

BUSHCARE INFORMATION

What is Bushcare?

Bushcare is a volunteer program that enables community members to participate in the restoration, enhancement and maintenance of natural areas. Bushcare helps to rehabilitate degraded natural ecosystems to healthy communities composed of local native plants and animals. It improves habitat potential of urban bushland and provides the necessary conditions for natural regeneration to occur. Council's Bushcare program provides support to Bushcare groups, and supplies all necessary training, supervision, tools, materials and equipment for their projects.

Bushcare Volunteers

The majority of Canada Bay volunteers work in groups for half a day a month, whilst others participate when time and circumstances allow. No prior experience in bush regeneration is required. Participants in Bushcare carry out bush regeneration on a purely volunteer basis.

Bushcare provides participants with a variety of wonderful benefits including:

- Opportunities to meet people and start new friendships;
- Work outdoors at your own pace;
- Learn new skills in bush regeneration, project planning, site preparation etc.;
- Learn about native plants and animals, ecosystems, weed identification and control methods; and
- Achievement and satisfaction in seeing an area regenerate and improve.

Bushcare Sites

The City of Canada Bay has a wide variety of natural environments where Bushcare groups work, including Sydney Turpentine - Ironbark Forest, foreshore containing remnant sandstone vegetation and estuaries with Mangrove and Coastal Saltmarsh communities.

Cabarita Bushcare Group

Members of Cabarita Bushcare Group are working to preserve the endangered coastal saltmarsh vegetation along the Prince Edward Park foreshore. While the site is relatively small, it contains extensive areas of saltmarsh species, as well as the City's only known patch of spinifex grass.

Meet: Every third Thursday of the month at Prince Edward Park, end of Phillips Street, Cabarita and occasionally at Cabarita Park, Cabarita.

Time: 9am-12noon (8.30-11.30am during warmer months)

Concord Bushcare Group

The Concord Bushcare Group has been working to restore remnants of the endangered Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest in Queen Elizabeth II Park for over 20 years. The group also works within the Estuarine Vegetation Complexes found at Lovedale Place, Concord West and Quarantine Reserve, Abbotsford.

Meet: Every first and third Wednesday of the month

Time: 9am-12noon (8.30-11.30am during warmer months)

Yaralla Bushcare Group

Our Bushcare staff, volunteers and bush regeneration contractors work within the endangered ecological community known as Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest. Their aim is to restore the forest to its former natural condition.

Yaralla is City of Canada Bay's largest and most significant patch of bushland.

Meet: Every second Wednesday at the Drive, Yaralla Estate, Concord and every third Saturday at Yaralla Estate, Concord West.

Time: 9am-12noon (8.30-11.30am during warmer months)

Sisters Bay Bush Regeneration Group

The Sisters Bay Bushcare Group is situated along the foreshore of Iron Cove in Drummoyne. The group works within the narrow band of remnant and planted coastal sandstone vegetation along Sisters Bay and Half Moon Bay. Volunteers also work around the saltmarsh patches that grow behind the extensive mangrove forests.

Meet: Last Saturday of the month on Henley Marine Drive, Drummoyne

Time: 8.30-11.30am