



# Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group Inc.

## Newsletter No 2

### August 2021

#### Araluen Creek Restoration Project update

The Araluen Creek Restoration Project is now well underway. This project is funded by the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund to implement sediment control strategies in the Araluen Creek.

The lengthy drought, extreme bushfires and seven major flooding events have created such high levels of damage that only major efforts can be employed to stabilise the Araluen Creek and its adjacent tributaries.

In stream works will support the creek into the future and ensure the Valley is in good condition to meet some of the undoubted challenges that climate change may well throw at us.

This project will include some work on tributaries as well as the main creek. Additionally, the upcoming workshops will help everyone gain an increased understanding of the dynamic nature of the valley and how to support re vegetation and plantings, erosion control techniques and the management of weed infestations.

Registration of Interest forms are available for landholders who would like to be involved in this important project which aims to provide support and assistance to landholders to repair and stabilize erosion points along the creek therefore, minimizing further damage.

Specifically, the focus is on sites of significant damage below the Neringla Bridge, however landholders along the tributaries of the Araluen Creek are encouraged to register to enable site identification and assessment.

Could landholders who have a form and would like to participate, please return it to Cath as soon as possible to assist with planning and logistics. Thank you to those landholders who have already returned their registration, Cath will be in contact with you very soon.

Site assessments will commence Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August running through to Friday 20<sup>th</sup>.

Andy Taylor, LLS and Lyle Bogie, Soil Con will be preparing the onsite assessments and Cath Harrison will be present to provide support and assistance to landholders.

For further information please

E: cathharri@gmail.com or P: 02 48464079.

We aim to raise community awareness of the fragility of the catchment and the vital importance of water quality for residential and agricultural purposes. We want to build community resilience and assist with the recovery and repair of our environment.

#### Clare Young – Local Filmmaker

Local filmmaker, Clare Young has been engaged to document parts of the project and to help showcase the amazing work we are doing in the community. Clare said, “that the project brings together two of my passions: supporting the environment to thrive; and providing an opportunity for local communities to tell their stories, so I’m really happy to be able to help.”

#### General Meeting: Friday August 6, 2pm at the Araluen Hall

A general meeting of the Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group will be held on **Friday 6 August**, 2pm at the Araluen Hall.

All welcome to attend. Agenda items include project update and weed management plan.





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#### Upcoming Workshops

A series of engaging workshops will be run by the Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council in conjunction with the project.

**Workshop No 1: Geology & Soils of the Araluen Region**  
10am-2pm Saturday 21 August

**Workshop No 2: Erosion Control**  
9:30am-12pm Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September

To register your interest in attending please email  
[upper.shoalhaven@gmail.com](mailto:upper.shoalhaven@gmail.com)  
Or call Bec Klomp on 0423 015 291.

#### Membership

Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group membership is \$2 annually or \$5 for 3 years. Please contact Treasurer, Robyn Clubb to join the group or check on your membership status.  
E: clubbr@yahoo.com



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