



Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group Inc.

Araluen Creek Restoration Project

Community Newsletter

March 2022

General Meeting

The next general meeting of the UDCLG will be held on **SUNDAY 13TH MARCH** 3PM at Robyn's café, Majors Creek Mountain Rd. Coffee & Cake will be available. Please join us for project updates and planning. New members always welcome.

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

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.

Project Delays Expected

Soil Conservation Service construction work was scheduled to begin in March however delays due to the ongoing wet conditions will see the works being put back until April. Lyall from Soil Con and Andy from Local Land Services will undertake a post flood inspection on all sites next Tuesday 15 March to re assess the soggy situation.

Works to be undertaken include; log sill weirs, rock ramps, removing choke points and realigning stream diversions. The remediation of 13 sites will deliver stability, reduce sediment movement, control erosion and future bank collapses.

Local videographer, Clare Young capturing the project in an informative video reference for the future.

Re Vegetation of Sites & Volunteer Assistance to Plant Trees

Re-vegetation of the sites will be undertaken in Autumn 2022 with 1,500 native species to be planted. The group will be calling on volunteers to assist in getting the plants in the ground. Further information will be circulated as we progress.

Project Information

Cath Harrison, Project Liaison
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Geology of Araluen Workshop held on 26 February 2022

Around 30 people gathered at the Araluen Hall on Saturday 26 February to hear Leah Moore of the Australian National University talk about the Geology of the Araluen Valley. This workshop was the first in a series as part of the Araluen Creek Restoration Project. A key element of the project is community engagement to expand understanding of soil erosion restoration and remediation measures. The workshop was focussed on the specific geology of Araluen however the key message from Leah was the importance of understanding the geology of your area, your particular site and how water moves through the landscape. Leah said, this understanding is vital if you want to improve your water quality, address erosion in your local waterways, or make your property more drought resistant.

While we are all once again flood focused due to the current rains, creek restoration measures are also important for making our waterways more resilience to fire events such as the 2019-2020 Black Summer fires.

The recent rains once again highlight that our fragile waterways need a lot of care and



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maintenance, to make them more resilient to these increasing numbers of extreme weather events. It is all about “slowing the flow, without causing other unintended impacts and taking a catchment wide approach” said participant Larry O’Loughlin, Secretary of the Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Committee.

Leah highlighted various web-based tools that can assist with understanding your local geology and soil types, such as: [E-spade](#) and [Salis](#).

Penny Hayman, Secretary of the Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Group said: “It was awesome to see it all flow and to have access to such a personable and able presenter.”



Presenter Leah Moore

Get in contact with Clare if you would like a copy of Leah’s presentation via clare.henderson@webone.com.au
 M: 0421 425665

Reminder the next workshop, with a focus on soil erosion techniques is on Saturday 26 March.



Videographer Clare interviewing locals

Workshop No. 2 Erosion Control
Erosion Control
Saturday 26th March

SAVE THE DATE **EROSION CONTROL WORKSHOP**

SATURDAY 26TH MARCH **9:30-12:30 PM**
 856 MAJORS CREEK MOUNTAIN ROAD
 (DIRECTIONS GIVEN UPON RSVP)

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO
 CLARE HENDERSON 0412 425 665 OR
clare.hayman@gmail.com

This workshop will provide landholders with hands on skills and information on how to treat and prevent erosion after fire.

It will cover erosion processes and control techniques and help you identify which methods are best suited to your catchment size and soil type.

The workshop will also examine low cost soil erosion techniques and more technical erosion structures.

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

Logos for Upper Deua Catchment Landcare, Australian Government, NSW Government, and Local Land Services South East are included at the bottom.



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