

Where to Get Native Plants



Volunteer Day at Hawkesbury Community Nursery, Mulgrave.

Hawkesbury Community Nursery



Based at Mulgrave on Mulgrave Road, this volunteer run nursery propagates local native plants. These plants are then sold to local residents or used by Hawkesbury Bushcare Groups and on Council restoration sites. New volunteers and people seeking work experience are welcome. Nursery volunteers are supported under the Hawkesbury Bushcare Program.

Address: 10 Mulgrave Road, Mulgrave. (near animal shelter)

For more information and plant sales:

Phone: 4560 4525

Email: council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Frequently Asked Questions About Volunteering for Bushcare and Community Nursery

Q Do I need previous experience?

A No, beginners are welcome and all your training will be provided by a qualified Bush regenerator or a suitably knowledgeable group Convener.

Q Do I need to bring anything?

A Water, long sleeve clothing, sturdy shoes, sun glasses, sunscreen and hat. Gloves and tools will be provided at each work day.

Q Does it cost anything?

A Not a cent! The only time you'll have to pay is if you want to attend a workshop which is at a low cost and optional.

Q Can children attend?

A Yes, any child under the age of 16 years needs to be supervised directly at all times by their parent or guardian.

Q Can I become a qualified bush regenerator?

A A TAFE certificate II in Conservation Land Management will give you suitable qualifications as a professional Bush Regenerator.



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Hawkesbury
BUSHCARE

Restoring Habitats Around a Nationally Significant River

What is Bushcare?

Supported by Hawkesbury City Council, Bushcare is a program run for environmental volunteers to undertake bush regeneration in the local area.

Bush regeneration is the practice of restoring bushland and other environmentally sensitive areas that have suffered degradation. Its aim is to return the bush to its original condition through the use of methods that are minimally invasive to the environment.

Bush regeneration activities undertaken by Bushcare volunteers include:

- Weed removal or control
- Tree planting
- Propagation of native seed
- Seed collection
- Rubbish removal
- Native animal habitat restoration
- Plant identification



Brushtail Possum, *Glossodia*
Photo: Belinda Raymond

In some groups, volunteers may already be working in the industry or have substantial knowledge of the local environment. These people are often a great resource if you are wanting to know more about your local native plants and animals.



Don Street Reserve Bushcare site, Kurrajong Heights.

The Hawkesbury Situation

The Hawkesbury is home to rich and diverse bushland areas, which are important places for our native flora and fauna. In addition, these natural areas are also important for their beauty, and the educational and recreational opportunities they provide.

Hawkesbury City Council aims to ensure that these bushland areas are preserved to maintain the beautiful landscape of the Hawkesbury for the future. The Bushcare program, and its dedicated volunteers, are a valuable resource that assists Council in achieving this aim.



Tree planting at Yarramundi Reserve, Yarramundi.

Want to become a Bushcare Volunteer?

To get involved in Hawkesbury Bushcare contact your Community Bushcare Officer to discuss a suitable group for you.

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Visit: www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Benefits of Bushcare

By joining our Bushcare program you can:

- Meet like minded people
- Gain a sense of pride and achievement
- Get free training and access to a range of workshops.

The Hawkesbury community also gains an array of benefits from the Bushcare program, including:

- Reversal of bushland degradation
- Development of community spirit
- Increased native fauna habitat
- Conservation of biodiversity
- Raised community awareness of bushland values
- Improvement of aesthetic values



Australian King parrot,
Kurrajong Hills
Photo: Audra Feltham

Why is Protecting our Reserves Important?

Native bushland areas are a valuable natural resource, as they:

- Provide habitat for native animals
- Contain rare and endangered plant species
- Conserve genetic diversity
- Stabilise soils, improve water quality and reduced siltation of creeks and rivers
- Create attractive areas in our urban (and rural) environments
- Are public assets for all members of the community to enjoy

What Threatens Bushland

Our native bushland areas are threatened by:

- Stormwater runoff and increased nutrients in waterways
- Dumping of rubbish and garden waste
- Garden plants and weeds spreading via birds, wind or water
- Encroachment onto reserves by private landholders
- Altered fire regimes
- Feral animals
- Vandalism from vehicles and misuse of tracks and facilities