

Floating Landcare – Activity Summary 2021

Site Name:	Gentlemans Halt		
Location:	Hawkesbury Estuary	LGA:	Hornsby
Date of activity:	07/03/2021	Hectares treated:	1
Floating Landcare Program Partners:	Tegan Burton (NPWS)	Number of Volunteers participated:	12
Summary of on ground works	Annual Clean Up Australia Day activity, good low tide for collecting rubbish in the mangroves. Multiple bags of generally small items, a reflection of the good work done in previous years collecting large items accumulated in the mangroves. Major Hawkesbury flood occurred two weeks later . . . sadly rubbish is STILL coming down the river in July 2021.		

Site Name:	Bar Island		
Location:	Hawkesbury Estuary	LGA:	Hornsby
Date of activity:	19/05/2021	Hectares treated:	0.015
Floating Landcare Program Partners:	Donna Fitton, JP Kecman (Hornsby)	Number of Volunteers participated:	9
Summary of on ground works	Volunteers amazed at regen following the wet summer, native grasses abundant. The group weeded exotic grasses, Eragrostis elastica, Sporobolus africanus, Erharta along tracks. Also Vinca, Verbena & Asparagus. Consolidated compost area on Island.		

Site Name:	Peats Bight		
Location:	Hawkesbury Estuary	LGA:	Hornsby
Date of activity:	23/05/2021	Hectares treated:	0.1
Floating Landcare Program Partners:	Tegan Burton (NPWS)	Number of Volunteers participated:	18
Summary of on ground works	Great day of weeding with mostly new bush regenerators from the UTS Outdoor Adventure Club. Focused on Lantana and wild tobacco in Peats Crater itself. Also did a great amount of rubbish collection from the shore on the walk back to the boat - good timing following the major Hawkesbury flood.		

Site Name:	Cunio Point		
Location:	Berowra Waters	LGA:	Hornsby
Date of activity:	17/06/2021	Hectares treated:	0.06
Floating Landcare Program Partners:	Donna Fitton, JP Kecman (NPWS)	Number of Volunteers participated:	11

Summary of on ground works

Our last visit to Cunio Pt was in September 2020. With the favourable rainfall over summer the Bryophyllum spp. has regenerated quite a bit. The focus was on removing larger Mother of Million plants and those in flower. We got through quite a bit but will really need to have another 3 visits this winter to nail it. The native regeneration of Lomandra confertifolia & grasses – Themeda, Chloris & Cenchrus is abundant, also small Angophora seedlings were poking through the grasses



Caption: Floating Landcare Volunteers enjoying the Winter sun at Cunio Point, a chance to catch up while inching closer to depleting the site of Mother of Millions. Photos Hornsby Council.



Caption: Floating Landcare volunteers travelling in the new Brooklyn Water Taxi Barge. Photo Hornsby Council.