



Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group Inc.

Araluen Creek Restoration Project

Community Newsletter

December 2022

General meeting that was set for this Friday has been cancelled and rescheduled for January 28 2023

Annual General Meeting

The Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group Inc. will conduct its annual general meeting on **Saturday 28th January 2023, 2pm at the Araluen Federal Hall**. A general meeting will follow. New members always welcome and encouraged.

Membership

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

Note: For insurance compliance purposes all volunteers participating in planting days and other activities are required to be a financial member of the UDC Landcare Group.

Araluen Creek Restoration Project

The Araluen Creek Restoration Project is funded by the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund through the joint Commonwealth & State Disaster Recovery Funding. The project aims to deliver in stream works that will support the creek and its environs into the future.

As you would be aware, we have had many weather related delays along the way with this project. It's been challenging but well worth it. I am happy to say that with construction almost complete our final task is the re vegetation component.

In the past 18 months I have produced 17 newsletters to keep you posted and spent 500 hours working on the project, my tasks ranging

from landholder negotiations to establishing and maintaining momentum and coordination of the project with a focus on achieving positive outcomes.

This will be my final project newsletter and next year the group will revert to a general monthly newsletter.

Onsite Construction

Soil Conservation Service construction work is well underway with almost 75% complete. Remediation techniques including rock ramps, in stream log structures and rootball reinforcements are being used and will provide the framework for stability and regeneration to occur.



On site construction underway

The remediation of the 13 sites will deliver stability, reduce sediment movement, control erosion and future bank collapses.

Audio Visual Presentation

Clare Young's final production including time lapse footage will draw together the many components of the project and provide the group with an informative presentation and project overview.

This will become a learning tool to share with other groups, interested folk from the wider community and the Landcare network.





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Film Maker Clare Young on site conducting interviews and capturing video footage.

Water Testing

Regular water testing of the Araluen Creek and its major tributaries will commence in January 2023. Four sites will be routinely tested monthly providing benchmark data to build on.

Plant Propagation Day Success

We managed to get about 500 tubes planted at the propagation day with Lyn Ellis. This is a revegetation strategy to ensure ample tubestock are available for follow up planting next Autumn.

Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group – Display Boards Ideas and photos welcome

We are getting started on five display boards to tell the story and history of Landcare initiatives in the valley and to outline the special geological and ecological features of the valley.

The proposed topics are:

1. Geology of Araluen Valley
2. Araluen Creek – factual, map, length, features, tributaries
3. History – 25+ years of Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group
4. Looking after Araluen Creek – stories of the things UDCLG has done to protect the creek
5. Specific Ecological features of the Valley

If you have a story or a special photo or thought about these topics. Please contact Clare on 0412 425 665 or at clare@dacelo.com.au

Clare Henderson

Vegetation of Sites & Volunteer Assistance to Plant Trees

In Autumn we will be calling out to local volunteers to help plant out the remediated sites.

WE NEED YOU!

TO HELP PUT 1,500 PLANTS ALONG ARALUEN CREEK DURING NOVEMBER.

THE FINAL PART OF THE ARALUEN CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT IS RE-VEGETATING ALL THE SITES. EARTHWORKS ARE HAPPENING IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND THEN WE CAN PLANT. HOWEVER FOR ALL SORTS OF REASONS WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THIS SITE-BY-SITE. BE GREAT IF YOU COULD HELP. EXPRESS INTEREST AND WE'LL LET YOU KNOW THE PLANTING DAYS.

SEND YOUR EOI TO:
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Project Information

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UDCLG Newsletter

Newsletter is prepared and compiled by Cath Harrison with contributions from Clare Henderson.

The Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group Inc.
Wish you a safe & peaceful Christmas & A Happy New Year



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