ADDLINGTON CREEKCARE

2026/27 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Project Highlight:

Fixing Creek Crossings in Dularcha National Park

An example of what we are fixing, a steep and eroded track, leading down to washed out creek crossing

Improved track with strategically placed rocks to capture sediment and slow run off.

Seqwater and MRWL have joined together with Queensland Parks and Wildlife to improve some of the tracks in Dularcha National Park. The works will improve our drinking water, as well as improve the park's accessibility for hikers and bike riders alike. National Parks had a plan, last year, to restore parts of the track which were damaged in intense rainfalls. We saw this as an opportunity to restore the stability of some other areas in the park at the same time. We were able to identify 5 creek crossings which needed remedial work. Some of these creek crossings had damaged pipes, while others had erosion beginning to occur. So far, we have installed piping, improved the slope of the tracks, and added rocks in strategic places to manage sediment and flooding. We are very proud of the work that has been done so far, and there is more to go. This work can be challenging with wet weather conditions, but we are ensuring that everything we do will improve the water quality downstream.

CANE TOAD PHOTOCONTEST WINNER!

Congratulations to young toadbuster, Kaladin, for winning the cane toad photo competition and sending in this classic shot!

Kaladin with his toadpole catcher prize!

Contact us: Ethan Mimnaugh: 0477413986 catchmentofficer@mrwl.org.au

Summer Events Recap:

Addlington Creekcarers Catchup at The Pub!

At our Pub Catchup: landholders, contractors, project organisers and funders all got together for a cold drink and some nibbles to celebrate working together and making a difference in our catchment.

We also introduced our new catchment officer, Ethan Mimnaugh; talked about what's been happening in your neighbourhood this last year; had a sneak peek into some exciting projects for the new year; and got your feedback on what workshops you'd like to attend next year.

Thank you also to Landsborough Pub, who provided a nice venue, plentiful snacks and icy cold drinks. i think we'll definately do that again!

Stay Connected

Join the Addlington Creekcare FB Group here:

Landsborough Residents join 'Find a Frog in February'

The kids absolutely LOVED running around at night catching toads (on a school night)! It was wonderful to see some Addlington Creekcarers (old and new) and families from the Landsborough State Primary School join us at our Addlington Creek 'Find a Frog in February Frog (and Toad) Walk.'

108 toads, almost all females- were busted AND despite being a dry night, we also heard 2 frog species: the Tusked Frog and Great Barred Frog!

A big highlight for attendees was the added treat of going for a night bush walk with Mike Donovan, author of "Reptiles and Frogs of Southeast Queensland." Mike shared some great knowledge- including how to tell apart a male and female Cane Toads and which species of frog we could hear.

Males have rougher, sandpaper-like skin that turns a solid yellow-brown or brownish-yellow.
Females have smoother, blotched skin with maroon spots.

Next Event:

Ewen Maddock Dam Water Treatment Tour!

9th of October
4-6 pm

A rare chance for a behind the scenes peak at the Seqwater facility entrusted with providing safe, clean water to our neighbours in Caloundra.

Register here:

The tour will be followed by a twilight sausage sizzle in the dam's beautiful recreational area.

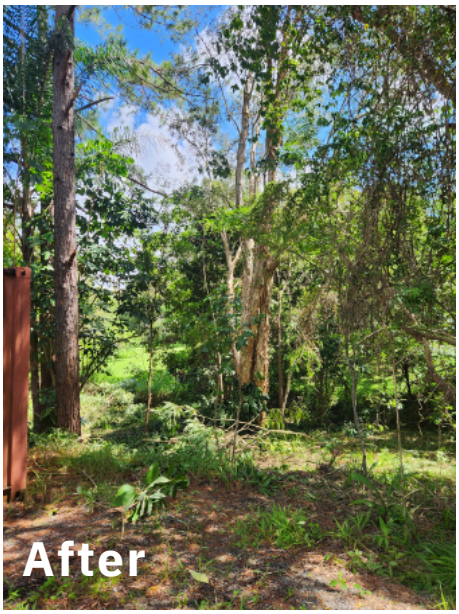
Creekcarer Highlight: How did you get involved?
-Featuring Jim Wright

Jim has 100 meters of creek frontage and so was eligible for funding under our program.

'About 6 months ago I walked past a sign about a scheme to potentially assist owners of land on Addlington creek with some land management and weed control. As I had been restricted with my own land management by an injury requiring an operation, weed control had been beyond my capacity for a couple of years.'

What works were done?

Two contractors spent a day removing invasive weeds and vines. A follow-up visit two months later addressed weed regrowth. The contractor also spent time teaching Jim to identify problem plants and control methods.

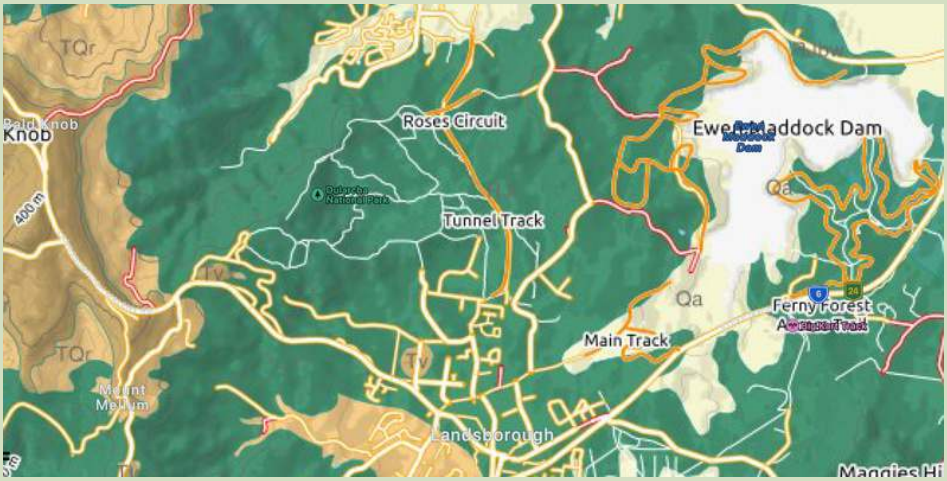


Any unexpected benefits of the program?

'An additional benefit of the experience has been a night time toad hunt/find a frog event led by an expert to find and identify frogs. We also collected several buckets of cane toads for disposal on the walk. The event was organised by Ethan through Mooloolah River Landcare in the Ewen Madock dam reserve where ***I met some lovely and passionate people that also care about the environment in the local area. I look forward to other events in the future.'***

Fun Fact

"Landsborough Sandstone" is the name of the bedrock for most of the coastal plain from Brisbane's northern suburbs to Coolum and hosts a range of fossil plants including ferns, seed-ferns and conifers.



Geological Map - Green Shows the Landsborough Sandstone, Orange is Volcanic, and the Cream is Alluvial

Fossilised knot of Timber

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