

## ENJOY EXPLORING BUSHLAND RESERVES

Bushland areas provide habitat for native wildlife, cool our city, filter air and water, support biodiversity and reduce impacts of flooding and erosion.

They are special places to explore and relax. We encourage you to discover our bushland areas, as regular bushwalking can help improve health and wellbeing.



We recommend the walking tracks at:

- Brush Farm Park
- Field of Mars Reserve
- Kittys Creek reserves
- Terrys Creek reserves

Maps of walking tracks can be found online at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/WalkOurPaths](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/WalkOurPaths)

Bicycle tracks are not permitted in bushland areas. They cause significant damage to native vegetation and to the safety of the walking track users. Cyclists may use one of the many shared cycle paths connecting our City.

## JOIN A BUSHCARE GROUP

We are recruiting for new volunteers, just like you, to join our Bushcare program. Have fun, meet your neighbours and help improve the local environment.

No experience necessary. Our Bushcare supervisors will provide all the training you need to get started, along with all the tools and gloves.

To view a map of all the Bushcare groups scan the QR code or visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Bushcare](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Bushcare)



## KEEP YOUR PETS AND WILDLIFE SAFE

- Keep cats indoors at night to protect native wildlife
- Keep your dog on a leash and remain on established tracks in Category 2 Wildlife Protection Areas
- Always pick up after your dog and dispose of waste responsibly
- Utilise one of Council's designated off leash areas.

For more information on Wildlife Protection Areas please visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/wpa](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/wpa)

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BUSH-FRIENDLY  
NEIGHBOUR

 City of Ryde  
Lifestyle and opportunity @ your doorstep

## BUSHLAND IN RYDE

Bushland areas are among the great natural attractions of our City and residents are encouraged to connect with these wonders of Ryde and help protect these parks and reserves for everyone to enjoy.

## CREATE HABITAT

Backyards can be important stepping stones for native animals, connecting them to bushland areas.

Help attract wildlife to your garden with these tips:

- Provide native plants for food and shelter
- Install a frog pond, bird bath or nesting box and retain tree hollows
- Use mulch, leaf litter, rockeries and logs to create habitat
- Visit The Habitat Community Nursery at 251 Quarry Rd, Ryde to source locally indigenous plants.



## CONTROL ENVIRONMENTAL WEEDS

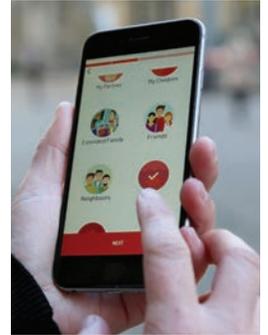
- Control environmental weeds on your property as they can significantly degrade bushland, waterways and impact our economy
- Always place weeds and lawn clippings in your green waste bin
- Never dump weeds in bushland areas where they can spread further and cause more harm.

For weed identification, resources and control techniques, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Weeds](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Weeds)

## BE PREPARED

Know your risk – use the free Ready Check tool [www.climatewisecommunitiesryde.com.au](http://www.climatewisecommunitiesryde.com.au)

- Clean your gutters of leaves and other debris
- Develop an emergency plan for your household
- Have contact details on hand for your neighbours, friends and family so you can help each other in an emergency
- Download the Red Cross 'Get Prepared' app.



## PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS



Council actively monitors the water quality in our catchment area. Avoid chemicals and washing liquids from going into the storm water drains that end up in our waterways and ultimately Sydney Harbour.

The Parramatta River Catchment Group is working with City of Ryde to improve water quality in the Parramatta river to create swimming opportunities.

Remember, the drain is just for rain.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP PROTECT OUR BUSHLAND

- Remove weeds from your property regularly before they seed or spread to neighbouring properties
- Compost and use environmentally friendly pesticides and fertilisers
- Ensure the things in your property don't extend beyond your boundary e.g. BBQ area, shed, fence or vegetable garden etc.
- Do not collect firewood from the bushland
- Keep native wildlife safe – never feed native birds or animals
- Do not undertake any works in Council reserves or parks without approval
- Report vandalism, illegal clearing and pollution incidents to Council.