

Bushcare – A community program

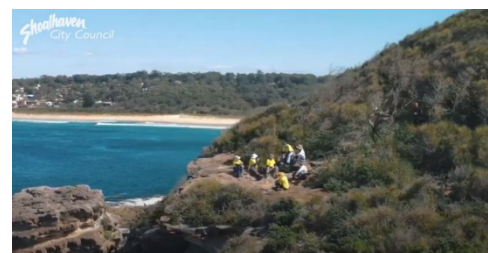
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What is Bushcare?

The Bushcare Program aims to promote and implement ecologically sustainable management of natural areas within the City of Shoalhaven by:

- encouraging community involvement
- providing for enhanced positive experiences
- and recognising and protecting cultural heritage.

The program includes groups that care for a range of environments across the Shoalhaven, such as Bushcare and Dunecare. Council's Bushcare program is for areas of Council-managed public land.



What do Bushcare Groups do?

Bushcare Groups are a means by which local people and visitors to the Shoalhaven can volunteer to help improve their local environment in a hands-on way.

Activities include:

- Bush regeneration/rehabilitation
- Weed control programs
- Revegetation
- Wetland and creek restoration projects
- Track maintenance
- Seed collection and propagation
- Wildlife surveys and recording
- Training and education.



Benefits of Being a Bushcare Volunteer

Meet others who want to care for their local environment

- Learn about the wildlife of your area
- Help care for community land
- Volunteering is good for your health and a great social activity!



Become Involved

Anyone is welcome to become involved, including all residents, ratepayers and visitors. Local schools, garden clubs, businesses can also get involved.

If you are interested in volunteering in Bushcare, visit the Volunteering page on Council's website

shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 293 111.

Council Support

Council's ongoing support includes:

Technical Support

- Council employs a full-time Bushcare Coordinator and on-site Bushcare Field Officers. These staff help volunteers with technical advice, training, project planning, grant applications and supply of equipment and materials.

Insurance

- For all approved Bushcare activities and volunteers (aged 10 to 90 years) working on Council owned or managed land.

Provision of materials

- tools, herbicide, safety equipment, plants, etc for approved Bushcare activities.

Education and training

- Includes providing technical information on all aspects of bush regeneration such as herbicide use, plant identification and weed control techniques

Other Ways You Can Help

- Plant local native plants in your garden
- Avoid planting weedy exotic plants that can be invasive
- Do not throw your garden waste or lawn clippings into your local reserve
- Compost them on your property or dispose of them at your local recycling depot
- Confine your garden to your property
- Protect local wildlife by controlling domestic pets.



More info:

For more information about the Bushcare Program including Shoalhaven City Council's Bushcare/Parkcare Policy and Procedures, and the roles and responsibilities of Bushcare volunteers, visit Council's Bushcare website [here](#).



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