



# Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group Inc.

## Community Newsletter No 1

### January 2023

#### Annual General Meeting

The Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group Inc will hold its annual general meeting on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023** **3pm 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

It is anticipated that by mid-February Soil Conservation construction works at the 13 sites will be completed. Planning is well underway to facilitate the commencement of the revegetation program.

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



Reopening of the original channel, diverting flows and positioning rootballs to reduce impacts on severely eroded bank pictured below.



#### Call Out for Volunteer Assistance to Plant Trees

The UDCLG is sending a call out to local volunteers to help plant out the remediated sites. Planting dates will be posted soon. Please send your EOI to: [upper.shoalhaven@gmail.com](mailto:upper.shoalhaven@gmail.com) or [Cath.cathharri@gmail.com](mailto:Cath.cathharri@gmail.com)

**WE NEED YOU!**

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

THE FINAL PART OF THE ARALUEN CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT IS RE-VEGETATING ALL THE SITES. EARTHWORKS ARE ALMOST COMPLETE 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: [upper.shoalhaven@gmail.com](mailto:upper.shoalhaven@gmail.com)

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#### Upcoming Weed Workshop

**WEED MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 8:30AM - 2:30PM

ARALUEN CREEK, ARALUEN (DIRECTIONS GIVEN UPON RSVP)

Register your interest to Clare Henderson 0412 425 665 OR [upper.shoalhaven@gmail.com](mailto:upper.shoalhaven@gmail.com)

At this workshop weed management experts, Apical, will outline restoration, remediation and weed eradication processes and principles.

They will also provide practical demonstrations of weed removal and bush regeneration on site along Araluen Creek.

The focus will be on – creepers and native grasses, in particular, Madeira Winter Cherry Vine, an emerging threat in the region and weed grasses such as Serrated Tussock and African Lovegrass.

Techniques will address management and control measures for different stages of growth – seedling through to mature plants.

Morning tea and lunch provided.

This workshop is part of Upper Deua Catchment Landcare's Araluen Creek Restoration project.





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#### 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](mailto:clare@dacelo.com.au)

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Clare Henderson

#### What is Feral Fighters?

Feral Fighters is a community-based initiative led by local champions, coordinating land managers to improve pest animal management and the protection of natural, economic and social assets.

These group programs see neighbours and the wider community conduct control activities across a large area, to reduce the impacts of pests, such as foxes, feral pigs and rabbits.

#### How do I become a Feral Fighter?

For new Feral Fighter participants please contact your local South East Local Land Services office where our staff will provide all the information on how to join an existing or establish a new Feral Fighters program in your area.

#### What are the benefits of being a Feral Fighter?

Each Feral Fighters group has a local group coordinator. After joining the program, our staff will be on hand to help connect you to your nearest group and help you and your neighbours take part in a group control program.

If you are unsure of who your local coordinator is, or are a new landholder wishing to participate, contact your local South East Local Land Services office.

Feral Fighters also receive support and resources from Local Land Services, including:

- free vertebrate pesticide induction training (VPIT)
- free baits and bait products
- up-to-date advice from a local Biosecurity Officer.

#### What training do I need?

To take part in any of our coordinated baiting programs, you must hold a valid Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training (VPIT) certification or an AQF3 Chemical Accreditation. Training in the use of vertebrate pesticides helps to ensure you remain compliant with legislation and use pesticides safely and effectively.

Our online VPIT course can be completed at any time, at no cost and upon successful completion, you will hold a five year accreditation to possess and use 1080, Pindone, RHDV and or PAPP baits.

You can find this course by visiting [www.lls.nsw.gov.au/vpit](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/vpit)

We also run face-to-face VPIT courses and you can find details of these upcoming sessions on our website or by contacting your local office.

Details of our bait collection points across the shire where you can participate in a local Feral Fighter program.

#### Queanbeyan-Palerang: Autumn Baiting

Location	Round 1	Round 2
Gidleigh/Butmaroo	14/03/23 – 10am	11 /04/23 – 10am
Bywong	21/03/23 – 4pm	18 /04/23 – 4pm
Taylors Creek	28/03/23 – 10:30am	25 /04/23 – 10:30am
Krawaree	29/03/23 – 10am	24 /05/23 – 10am
Carwoola	04/04/23 – 10am	—
Burra/Urila	06/04/23 – 10am	—
<b>Araluen</b>	<b>17/05/23 – 10am</b>	—

#### Queanbeyan-Palerang: Spring Baiting

Location	Round 1	Round 2
Gidleigh/Butmaroo	11/07/23 – 10am	08 /08/23 – 10am
Bywong	18/07/23 – 4pm	15 /08/23 – 4pm
Taylors Creek	25/07/23 – 10:30am	22 /08/23 – 10:30am
Krawaree	26/07/23 – 10am	—
Carwoola	01/08/23 – 10am	—
Burra/Urila	03/08/23 – 10am	—
<b>Araluen</b>	<b>16/08/23 – 10am</b>	—

#### Project & Re-vegetation Information

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#### UDCLG Newsletter

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