

## what we do

### Local volunteers caring for your environment, by:

- Regenerating the foreshore of Cockrone Lagoon and the nearby sand dunes of MacMasters Beach, under Gosford City Council's Bushcare Program.
- Monitoring activities in the area to ensure the lowest negative impact on our local environment.
- Participating as a stakeholder in community consultations about MacMasters Beach bushland, beach and lagoon with Federal, State and Local Government environment agencies and the MacMasters Beach Progress Association.
- Seeking grants and other resources to improve the MacMasters Beach environment.
- Providing education and awareness to the community about local environmental issues.

## successes so far

We were established in 1996. The Wednesday and Saturday groups meet regularly and use approved bush regeneration techniques to reduce and substantially control the 'foreign invaders', including Australian natives that are not endemic to the area:

- Morning Glory Vine (South America),
- Bitou Bush (South Africa)
- Asparagus fern (Africa)
- Veldt Grass (South Africa)
- Mother-of-millions (Madagascar)
- Cobblers Peg (Europe)
- Kikuyu (East Africa)
- Lantana (Brazil)
- Privet (China)
- Acacia Saligna (Western Australia)

... and many other weeds.

**But a few minutes inspection will show you there's a lot more to do – and you can help.**

## more work to do how you can help

Many weeds originate from private land in the district and reinvade after we've removed them from public land. To control and eventually eliminate these weed invasions, we need help.

### You can help in three ways

1. Avoid any activity that harms our local environment, such as dumping garden waste, allowing fertilisers and garden chemicals to escape your property, mowing close to the edge of the lagoon or other waterways and planting exotic weed species.
2. Remove weed pests from your property, reduce stormwater and sediment flows from your property, consider replacing exotic plants with local native plants and bagging dog droppings.
3. Join us to help remove the invaders from our local public land. As little as two hours a month you can remove many weeds and create niches for a local Australian native to establish itself.

### You don't need to be an expert or superfit to help.

If you can remove weeds from your garden, you can do bush regeneration.

We'll:

- Show you what to remove,
- Demonstrate how to do it
- Provide the tools to use

You work at your own pace and ability level. It's free, excellent exercise, very educational, a great way to meet other members of our community – and very satisfying.

Don't have the time, or don't live full-time at MacMasters Beach, but still want to help?

Although Gosford City Council provides great support, we need funds for plants, tools and other resources.

A tax-deductible donation will help us. Contact us for information on how to help.





*we can help you*

**Not sure what's a weed or how best to remove it?**

We'd be delighted to help you inspect your property to:

- Identify troublesome weeds that may be escaping your property,
- How best to eliminate them using effective, approved methods.
- See if there are run-off problems that may be contributing to the challenges our bushland and lagoon face.



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**Contact us for a consultation**

on what you can do around your home to help restore the MacMasters Beach environment.



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