



# UNELandcare

*'It's a new year and there's plenty to be done'*

## Important Dates

### Landcare BBQ:

Wednesday 28th February,  
12.45pm - 1.45 pm at Dumaresq  
Creek site

### General Meetings (Open to All):

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1pm - 2pm,  
NRC Room  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 1pm - 2pm,  
NRC Room

### Working bees:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 9am - 3pm  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 9am - 3pm

### Elections:

Date to be announced (March  
2007)

### Next Newsletter:

April 2007

## Welcome!

A warm welcome to new and returning students of UNE in 2007. The UNE Landcare group was established in mid 2006, and has been actively involved in the rehabilitation of Dumaresq Creek (on-campus). Our current project site is off the goat track (adjacent to Sport UNE) so have a look on your way up the hill from college or the village. By becoming a member of the group, you will have opportunities to develop a variety of useful skills in community based resource management and rehabilitation. In mid January, committee members met to discuss Term 1 working bees at the Dumaresq Creek site (see left). In March 2007, we will be electing a new committee, so come along to the next meeting to find out how to be involved. We welcome all members and new comers to meetings, just bring your lunch and roll up to the Nat Res Common Room (off the courtyard in Ecosystem Management).

## Bundaberg Rum Bush Fund Grant

In December 2006, the UNE Landcare group (in conjunction with Southern New England Landcare) compiled the final report back to the Bundaberg Rum Bush Fund on the \$5500 grant to rehabilitate the section of Dumaresq Creek near Sport UNE. Following on from 2006, the remaining funds of the Bundaberg Bush Rum Fund have been allocated. We will be hosting community working bee days at the site to do autumn plantings, with the project completed in April 2007.



Photo: Phoebe in action, 2006.

## **Need work placement hours?**

Did you know that time spent volunteering with UNELandcare can be counted toward work placement for the B Rural Sc, B Nat Res, B Ag Sc degrees, or the New England Award? As the UNELandcare group is a network of students, we can also assist new students in Armidale with finding work placement opportunities. If you care about the environment and are looking for somewhere to gain practical experience whilst at uni, please feel free to contact anyone of us – check out the **NEW** website for contact details. We are proposing a block week of volunteer work at the Dumaresq Creek rehabilitation site for people around Armidale after the Easter break in 2007 (subject to interest). If you are interested in participating in the UNE Landcare “Work Placement Week”, please contact us ASAP.

### **Work Placement Week**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007 (lectures recommence Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April) *subject to interest***

#### **Landcare BBQ at Dumaresq Creek!**

To thank UNE Landcare members for their terrific efforts over 2006 (and to welcome new members for 2007), we will be having a BBQ at the project site on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February (week 3). BBQ will be FREE for members (\$1 for non-members). The BBQ will be a great opportunity to meet new people on campus and check out the site of on-ground works.

#### **2007 Elections**

The UNE Landcare group has an executive committee and the following positions will be open to members:

- President / Vice President
- Treasurer
- Administrator
- Project Officers

Positions are held for 6 months and are a great way to gain experience in project management. For more details, contact  
Carina or Rhonda

#### **Contact Details:**

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#### **The website:**

The UNE Landcare website will be up and running in March 2007, keep an eye on the noticeboards!

#### **Southern New England Landcare:**

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