



Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group Inc.

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[Next General Meeting](#)
Sunday 18th June 2023

3pm at the Araluen Federal Hall.

New members always welcome and encouraged.

[Araluen Creek Restoration Project Works Update](#)

Contractors are set to remediate the final two sites of the project before end of June. This will be a major milestone and mark the completion of construction.

[Preliminary Notice – Claiming the Date](#)
[Project Celebration & Film Premiere Event](#)



[Community Tree Plantings help wrap up the Araluen Creek Restoration Project](#)

It's been a busy week of tree planting in the Araluen Valley with the Upper Deua Catchment

Landcare hosting back-to-back revegetation days on the banks of the Araluen Creek.

The first tree planting was held on the cool but sunny Saturday 27 May. Twenty-one volunteers turned up to help plant over 400 tubestock across two sites along the creek. Some attendees traveled from as far as Queanbeyan, but it was wonderful to see so many Araluen and Bombay locals pitch in on the day.



Volunteers brave planting trees on the steep banks of the Araluen Creek , Saturday 27 May

The second event, on Tuesday 30 May, invited parents and kids from the Braidwood home-school group to come down for a day of outdoor learning along the creek. Led by Araluen locals Cath Harrison, Helen Waddell and Local Landcare Coordinator Erin Brinkley, twenty-two participants, including eleven kids ranging from under 2 -14 years old, dug in and got their hands dirty planting an impressive 150 trees, shrubs and sedges.



Throughout the day the group learnt about the geology and gold-mining history of the Valley and why it contributes to high levels of erosion along the creek. The key message was the importance of ground cover and vegetation to help secure sediments and prevent them from being lost



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downstream. After a busy day's planting and a quick splash in the creek for the kids, each family got a couple of native plants to take home to grow and remember their reveg day in Araluen.

These community tree plantings were some of the final activities in Upper Deua Catchment Landcare's *Araluen Creek Restoration Project*. The group embarked on the Project almost three years ago, acquiring an Australian Government *Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience* grant to undertake large-scale erosion control across 13 sites along the Araluen Creek. Log sills, root balls, rock banks, livestock fencing and troughs have been installed, with last week's plantings finishing off some of sites along the creek and its tributaries.

A big thank you to the members of Upper Deua Catchment Landcare and the Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council for all their support in delivering both events. We'd also like to acknowledge the *Foundation of National Parks and Wildlife Bushfire Recovery Grant Program* for kindly funding the great spread of sandwiches from Braidwood's Concept's Café to feed all our hungry volunteers on Tuesday and Saturday.

Contributed by Erin Brinkley. USLC Landcare Coordinator



Parents and kids from the Braidwood home-school group explore a rock erosion control structure last Tuesday 30 May

Big thank you to those who helped out on the re-vegetation preparation days, Tony, Darren, Cath-erin and project participants Don, Les & Luke.

Expression of Interest – Plant Propagation Day

The group would like to organise another native plant propagation day in early Spring. Please email Cath with your expression of interest.

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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 the Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council.



The fabulous home schoolers group on site

