

BUSHCARE VOLUNTEERING

FACT SHEET

INTRODUCTION

Volunteers make a huge contribution to Australian society. So many activities and projects are only possible thanks to people who are willing to give freely of their time, energy and skills.

Volunteering is rewarding for the volunteer too, offering opportunities to meet your neighbours or make new friends, learn new skills and contribute to your community.



Volunteering is for all ages

BUSHCARE

Volunteers around Penrith get together for regular Bushcare days to help care for particular sites, including removing weeds and planting native plants. They also join in special planting projects throughout the year, such as *Trees for Mum* in May and National Tree Day in July.

Volunteering to help care for local bushland gives you:

- an opportunity for the whole family to work together
- an opportunity to meet your neighbours and people who share your interests
- a sense of ownership and achievement as you see the difference you've made to a particular site

- the chance to contribute to planning as well as implementation.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Volunteers are given a site induction and full training before starting work. There is always experienced staff you can ask for advice or guidance.

CAN YOU HELP?

Even if you can only help out occasionally, the more people who can volunteer for Bushcare, the more of Penrith's bushland will thrive.



Volunteers tackle weeds like Moth Vine



Volunteers stabilise sloping ground to help stop erosion

For more information phone the Bushland Management Officer on 4732 8088.

