

Pymont Ultimo Landcare Inc

Convenor's Annual Report 2021-2022

PUL was incorporated in 2006. We work on Wednesday and Sunday mornings. This year we continued removing weeds, planting infill, mulching and watering when needed. We hosted a large group of Ultimo Public School students for National Tree Day, and continued our engagement with Atlassian volunteers.

We are still frustrated by losing access to the upper side of Jones Street Pocket Park. We have had no response from the Office of Strategic Lands. We worked with Atlassian volunteers to plant a tiny forest in the land decimated by Transport for New South Wales when they installed the gabion wall behind the Wentworth Park light rail platform.

The City of Sydney provides mulch from Australian Native Landscapes, and plants from Indigigrow, a native nursery at La Perouse. We continue to ask the City to establish a native nursery where we can obtain local indigenous plants, so far with no positive response.

The City's Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan continues to inform our work. We have enjoyed cooperation from the Wattle Crescent apartments, with access to toilets, and occasional water and power. Similarly, we appreciate access to water from the Clifton Apartments in Quarry Master Drive and Richmond and the 120-122 Saunders Street stratas. Users of the Jones Street Pocket Park pathway encourage our efforts to restore native habitat for animals such as blue tongue lizards and possums.

We have had good support from Jenny Kent, Council's volunteer co-ordinator.

Negotiations continue about the location of a water tank at Wentworth Park light rail stop.

We have acquitted the grants from the Community Bank and the City. All our composting tumblers and heaps are working well.

The Wildlife Corridor Project

Weeding and infill planting at established sites have been our main focus, but we continue to spend time cleaning up rubbish, especially at the Fish Market light rail stop where we have failed to persuade Council, Transport for NSW or TransDev to install a rubbish bin. As we do not have access to adjoining sites, weeds continue to encroach, despite our efforts to cover exposed soil with mulch and groundcover.

Nevertheless, we again enjoyed a wonderful display of spring flowers, including grevilleas, wattles and indigoferas.

We work on many sites around Pymont. They are listed below.

28 regular volunteers + 44 guests (corporate, school, NTD) worked 1,069 hours (impacted by covid-19) weeding, watering, planting, mulching, rubbish collection, and purchasing plants:

Admin / Plant Purchase

28 hours

Bank Street/Quarry Master Drive corner

50 hours

Bus Stop

72 hours

Carmichael Park	73 hours
Clifton rear	18 hours
Fish Market Light Rail	23 hours
Paradise Reserve	12 hours
Quarry Master top/ramp	22 hours
Saunders St	83 hours
Trina's path (Jones St Pocket Park)	30 hours
Wentworth Park light rail	658 hours

Volunteers collected 120 cubic metres and 115 bags of green waste, plus 6 bags of garbage.

We now compost much of our green waste in our tumblers and compost heaps.

Management

PUL is overseen by the Executive and Committee:

- Mary Mortimer, Convenor
- Elizabeth Elenius, Deputy Convenor
- Karen Wyatt, Secretary
- Patrick Moul, Treasurer
- Karen Wyatt, Public Officer
- Patrick Moul, Website,
- Amanda Dunn, Deb Yeo, Liz Adolphe, Mary Frank, Committee
- Liz Adolphe, Statistician
- Mary Mortimer, Council liaison

The Committee meets irregularly with volunteers to plan the work and events. We have a healthy bank balance to buy tools, equipment and insurance.

Publicity

A comprehensive website - www.pyrmontultimolandcare.org.au - is maintained by Patrick Moul. Karen Wyatt has created a PUL profile on social media with an Instagram account and promotion of our work on Pyrmont Locals Facebook. This has led to some new members and increased visibility in Pyrmont. We display our banner at Wentworth Park light rail stop. Council has produced signs for Jones Street Pocket Park, but put them behind the cyclone fence where they are barely visible. Our visi-vests have PUL's name on the back and all our sites have signs. PUL is also publicised in *Jacksons Landing What's On*.

A Big Thankyou

I thank everyone for their support. I liaise with volunteers and Council; Mary Frank manages plant orders; Patrick Moul maintains the website and keeps track of the finances; Karen Wyatt looks after corporate requirements; and Liz Adolphe continues to compile our statistics. Volunteers now take more responsibility for managing the work, especially Deb Yeo on Wednesdays and Patrick Moul on Sundays. Thank you all so much.

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