

Report on Upper Deua Catchment Group Araluen Creek Restoration Project Community Engagement for Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council 29 June 2023

Overview

Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council has partnered with Upper Deua Landcare Group and will be assisting the Araluen Creek Restoration Project with community educational workshops; project videography, a revegetation advice and species list, as well as using project materials for community awareness of the Bridge to Bridge project including display boards for a natural and cultural historic display walk.

Update – Administration

- Clare and Larry attended the 18 June Committee Meeting of UDCLG
- Clare's initial contract finished on 31 April, however the agreement is that Clare will finish outstanding components agreed components of the project such as the display boards and managing completion of the video. No extra \$\$ is needed to cover Clare's time on this.
- Clare provided a draft final report to Penny Hayman Secretary of UDCLG and Larry O'Loughlin seeking feedback on 18 June in line with UDCLG deadline
- Clare will provide the final report on Monday 4 July
- UDCLG have indicated they do not need a financial acquittal from USLC (see budget report below)

Wrap up event – Saturday 9 September 2023

- Araluen hall booked
- Save the date flyer completed
- Sent to approx. 25 signatories
- Invite to be sent mid-late July
- Format – show video, thank yous, project overview
- Objective – significant media interest / coverage

Update – General

- Seems Soil Conservation managed to complete all soil erosion works by 30 June (need to confirm)

Update -- Workshops

All workshops completed

- Sunday 2 April – Community Planting Day, completed approx. 25 people attended. 400 plants in the ground,
- Saturday 25 February – Apical Weeds Workshop completed 20 people attended.
- Saturday 3 September – Seed collection and propagation – 17 people attended
- Saturday 27 August – Riparian Workshop – 25 people attended
- Saturday 25 June – Apical Weeds Workshop – 25 people attended
- Saturday 28 May – Soil Erosion Workshop – 15 people attended
- Saturday 26 February – Geology of Araluen – 30 people attended

Note: with the LLS funding allocation [did it come from this \$\$ category in the end] USLC (via Erin) was able to assist with two additional re-vegetation days in May:

- **Tuesday 30 May** – Home-schooling day, approx. 21 people attended. 150 plants in the ground
- **Saturday 27 May** – Community Planting Day, approx. 15 people attended. 400 plants in the ground

Update – Video

- Clare Young attended another planting day in May.
- Matt took drone footage
- We did up an updated agreement with Clare Young in late May which was signed off by both Penny and Larry. Main changes were to set in date a new timetable for completion and updating the budget to cover an extra day's filming. The process is for Clare Young to finalise and deliver as per the following timetable.

Date (Fridays)	Milestone
23/06/2023	• All raw footage provided
30/06/2023	• Draft “rough and dirty” edit provided via a non-public link for feedback
28/07/2023	• Polished edit provided for final feedback
18/08/2023	• Final film edit submitted for approval
1/09/2023	• Final delivery to Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council

Saturday	Launch / Wrap date
9/09/2023	Launch event

Update – Re-vegetation

- As above

Update – Bridge to Bridge Display Boards

- Outcome is five display boards on natural / environment/ landcare aspects as part of the Araluen Historic Trail. In conjunction with Araluen Progress Association.
- Brief prepared and agreed. Quotes obtained. Liaison with Araluen Progress Association established.
- Text and graphics for Boards underway.
- Clare Henderson meet with Araluen Progress Association to discuss boards, siting and design linkages
- Timetable is text and design for Boards complete in July and manufacture in Augusts. Boards to be ready to have at launch event on 9 September 2023
- Board topics are:
 - Geology of Araluen
 - Araluen Creek
 - Specific ecological features of the Valley
 - 27 years of Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group (UDCLG)
 - Looking after Araluen Creek (before and after photos)

Budget

Budget shows a current balance of between both the Bridge to Bridge account and the UDCR account of \$14,541.39 and a final balance of \$563.89 once all future commitments of expenditure are met. This needs to be checked against MYOB.



This is a Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund project through the joint Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement

SAVE THE DATE

Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group
in partnership with
Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council
invite you to:

**celebrate completion of the
Araluen Creek Restoration
Project 2021-2023**

plus watch the
premiere of the project video
by local award winning videographer
Clare Young

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2023
2.00PM
FEDERAL HALL
5989 ARALUEN RD, ARALUEN



