

About UNE Landcare

Landcare is a community network committed to the sustainable management and use of natural resources. Landcare groups are formed by people with a common concern about the quality of land and water in their area. Groups undertake a wide range of activities, including on-ground projects, research and community awareness raising. The UNE Landcare group was established in mid – 2006, and the primary aims of the group are:

- To restore ecological integrity on the UNE property (providing insurance for native species) and
- To increase public awareness and environmental education about moving towards ecologically sustainable development.

Everyone is welcome to contribute to the group and its activities by becoming a member. The UNE Landcare group has an executive committee (comprised of students) in the roles of President / Vice, Treasurer, Administrator and Project Officers, to plan projects, oversee the administration and finances of the group, and to organise events. Community based Landcare projects offer fantastic opportunities for you to:

- Share your knowledge, experiences and skills with the local community
- Develop communication skills and build team relationships
- Gain confidence in practical skills such as weed identification and removal, safe handling of chemicals, identifying land degradation, methods of rehabilitation and native plant recognition
- Work with people from diverse backgrounds, disciplines and perspectives in collaborative projects involving a variety of community and stakeholder groups
- Gain experience in problem solving, planning, project design and conflict resolution
- Initiate long term projects that leave a legacy for future generations

By voluntarily joining the UNE Landcare Group, you will have opportunities to participate in a range of community based projects and activities. As a paid member of the UNE Landcare Group, you are covered by insurance whilst participating in on-ground works. Participation in group activities or as a member of the committee can be counted toward work placement requirements for the Rural Science and Natural Resources Management degrees at UNE.