



Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group Inc.

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Next General Meeting

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General Meeting

Sunday 16th April 2023

3pm at the Araluen Federal Hall.

New members always welcome and encouraged.

Note: meeting time changed to 3pm in line with daylight saving finishing.

Araluen Creek Restoration Project

Site H1. Washed out crossing and bed erosion.

Below are the before and after photos of one of the 13 sites. A remarkable result. This site is now planted out with 400 endemic plants ranging from Red Gums to Water Sedges including Kurrajongs and Mountain Pepper.



Before



After

Work Description

Works at this site included the installation of 4 log sills in series below the crossing site. The damaged crossing was stabilized with cobble material and further reinforced with large rock.

The photo says it all – stability is restored and post construction results are spectacular.

It is anticipated that by June all Soil Conservation construction works of the 13 sites will be completed and revegetated.

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

Planting Day – Sunday 2nd April 2023

25 volunteers attended the planting day on Sunday 2nd April. It was a huge effort and the UDCLG would like to thank you all for your generous support and assistance on the day.

I think we all felt it the next day. The rocky terrain made for quite hard digging but we pushed through!

This planting day marked the beginning of the end for the Araluen Creek Restoration Project and with full completion now in site.

Filmmaker, Clare Young was onsite capturing video footage for her final cut which will become an informative documentary of the Araluen Creek Restoration Project.

We anticipate that the production will be a useful resource and will be available for Landcare groups and interested parties to use when undertaking restoration projects.



Volunteers planting out a remediated site with 400 tube stock

Volunteer Assistance to Plant Trees

Further plantings will be carried out in the next month as sites become ready for re vegetation. We anticipate having all sites planted out before Winter and will be seeking your help to plant out the remaining sites.

We are planning on having a power auger to do the hard work for us next time!

Information on the day will be posted soon.



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Araluen Creek Water Testing

Group volunteers have commenced testing the water at 6 locations from the Majors Creek escarpment to the Araluen Creeks' confluence with the Deua River. Testing is carried out on the 3rd Sunday of every month in line with WaterWatch guidelines.

Regular collection of samples will provide baseline data and correlations will be an indication of water quality.

We are testing:

- Water turbidity
- PH
- Temperature
- Electrical conductivity

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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.

UDCLG Newsletter

Newsletter is prepared and compiled by Cath Harrison with contributions from Clare Henderson & Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council.

FREE Feral Fighters Training & Bait Collection Point Information

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.ils.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	—
Araluen	17/05/23 – 10am	—

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	—
Araluen	16/08/23 – 10am	—



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