

Armidale - Dumaresq Landcare Group

November - December Newsletter, 1994

Well, although we haven't had an ADLG newsletter for some time, lots has been going on.

Finally we got our \$100 Landcare grant from CaLM and opened an account at The Armidale Credit Union. David Miller (Landcare Specialist) asked Bronwen and I to join a travelling tour of Turkish foresters for an afternoon, showing them our plans for regeneration along the creek. The group will receive an extra \$100 for this, but we are yet to find out why ??.

At present we are planning revegetation of three sites along Dumaresq Creek, which has now become the main focus of the group. These are the area west of Niagara St (where the bike track crosses), private property west of Cooks Rd and an area east of Elm Ave (below the Claude St flats) which we are currently negotiating with UNE to partially fence off from cattle. These projects form the basis of two funding applications that have been submitted; one to Rivercare (Department of Water Resources) and one to TCM enhancement.

Stay tuned for any information, as once we get our 'big bucks' we may need your help for some serious tree planting.....!

On September 4th, National Landcare Day, a small field day was held at 'Albion Park' (N.B. small = low attendance), some of you may have noticed the milk cartons and trees (supplied by The Armidale Tree Group) at the swing bridge near TAFE. It was an enjoyable day, Earthly Delights provided some yummy food, Stuart Johnson (DWR) gave an interesting talk on caring for creeks and many of us learnt about the history of Dumaresq Creek and the time it was saved from becoming an entire concrete canal.

If anyone is looking for an opportunity to become a bit more involved with the group, we are looking for help over Summer with some surveys of vegetation and fauna of Dumaresq Creek. It is only basic stuff, the requirement being a small amount of time to spend doing collection of plants and recording animals.

Finally, if you are interested in coming to the meetings they are held fortnightly on Tuesdays from 1-2pm at Land Resources, UNE. Ring Bronwen Jones on 733955 BH. for more information. If you can't come at that time, ring and tell us when you can (we would like to like to know !).

Cheers, & beers

Bronwen Jones and Kim Harris