



## SHOALHAVEN BUSHCARE GROUP ACTION PLAN

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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<b>Reserve Name:</b>		<b>Reserve No:</b>	
<b>Land Tenure:</b>		<b>Comm. Land Type:</b>	

### 1. BUSHCARE GROUP GOALS - Please provide a brief description of your Group's proposed project

To rid the area of noxious and environmental weeds, plant endemic native plant species and keep the open areas slashed, for the purpose of re-establishing habitat and grazing areas for the Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby. The BTRW is listed as rare and endangered in NSW.

### 2. BUSHCARE SITE MAP

Show on the site/mud map what short to long term actions you would like to achieve (choose from activities below or include others to show on your site map with list and descriptions where required)

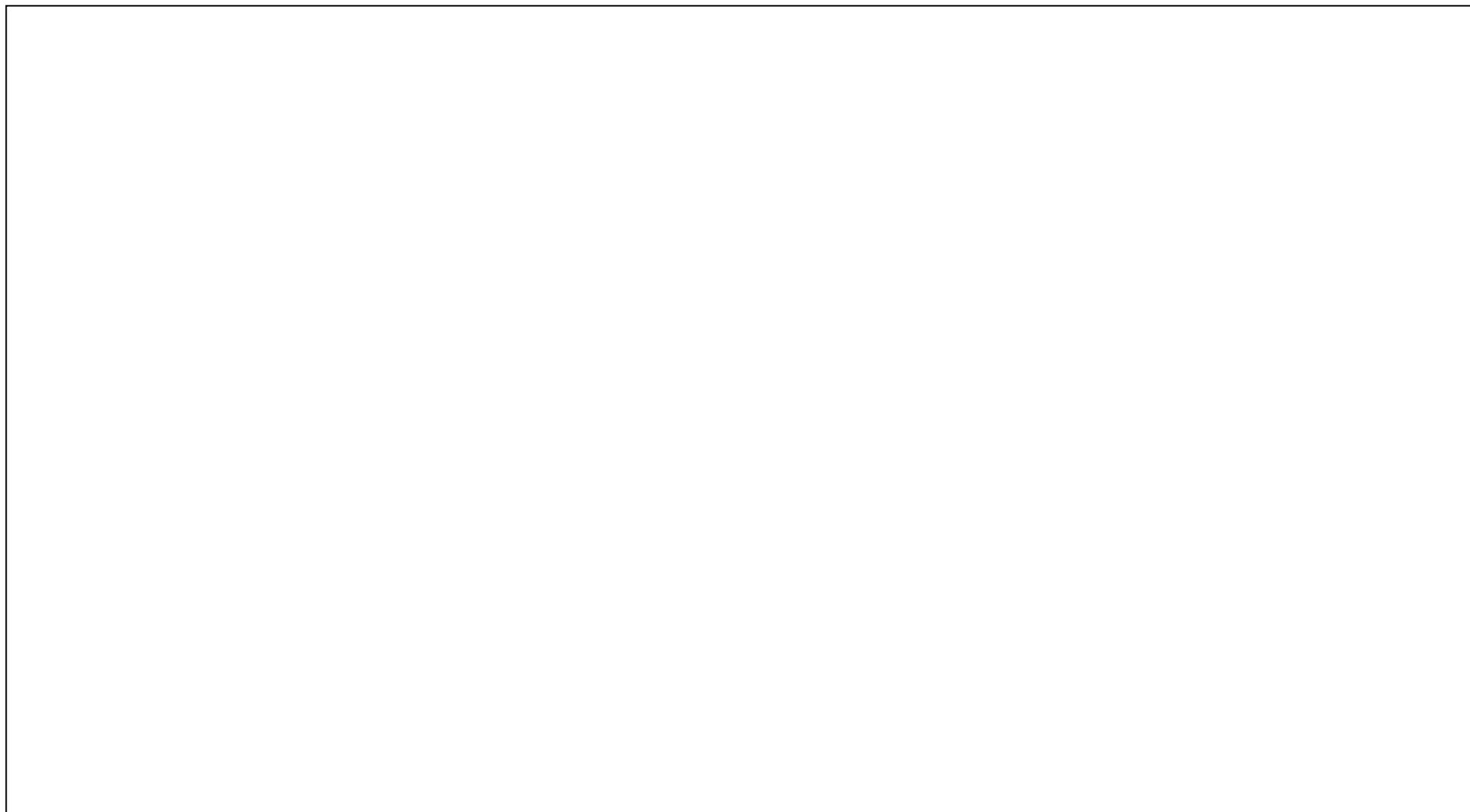
<b>Bush regeneration/revegetation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Areas for regeneration, revegetation/planting</li><li>• Areas of weed control (include species and stages of weed control)</li></ul>	<b>Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walking tracks, paths</li><li>• Fencing, bollards</li><li>• Viewing platform</li><li>• Signage</li></ul>
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**3. SHOALHAVEN BUSHCARE GROUP ACTIVITIES TABLE (to be in conjunction with attached site map)**

**NOTE: Priority should be rated as H = High (within 12 months); M = Medium (1-3 years); L = Low**

GROUP ACTION (these should relate to your project description)	PRIORITY	METHOD	TIME
Weed control including spot spraying and slashing. Target weeds are turkey rhubarb, various annuals, privet, lantana, tobacco tree and cape ivy	L	Spot spraying using bursh off and starane; use coordinators tractor and slasher, driven by their employee 2 or 3 times per year.	Occasionally as resources permit
Slashing once per year the whisky grass on the top section of the reserve closest to the Butterworth/Rountree boundary	L		
Habitat protection, including feral animal control	H	Baiting for foxes and rabbits (1080 and pi9ndone poisons), shooting and trapping by professional contractors, notifying adjoining domestic dog owners and members of public	Monthly baiting at one site, ongoing
Revegetation of riverbank flat,	M	spot spraying to remove weed competition from newly planted species; tree guard maintenance' occasional watering and hand weeding around natural regrowth. Possible additional replanting	Occasionally as required

**4. BUSHCARE GROUP ACTION PLAN MAP - Please indicate below, on a map of your site what on-ground actions, from your group activity table, your group are planning to undertake. Include actions from other groups who may be involved, such as contractors, schools, Green Corps, Scouts etc. Please use black pen to indicate hard structures such as walking tracks, seats etc. (Council can help you access aerial map of your site if you wish, indicate North on your map)**

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#### 4. BUSHCARE GROUP OH&S & EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

a) Tick the activities that the group volunteers are likely to be doing as part of the action plan and attach the relevant Safe Work Method Statements, see Bushcare Coordinator for copies of these)

Type of Activity	Yes	SWMS name included
Manual weed control (cut & paint, scrape and paint etc)	Yes	
Chemical control (spraying of herbicides)	Yes	
Planting	Yes	
Minor construction (walking track, fencing, outdoor furniture)	No	
Propagation & seed collection	No	
Education (school groups, field days etc)	Yes	
Removal of screens and stakes	Yes	
Slashing with tractor	Yes	
Rabbit and fox baiting	Yes	

b) Has a site hazard and risk assessment been completed for the Bushcare site?

Yes  No

Attach a copy of the site/s risk assessment to the plan.

c) List the Personal Protection Equipment Required for volunteers whilst working on the site

PPE Equipment Required	Date issued
First Aid Kit	

Gloves	
Sunscreen	

## 5. COUNCIL SUPPORT

What activities/actions will Council assist with? (list the activities/actions council will do).

- Provide equipment
- Provide materials
- Employ contractors as appropriate
- Spraying of herbicides and control of weeds, opportunistic work by Privet Control Team

## 6. Possible Future Funding

Project	Funding source
Possible dog exclusion fence to allow extyended fox baiting	Threatened species funding
Possible research project – What are the important food source and habitat plants for the BTRW?	

**7. Plan will be reviewed yearly – next review due:**

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**The group should review a summary of the Bushcare Policy & Procedures at the time of each annual review**

**8. Please list other local or regional management plans or strategies that this plan relates to**

<b>Name of document</b>	<b>Year it was produced</b>	<b>Produced by</b>
<b>Fox Threat Abatement Plan</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>NPWS/DECC</b>
<b>Recovery Plan for the Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>NPWS/DECC</b>

**9. Group support and skill development needs.** This information helps to identify gaps that may exist between what the group require to function effectively and what the group has available. **This focuses on the group, overall, not individual members.**

<i>Tick one box only</i>	We are absolute beginners – don't know a great deal	We know a bit – enough to get by most of the time	We know quite a lot – and we know when to seek help	There's probably not much more we can learn on this	Comments
OH&S – develop and follow risk assessment		YES			Needs to be formalised
Develop and/ or monitor Action Plan	YES				
Plant identification – local native plants			YES		
Weed identification & control methods		YES			Priority
Bush regeneration methods		YES			Priority
Seed collection & propagation	YES				Not important
Group planning and decision making			YES		
Managing neighbour relations			YES		
Community education – schools, neighbours etc				YES	
Volunteer/ group member recruitment		YES			
Preparing grant applications			YES		

List below the 10 most common plants that are indigenous to the area.	List below the 10 most common plants that are <i>not</i> indigenous to the area.
See list below	See list below
Can all of the group regular volunteers identify these? <b>YES NO</b> circle one	Can all of the group regular volunteers identify these? <b>YES NO</b> circle one

**Bushcare Group Name** ..... **Coordinator Name** ..... **Signature** ..... **Date** .../.../....



**SUGGESTED SPECIES LIST FOR FUTURE SITE REVEGETATION**

<b>OVERSTOREY TREES</b>	
<b>Botanical</b>	<b>Common</b>
<b>Ficus coronata</b>	<b>Sandpaper fig</b>
<b>Acacia mearnsii</b>	<b>Black wattle</b>
<b>Casuarina cunninghamiana</b>	<b>River Oak</b>
<b>Toona cilata</b>	<b>Red cedar</b>
<b>Angophora floribunda</b>	<b>Rough Barked Apple</b>
<b>Syncarpia</b>	<b>Turpentine</b>
<b>Eucalyptus botryoides</b>	
<b>Eucalyptus saligna</b>	<b>Sydney Blue Gum</b>
<b>Ficus sp</b>	<b>Port Jackson Fig</b>
	<b>Blue Stringy Bark</b>
<b>Eucalyptus punctata</b>	<b>Grey gum</b>
	<b>Grey Myrtle</b>
<b>SHRUBS</b>	
<b>Botanical</b>	<b>Common</b>
<b>Dendrobium speciosum</b>	<b>Sydney Rock Orchid</b>
<b>Syzygium asutrale</b>	<b>Lilly Pilly</b>
<b>Acmena smithii</b>	<b>Lilly Pilly</b>
<b>Busaria spinulosa</b>	<b>Blackthorn</b>



**SITE WEED LIST**

<b>Noxious</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Control Method</b>
<b>Lantana</b>		<b>Spray, cut and paint, hand pull small plants</b>
<b>Privet</b>		<b>Spray, cut and paint, hand pull small plants</b>
	<b>Stinking Roger</b>	<b>Hand pull seedlings</b>
	<b>Kykuyu</b>	<b>Spray out</b>
	<b>Cape Ivy</b>	<b>Spray out</b>
	<b>Whisky grass</b>	<b>Slash before flowering</b>
	<b>Turkey Rhubarb</b>	<b>Spray out</b>
	<b>Trad/Wandering Jew</b>	<b>Spray out or Rake</b>
	<b>Burdock</b>	<b>Spray out</b>
	<b>Scotch Thistle</b>	<b>Chip or cut</b>