



Invasive Oyster and Porcelain Crab Removal Working Bee No. 7

In the December newsletter we reported that “In 2025, thanks to the phenomenal work of all the volunteers, the team cleared 280 kg of oysters and 3,000 porcelain crabs from Lumeah Point”.

On Sunday 15th February our crew of 17 volunteers collected **3,300 crabs** and **288 kg of oysters**.

Thank you everyone, you are amazing.

We have one more working bee in February, scheduled for 11.00am Friday 27th February. Registration can be made at the Wildcare Tasmania website.

You can join Wildcare at <https://wildcaretas.org.au/> (\$35.00 pa membership), and register for whichever of the events you can support at <https://wildcaretas.org.au/events>.

More events will be listed for March and April shortly.

Elizabeth (Libby) Castle at UTas is coordinating the project. Libby would be pleased to provide further information and take expressions of interest from potential volunteers. Libby’s contact details are: email (elizabeth.castle@utas.edu.au) or by phone (0466 044 743).

Information for volunteers

This is physical but not overly heavy work, the main demands being the need to work at ground level, walking on uneven/unstable surfaces, safe use of hammers and chisels (for oyster removal), exposure to the elements, and splash risks.

The organisers will provide

- Safety equipment; gloves, safety glasses, pads for kneeling, and sunscreen
- Tools; hammers and chisels
- Containers; buckets for the crabs, tubs for the oysters, off-site disposal

For your safety and comfort please have

- Solid, supportive footwear that you are willing to get a bit wet and muddy
- Sun hats and comfortable clothing, kneeling pads if you have them
- Plenty of water

Thanks again to our volunteers, Wildcare Lumeah Point members, and interested community supporters.

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The record-making team



Live bearing sea star



A snapping shrimp



Plenty more to go.