



BUSHCARE WORKING BEES

AUTUMN 2026



FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON PARK

FIRST FRIDAYS – ALTERNATE MONTHS
9.15 am – 1 pm

Convenor: Gary Poland

Working all over Kunanyi/Mt Wellington to protect the mountain's natural values by combining a bushwalk with a weeding expedition.

- Apr 10** Scattered gorse and Spanish heath on lower slopes of Wellington Park.
Meet: Inglewood Rd South Hobart, walking to the top of Inglewood fire break.



FRIENDS OF KNOCKLOFTY BUSHCARE

* FIRST THURSDAY, 9–11.30 am
THIRD THURSDAY, 9–11.30 am

Convenor: Virginia Watson

Transforming the city-fringed bushland of Knocklofty Reserve from a once-degraded state into a biologically diverse place.

- Mar 5*** Sandy spit gorse and general weeding.
Meet: Forest Rd car park, Knocklofty Reserve, West Hobart.
- Mar 19** Forget-me-not and thistle control in Providence Rivulet Gully, KR14.
Meet: Picnic seats near the big water tank, Knocklofty Reserve.
- Apr 2*** General weeding in KR22 and the western edge of KR23.
Meet: Forest Rd car park, Knocklofty Reserve, West Hobart.
- Apr 16** General weed control and follow up in KR15.
Meet: End of Knocklofty Terrace, West Hobart.

IMPORTANT

Please wear long sleeves, long trousers, a hat and covered shoes. Be aware some of our sites are steep and challenging – please read the descriptions to help you select a suitable activity.

- May 7*** Wayleave maintenance. Group one works from the west/south split up to the summit. If unsure please join group one. Group two walks to wayleave from the Lenah Valley end up to the summit.
Meet: Group one – Forest Rd car park, Knocklofty Reserve. Group two – Mt Stuart car park, West Hobart.
- May 21** Wayleave maintenance from the car park up to the summit and down the southern wayleave, plus gorse follow-up above Forest Rd extension, KR24.
Meet: Forest Rd car park, Knocklofty Reserve, West Hobart.



VALLEY STREET BUSHCARE

* FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY
1–2 pm

Convenor: Vicki Martin

The Leonard Wall/Valley Street Reserve and Providence Gully are habitat islands with a close connection to Knocklofty Reserve. The group is managing and replenishing wildlife habitat. These sites are not suitable for large groups. Inexperienced volunteers welcome.

- Mar 3, 17*** Roving weeding in Providence Gully.
Meet: Cliff St entrance, Mt Stuart.
- Apr 7, 21*** Roving weeding in Providence Gully.
Meet: Cliff St entrance, Mt Stuart.
- May 5, 19*** Roving weeding in Leonard Wall Reserve.
Meet: Byard St/Mt Stuart Rd entrance, Mt Stuart.



Activities marked with an orange asterisk (*) are not City of Hobart Bushcare managed activities. You can contact the group convenor via the Bushcare team on 03 6238 2884 or email bushcare@hobartcity.com.au



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WATERWORKS VALLEY LANDCARE

FIRST SUNDAY, 10 am – 12.30 pm

- * Fourth Sunday due to Easter.
- ** Fourth Sunday in May instead of first Sunday in June.

Convenors: Carol Bristow and Sandra Poth
Restoring the urban fringe for people and wildlife, from the sides of the Waterworks Valley to the banks of Sandy Bay Rivulet.

- Mar 1** Foxglove above and opposite site 10, Waterworks Reserve.
Meet: Site 10 Waterworks Reserve or 9.45 am at the gates if sharing a lift.
- Mar 29*** North-facing slopes above site 3 – weeds around the log piles.
Meet: Waterworks Reserve site 3, near the first toilet block.
- May 3** Weeding and plant maintenance in the old landslip zone. Extra planting.
Meet: Near 60 Waterworks Rd.
- May 31**** Weeding upstream from site 10 in Waterworks Reserve.
Meet: Site 10 Waterworks Reserve or 9.45 am at the gates if sharing a lift.



RIDGEWAY BUSHCARE

FIRST SUNDAY, 2–4.30 pm

- Convenor:** Andy Wakefield
Caring for the lovely open peppermint woodlands surrounding Ridgeway.
- Mar 1** East end of Hall St, Spanish heath adjacent to the reserve in lovely white peppermint woodland.
Meet: From the crossroads at Bramble St, walk east on Hall St for 300m.
 - May 3** Spanish heath near the ridgetop fire trail above the quarry. Lovely open woodland of white peppermint.
Meet: From the crossroads at Bramble St, walk east on Hall St for 300m.



FERN TREE BUSHCARE

SECOND SUNDAY
10 am – 12.30 pm

- Convenor:** Rob Beedham
Controlling invasive weeds in the cool, shady forests of the lower foothills of Kunanyi/Mt Wellington.
- Mar 8** Weeding arum lily, foxglove, blackberry and holly at the bottom of Bracken Lane below the firebreak.
Meet: Bottom of Bracken Lane, Fern Tree.
 - Apr 12** Targeting cherry laurel and foxglove below Pillinger Drive.
Meet: Start of the Reservoir Track just past the last house on the left of Pillinger Drive.
 - May 10** Seeking the rare weed Daphne laurel on Clegg Rd properties and bushland.
Meet: Top of Clegg Rd, Fern Tree.



HOBART RIVULET BUSHCARE

SECOND SUNDAY, 2–4.30 pm

- Convenor:** John James
Restoring banks of the Hobart Rivulet and encouraging healthy habitat for our iconic platypus and other wildlife.
- Mar 8** Above and below the Weld St footbridge, weeding and maintenance of school planting
Meet: Bottom of Weld St near footbridge.
 - Apr 12** Weeding of hemlock, wild mustard, mignonette, willow, forget-me-not.
Meet: Opposite C3 Church.
 - May 10** General weeding and planting maintenance.
Meet: Near MacFarlane St footbridge.



FRIENDS OF McAULAY RESERVE BUSHCARE

SECOND SUNDAY, 2–4.30 pm

- Convenors:** Mark Corrigan and Caroline Corrigan
Restoring the white gum woodlands of Maning Rivulet in Edith Reserve and the historic McAulay Reserve.
- Mar 8** Maintenance along the drain, patrolling the creek and general weeding.
Meet: Near 18 McAulay Rd, Sandy Bay.
 - Apr 12** Edith Ave Reserve – general weed control.
Meet: Near 268 Churchill Ave, Sandy Bay.

- May 10** On-going planting in Maning Creek – hardy riparian ground cover species, also dogwood and wattles to create canopy.
Meet: Near 268 Churchill Ave, Sandy Bay.



MOUNT NELSON BUSHCARE

SECOND SUNDAY 10 am – 12.30 pm

* LAST THURSDAY, 10 am – 12.30 pm

Convenors: Vivian Fujiura

Enhancing and protecting wildlife habitat in the diverse forests in and around Bicentennial Park.

- Mar 8** Controlling Spanish heath and protecting Mt Nelson's biodiverse bushland values.
Meet: Hobart College oval, yellow boom gate at 9.45 am, walk together to work site.

- Mar 26** Gorse control in bushland behind the Mt Nelson Fire Station.
Meet: Mt Nelson Fire Station. Please park on the opposite side of the road – fire service access required 24/7.

- Apr 12** Controlling Spanish heath and protecting Mt Nelson's amazing, biodiverse bushland values.
Meet: Hobart College oval, yellow boom gate at 9.45 am, walk together to work site.

- Apr 30*** TBC by Mt Nelson Bushcare via email to volunteers on mailing list.
Meet: TBC.

- May 10** Controlling Spanish heath and protecting Mt Nelson's biodiverse bushland values.
Meet: Hobart College oval, yellow boom gate at 9.45 am, walk together to work site.

- May 28** TBC by Mt Nelson Bushcare via email to volunteers on mailing list.
Meet: TBC.



SOUTH HOBART BUSHCARE

THIRD SUNDAY
10 am – 12.30 pm

Convenor: Janet Stone

Looking after a bushland remnant nestled in the middle of South Hobart by removing weeds and protecting the habitat of eastern barred bandicoots.

- Mar 15** Woody weeds and iris under big white gums, small planting.
Meet: Tara St picnic area, South Hobart.

- Apr 19** Gorse and hawthorn on council right-of-way land connecting Loudon St and Old Forest Rd. Small planting.

- Meet:** The right of way between 15-17 Loudon St, South Hobart.

- May 17** Planting maintenance and weeding at Hobart Rivulet National Tree Day site above the brewery.
Meet: Hobart Rivulet above the brewery, South Hobart.



LENAH VALLEY BUSHCARE

THIRD SUNDAY
2–4.30 pm

Convenor: Therese Gilfedder

Caring for the New Town Rivulet and surrounding reserves of Lenah Valley.

- Mar 15** Haldane Reserve – weeding the upper slopes towards Athleen Ave.
Meet: Behind the RSL, 188 Lenah Valley Rd.

- Apr 19** New Town Rivulet weeding including hemlock and caper spurge. Small planting.
Meet: Laneway behind 313 Lenah Valley Rd.

- May 17** Weeding upstream banks of the New Town Rivulet.
Meet: Laneway behind 313 Lenah Valley Rd.



CORNELIAN BAY / QUEENS DOMAIN BUSHCARE

FOURTH SUNDAY
10 am – 12.30 pm

Convenor: Sue Gillespie

Protecting Hobart's coastal vegetation around the picturesque Cornelian Bay and important native grasslands of the Queens Domain.

- Mar 22** Planting cleanup at the big tree, maintenance then weeding area QD17, one more search for gorse.
Meet: Grassland Gully entrance to the Jiggers Loop, Queens Domain.

- Apr 26** Grassland Gully – thistle, stinking iris, blackberry and other weeds.
Meet: Grassland Gully entrance to the Jiggers Loop, Queens Domain.

- May 24** Grassland Gully – continue moving downstream from where we left off.
Meet: Grassland Gully entrance to the Jiggers Loop, Queens Domain.



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LAMBERT GULLY BUSHCARE

FOURTH SUNDAY, 2–4.30 pm

Convenor: Ingrid Colman

Working along the slopes of the Lambert Creek waterway under giant blue gums to maintain the habitat corridor of Lambert Gully.

Mar 22 Follow-up weed control around the plantings at Peel St bridge and more blue periwinkle control and containment. Easy work.

Meet: End Lambert Ave, Lambert Park, Sandy Bay.

Apr 26

Planting to prevent erosion and restore the riparian zone. On-going blue periwinkle control.

Meet: Near 19A Churchill Ave, Sandy Bay.

May 24

Planting to prevent erosion and restore the riparian zone. On-going blue periwinkle control.

Meet: End Lambert Ave, Lambert Park, Sandy Bay.

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Andy Wakefield is a geologist, botanist, husband, father – and now a Bushcare Golden Secateurs winner.

“It hasn’t necessarily been a conscious decision to get involved in Bushcare,” says Andy. “To me, it’s just something that feels integral to who I am.”

Having grown up loving the outdoors and later studying it at university, Andy developed a strong connection with nature.

“If there’s any one single driver for me, it’s to protect the bush we have. Someone has to look after this place.”

After moving back to Ridgeway in 2006 from Western Australia, Andy found a strong sense of community through Bushcare.



Befriending the then-convenor Sue Drake, Andy felt Bushcare aligned perfectly with his values. When Sue stepped down in 2017, Andy took on the role of convenor and has led the Ridgeway group ever since.

Our annual Golden Secateurs award recognises an outstanding Bushcare volunteer.

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A parent or guardian must accompany children under 16. Bushcare is cancelled on days of extreme fire danger, high winds or heavy rain.

PLEASE BRING: Strong boots, warm waterproof clothing, a hat and a drink. Gloves and all tools will be supplied.

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