



PENRITH

HOW TO GET STARTED AS A BUSHCARE VOLUNTEER

WHAT IS BUSHCARE?

We work with community volunteers to conserve and rehabilitate publicly owned natural bushland. Over 200 volunteers work over 11 different sites throughout the Penrith local government area (LGA) protecting the important Cumberland Plain Woodland.

Our Bushcare groups work at set times through the year for three or four hours each month. Council partners with local residents in preserving and maintaining the many areas of natural beauty that are found in the LGA.

WHAT TO EXPECT

When you volunteer with one of our local Bushcare groups, you'll be provided with tools, training, guidance in bush regeneration techniques, and morning or afternoon tea.

- All groups have a trained Council Bushcare Officer to direct works as per a site-specific plan.

We have activities to suit all levels of participation. Tasks include weed control, seed collection, planting, plant identification, flora and fauna monitoring, erosion control, litter collection and general site care.

All tools are cleaned regularly and thoroughly.

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

Bushcare is open to all ages, with children under the age of 16 needing to be supervised by an adult. No experience is needed!



JOIN A BUSHCARE GROUP

We have 11 groups across our Penrith area that you are welcome to join:

- Bass Sydney Fishing Club, Emu Green Reserve, Emu Plains
- Bellbird Reserve, Emu Plains
- Clissold Reserve, Emu Heights
- Crossman Reserve, Wallacia
- Mountain View Reserve, Cranebrook
- Friends of Ropes Creek, North St Marys
- Kanangra Reserve, Kingswood
- Mid-Week Mulgoa Weeders, Gow Park, Mulgoa
- Peppermint Reserve, Kingswood
- School House Creek, Regentville
- Wianamatta, Orchard Hills

WHY GET INVOLVED?

There are many great reasons why you should volunteer and become a Bushcare volunteer!

You'll get to...

- Meet your neighbours and like-minded members of the community.
- Learn more about our natural environment, including our valuable Cumberland Plain

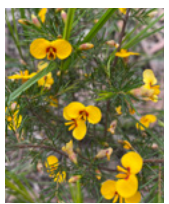
Woodland. This vegetation is listed as a critically endangered ecological community because less than 9% of the original woodland remains intact.

- Feel a great sense of achievement.
- Know your local natural areas and learn more about natural area management.



WHAT TO BRING & WEAR

- Long pants and long-sleeved shirt
- Sturdy closed in shoes
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Water



WANT MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any questions, you can visit our website at penrith.city/bushland or email our friendly Bushcare team at

bushcare@penrith.city