart with one of the best running loops in Australia and offer a great incentive to anyone looking for a safe and enjoyable bushland environment to walk, run or ride.



Photo: The Old exhibition garden track vista near the Springs lookout





## Ancanthe Park

Work has finished on the new rammed earth toilet and bus shelter at Ancanthe Park. These works are part of the Master Plan implementation with further master plan landscaping works to continue over the coming months.



*Photo: The new Ancanthe Park rammed earth toilet and bus shelter*



*Photo: The upgraded Marlborough Fire Trail, Bicentennial Park*

## Fire Trail works

Four kilometres of fire trail works across the City of Hobart's bushland reserves have been completed in the last year at Bicentennial Park, Ridgeway Park and beside Giblin St Quarry in West Hobart. The works resolve some substantial wear and tear issues and enable access to undertake strategic hazard reduction burns and respond to emergency events in bushland reserves.



## Fruehauf plantings taking off



Photos: The plantings by the Cragcare group starting to flourish



# BEYOND bushcare

## The Bush Adventures Program



For the Bush Adventures team, some of our greatest pleasures are to see the spark in a young child's eyes (or those who are young at heart) as they discover nature's delights. This winter season, as the Bush Adventure team explored from the underwater aquatic world of the Derwent up into the forested slopes of kunanyi/Mt Wellington, we have seen lots of smiles and heard gasps of wonder.

Our "**Bush Kids**" have learnt about penguins, whales and seals, created artworks large and small and have run through the forest as fairies on the trail of nature's magic. Nests and new friends were made at the Waterworks. The Amazing Race participants found that the Sandy Bay rivulet flowing into the upper reservoir at Waterworks was a healthy habitat for all kinds of water bugs and other aquatic life.

The **Go Wild – Go Solo** program teamed up with Orienteering Tasmania to showcase the joys of map reading and way finding. This night activity was a

fun safe way to navigate using newly learnt skills. It was inspirational to see the young volunteers from Orienteering Tasmania give their time to teach and engage with other young people and impart a passion for orienteering, a pastime that can take you anywhere.

As the days get longer and the flowers keep blossoming we hope that you'll find lots of reasons to get out and be part of our Spring program. Come and join us for a Cultural Workshop at Waterworks with Tasmanian Aboriginal educator Trish Hodge as she shares "stories of the ancestors. For the lovers of our fine feathered friends come and help us search for raptors in the reserves and as always, bring the children along to our huge range of "Bush Kids" activities. We look forward to seeing you at an event this season or enjoying your Bushland reserves at any time of the year.

The Bush Adventure team would love to hear from you. If you have any feedback, be it questions or suggestions please get in contact via writing – City of Hobart Bush Adventures

GPO Box 503 - Hobart, Tasmania, 7001 – Australia, or email [bushadventures@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:bushadventures@hobartcity.com.au).

### Want to know more about what's happening in the Bushcare program?

Sign up to receive our fortnightly mail out which contains information on up and coming events, workshops, training opportunities and general information about the bushcare program. To sign up to this mailing list and others visit [www.hobartcity.com.au/Community/Events-and-Activities/Bushcare/Bushcare-updates](http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Community/Events-and-Activities/Bushcare/Bushcare-updates)

### Contact Us

16 Elizabeth Street  
GPO Box 503  
HOBART 7001, TAS

**P** 03 6238 2884

**E** [bushcare@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:bushcare@hobartcity.com.au)

**W** [hobartcity.com.au/bushcare](http://hobartcity.com.au/bushcare)

**f** [facebook.com/cityofhobartbushcare](https://facebook.com/cityofhobartbushcare)