

Bushcare Volunteer Registration Form

Privacy of Information

This information is being collected by Council for public liability, personal accident insurance and administrative purposes. It will be kept on a confidential internal data-base and used by Council staff and the Group's Coordinator. Council is required to collect this information by law, and you may apply for access to this information through Council's Privacy Officer

1. Volunteer's Contact Details

Surname _____ Given name _____

Postal address _____

Town/Suburb _____

Postcode _____ Ph (H) _____ (W) _____

E-Mail _____

2. Tick the Activities you are Interest in Doing

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bush Regeneration | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree planting/re-vegetation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking track construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water quality monitoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Education/schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flora/fauna surveys | <input type="checkbox"/> Data entry/web-site or newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

3. Do you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to undertake the activities you have chosen?

4. Describe why you have chosen to become a Bushcare volunteer

Remove the registration form and forward to the;

Shoalhaven Bushcare Coordinator
C/- Shoalhaven City Council
PO Box 42 NOWRA 2540 or fax (02) 4429 3173

Thankyou for supporting Shoalhaven Bushcare

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1. Name of Bushcare Group placed with _____
2. Contacts details entered into DB Date / / _____
3. OH & S Induction handbook signed _____
4. Forwarded to OH & S Unit _____
5. Letter sent to Group Coordinator _____
6. Letter sent to Volunteer _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |



'Helping Local People Care for Their Local Patch'

How you can Help if you don't want to join a Bushcare Group?

Plant local native plants in your garden and avoid planting weedy exotic plants that can be invasive (*for a list of environmental weeds please contact Council*).

Do not throw your garden waste or lawn clippings into your local bushland reserve. Compost or dispose of them at your local recycling depot.

Confine your garden to your property.

Protect local wildlife by controlling your domestic pets.

Become Involved

Anyone is welcome to become involved in Bushcare, including all residents, ratepayers and visitors to the Shoalhaven, local schools, garden clubs, business's etc. If you are interested in volunteering in Bushcare, please fill out the volunteer registration attached to this form and send to:

Shoalhaven Bushcare Coordinator
Shoalhaven City Council PO Box 42 NOWRA NSW 2541

Further Information Contact:

The Shoalhaven Bushcare Coordinator
P + 02 4429 3592 E + bushcare@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au



AN ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE OF THE Shoalhaven City Council

Your Invitation to Join a BUSHCARE

Community Conservation Program



What is Bushcare?

The aim of the Bushcare Program is to promote and implement ecologically sustainable management of the natural bushland areas within the City of Shoalhaven by encouraging community ownership of the natural environment and supporting community members becoming actively involved in group activities

(Shoalhaven Bushcare Programs Policy & Procedures 2005)

Natural Areas – What are they?

The Shoalhaven has a huge diversity of natural areas, which includes natural bushland, wetlands, foreshore areas and our escarpment. We are lucky to enjoy one of the most diverse areas of flora and fauna in Australia. For each of us, these areas have different values. For some, this may be its scenic beauty, a place to relax and enjoy nature, the wildlife habitat, educational, a place to play or the satisfaction of simply knowing that it will be there for future generations to enjoy. Under the Local Government Act 1993, Shoalhaven City Council is required to identify and set aside community land for these purposes, and manage this land for its natural values.

Why Join Council's Bushcare Program?

By participating in a Bushcare Group or project, you will be directly contributing to improving your local environment in a hands-on way enabling you and future generations to directly enjoy the benefits of your efforts. As local government is the level of government that works closest to the community, Shoalhaven City Council is in a strong position to support local on-ground environmental rehabilitation projects.

How does SCC support Bushcare Groups?

Shoalhaven City Council is committed to the on-going support of community Bushcare Groups by providing the following:

Technical Support – Council employs a full-time Bushcare Coordinator and on-site Bushcare Trainers. These staff are committed to assisting Bushcare Groups with technical advice, training, project planning, grant applications and supply of equipment & materials as well as assisting with “on-ground works”.

Public Liability Insurance & Personal Accident Insurance for all approved Bushcare activities and volunteers (aged 10 & 90 years) working on Council owned or managed land.

Provision of materials, tools, herbicide, safety equipment, plants, mulch etc to approved Bushcare activities.

Education and training information through regular newsletters, workshops on technical information including herbicide use, native plant identification, weed identification and removal techniques.

What do Bushcare Groups Do?

Bushcare Groups are a means by which local people and visitors to the Shoalhaven can improve their local environment in a hands-on way. We are involved in the following activities:

- **Bush regeneration/rehabilitation**
- **Weed control programs**
- **Re-vegetation**
- **Wetland & Creek restoration projects**
- **Habitat assessment/wildlife corridor restoration**
- **Track construction/maintenance**
- **Seed collection & propagation**
- **Training & education**

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Getting Started!

1. Collect Information & talk to others

Local interest in your project from your community
Who owns the land?

2. Prepare a plan for your site

Defining your aims and how to achieve them. Before starting you are required to prepare a plan as part of the Shoalhaven City Council's Bushcare Program. Ask Bushcare staff for assistance

3. Safety

Make sure your site is safe & ensure other volunteers safety,
Bushcare staff conduct an on-site safety induction course