

BUSHCARE TRAINING

The aim of Bushcare training is to provide volunteers with the skills and knowledge required to participate in the Bushcare program. Expert bush regeneration trainers from Ryde TAFE conduct the training. Sessions cover both the theoretical and practical components of bush regeneration.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Bushcare Training is suitable for a range of volunteers from those that have not undertaken any formal Bushcare training to long-term volunteers who are looking to refresh their skills. Speak to your local Bushcare Officer about the level of training that is suitable for your needs.

WHAT WILL YOU GAIN?

All participants that complete the course will receive a certificate that is nationally recognised. Participation in the training will also provide volunteers with the necessary basis to be involved in further training that can be used to gain TAFE certificates of attainment for different topics related to bush regeneration.



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THE BUSHCARE PROGRAM

To find out about your local Bushcare program, simply phone your local Council on the appropriate number listed below:

Ashfield	9716 1940
Auburn	9735 1308
Canada Bay	9911 6383
Canterbury	9789 9422
Centennial Park	9339 6641
Hurstville	0425 291 879
Kogarah	9330 9467
Leichhardt	9367 9326
Marrickville	9335 2197
Randwick	9399 0708
Rockdale	9562 1835
Woollahra	9391 7000 (0423 020 648)
Waverley	9386 7915
Sydney Metro CMA	9895 6223

The South-East Sydney Bushcare Training Program is a joint initiative of each of the Councils listed above along with the Sydney Metropolitan CMA and Ryde TAFE

2007 Bushcare Training



For Bushcare
Volunteers of
South-East Sydney

SOME TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

Overview of OH&S requirements

- Legislation
- Hazards & Working safely.
- Safety equipment & clothing.
- Manual handling hazards.
- Tool use & equipment.
- Emergencies – fire, flood, major injuries.

Recognise Plants

- Weeds & natives.
- Plant ecology.

Treat Weeds

- Weed control methods in Bushcare
- Applying herbicides safely & effectively.

Fauna Identification

- Know what is visiting your site
- Habitat & Chemical use.

Maintaining and Managing Habitat

- Approaches to clearing & staging works.
- Minimising impacts on the environment

Keeping Simple Records

- Linked to Council requirements.

Awareness of Relevant Legislation

- Eg. Threatened Species Conservation Act, 1995.

Understanding & Protecting Your Site

- Identifying bushland values
- Site issues & management
- Surface & streambank erosion.
- Fire & Pollution.
- Identifying environmental threats & hazards

TRAINING DETAILS

Introductory Training (2 days)

10 & 17 March 2007 (Canterbury)

Intermediate Training (2 days)

Recognise Plants

15 September 2007 (Waverley)

Treat Weeds

22 September 2007 (Waverley)

All Courses are FREE for bushcare volunteers with lunch provided.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO BRING

Participants are required to:

- wear sturdy shoes
- old clothes and a long sleeved shirt
- wear a hat and sunscreen, and
- bring plenty of water.

All tools, gloves, training notes and lunch will be provided.



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HOW TO REGISTER

1. Contact your local Council Bushcare Officer to book in for the training & receive details on venue location
2. Register at least two weeks prior to the training date
3. Check the section 'What you will need' to ensure you are well prepared for the day.
4. If you find that you are unable to attend the training please contact your local Bushcare Officer immediately. Each place is paid for by your local Council and this will allow them to offer your place to another volunteer.

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

