



Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group Inc.

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(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1984) including its sub-committee,
the Araluen Community Water Users Association

MEDIA RELEASE

UDCLG

BUSHFIRE COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FUND

UDCLG's submission to the the above fund has been successful in receiving **\$290 000** to implement sediment control strategies for the Araluen Creek below the Neringla Bridge.

Who are we?

UDCLG has worked actively for 28 years to maintain the integrity of the Araluen Creek and its tributaries to ensure the ground water (2 aquifers) level is maintained and the previously worked landscape (gold field) is stabilised. Completed works include weed management, in-stream log-sills, erosion control and pollution management. Successful sill works have raised the water table by 1 meter thus supporting the farming and general community in the valley. UDCLG previously contracted Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council for a 10year plan (2014-2024) to ensure any work undertaken contributes to the long term vision.

Project Outline

The drought, bushfires, floods have now created such levels of damage that only major efforts can be employed to stabilise the situation. Our partners Local Land Services, Soil Conservation Service and Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council have assessed the damage and have prioritised 20 sites that require immediate attention to prevent further catastrophic outcomes for the Araluen Valley and those downstream who depend on good water quality.

Clearly climate change and associated extreme weather events mean that remedial action is urgent and unavoidable now or future events will impact adversely the whole catchment of the Araluen Creek and Deua River .