

Bushcare Education Information Sheet

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There are a variety of sources of Bushcare information and training available to Central Coast residents ranging from the formal to informal. Some of the key ones are listed below.

1. Informal Training

Orientation to Bush Regeneration

Central Coast Council – half day course aimed primarily at those wishing to participate in Councils volunteer bush care program. Council also has an email distribution list which advertises education workshops and other bushcare related activities, you can ask to be put on the mailing list.

Contact: Bushcare Officer 4325 8222 or Email: bushcare@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

<https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/environment/environmental-programs/environmental-groups>

Local Bush care workdays

Drop in to your local bush care groups work day for advice or to discuss your local issues. You don't have to be a part of the bushcare group see Council website for work day details as above. Many groups are also listed on the NSW Landcare gateway <http://www.landcare.nsw.gov.au/>

2. Formal training

Conservation and Land Management Certificate II, III and IV Courses Wyong TAFE.

See TAFE internet site www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au for further information. Higher level courses also available.

3. Do it yourself education.

The following resources are an excellent start to your own education.

- **The National Trust of Australia (NSW) Bush Regenerator's Handbook 2010**

The third edition of the Bush Regenerator's Handbook is a technical manual that explains a number of methods useful for controlling a wide variety of weeds that occur in or around our bushland. The second edition was revised in 2010 to include updated details of occupational health and safety and environmental legislation requirements. The handbook includes information on weeds of national significance and is now more relevant to broader Australia.

The Bush Regenerator's Handbook is available for **\$30+GST** per copy plus postage & handling cost. Contact: P: (02) 9258 0176 or E: bms@nationaltrust.com.au

The Handbook can also be purchased online through the National Trust's [website www.nationaltrust.com.au](http://www.nationaltrust.com.au)

- **Bringing Back the Bush, The Bradley Method of Bush Regeneration** by Joan Bradley 2002 Reed New Holland. Small book which provides a great introduction to the principles of bush regeneration. Earlier editions also good.
- **AABR's Guiding Principles for Ecological Restoration and Rehabilitation 2013**
Australian Association of Bush Regenerators (NSW) Inc. This updates the work in Joan Bradley's book (above) and incorporates practice developed since Bradley's pioneering work.
<http://www.aabr.org.au>
- **The Central Coast group of the Australian Plants Society**, has a range of excellent information and fact sheets on growing Australian native plants on its web site
<http://www.australianplants.org/central.htm>
- **Weed Removal Fact sheets** The Office of Environment and Heritage has a range of fact sheets and land conservation information
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/cpp/WeedRemovalFactsheets.htm>
- **NSW Govt Local Land Services Greater Sydney**
Local Land Services brings together agricultural production advice, biosecurity, natural resource management and emergency management into a single organisation.
- <http://greatersydney.lls.nsw.gov.au>

The Bushcare Website is a national website dedicated to promoting Bushcare and getting interested individuals volunteering with their local group. It has a range of resources, information and links www.bushcare.org.au

Other Organisations With Lots Of Useful Resources

Central Coast based organisations

Local Landcare and Bush Care groups. Your local bush care groups have lots of information and resources about their local areas. See Council or landcare gateway for group contact details. <http://www.landcare.nsw.gov.au/>

Community Environment Network

Is an independent community group based at Ourimbah that works for Ecologically Sustainable Development and against threats to it. CEN has a wide range of resources and manages a professional bushland management team. <http://www.cen.org.au>

Killcare Wagstaff Trust

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust Inc., seeks to preserve the natural environment of the Bouddi peninsula, to contribute to the understanding of this environment and to promote a sense of community and place.

<http://www.killcarewagstaffetrust.org.au>

Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre (NSW Dept Education & Communities)

This is a Department of Education facility that provides environmental education to schools. The website provides many resources related to the local area which are useful for the whole community.

<https://rumbalara-e.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Peninsula Environment Group (PEG)

The Peninsula Environment Group (PEG) is a voluntary group promoting sustainable living in the Woy Woy area.

<http://www.peninsulaenvironmentgroup.org>

State or Australia wide organisations

- **Australian Native Plant Society** <http://anpsa.org.au/pubs.html>
- **Greening Australia** – has a large range of books and brochures on relevant topics including some children’s books. Greening Australia NSW Inc is one of a nationwide federation of Greening Australia non-profit organizations which formed to provide a practical means to address the need for large scale revegetation and management of Australia’s native vegetation to help heal the landscape. See web site <https://www.greeningaustralia.org.au> for their publications list.

Some Texts

Auld, Medd **Weeds, an Illustrated Botanical Guide to the Weeds of Australia** 1992, Inkarta Press Melbourne

Buchanan Robin **Bush Regeneration, Recovering Australian Landscapes** 1996, TAFE.

Fairley and Moore, **Native Plants of the Sydney District** Society For Growing Australian Plants NSW 2010 *Allen and Unwin*

Muyt Adam **Bush Invaders of South-East Australia** 2001

Richardson F.J, Richardson R.G, and Shepherd R.C.H. **Weeds of The South East An Identification Guide For Australia** (2nd Ed) 2011.

Sainty G, Abell P and Jacobs S **Burnam Burnam’s Wild Things Around Sydney**, 1989 Sainty Jacobs.

Society For Growing Australian Plants NSW **Field Guide to Native Plants of Sydney** 1991 Kangaroo Press Good text book to help identify and learn about native plants of this region.

These and other texts available for loan to members from Ettymalong Creek Landcare.