

What can I do to help my creek?

Join a creek care group

These groups may meet once a week, once a month or in some cases every day. Contacts can be found on this brochure.

Grow your own native wildlife refuge

By removing bushland weeds from your property and planting natives you can significantly reduce your impact on the creek.

Visit a native/waste free garden

- Eco-Garden at Kimbriki Recycling Centre
- Stella Maris Eco-Garden, Queenscliff

The Three Creeks Programme

3 Creeks is a demonstration project of the regional rehabilitation of urban streams. Three sites have been identified within the three Northern Beaches council areas and were chosen for the diversity of their habitat and restoration problems they represent. These are Narrabeen Creek (Boondah Rd, Warriewood), Dee Why Creek (Fisher Rd, Dee Why) and Burnt Bridge (Kamiri St, Seaforth).

The project includes community participation on planting days and an information pack for the community on:

- Native Plants
- Environmental Car Care
- Weeds
- Water/Catchments
- Pet Care and Frog Habitat

and two fridge magnets:

- Helping Our Creeks Get Into Shape
- Sydney Northern Beaches Creekcure Groups

To Get More Information

You can browse the website at:
www.ozgreen.org.au/3creeks.htm

Or contact your local Council.

Helping Our Creeks Get Into Shape



Native Plants

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A partnership between: Manly, Warringah and Pittwater Councils, Manly Environment Centre, Coastal Environment Centre, Oz GREEN and Sydney Northern Beaches Catchment Management Committee.

Where Can I Get Native Plants From?

If you wish to attract native animals to your garden it is essential you obtain plants that are local species appropriate to your area collected from local seed stock. There are a number of tubestock outlets on the Northern Beaches that can help you with this, they are:

Berkana Native Plant Wholesale Nursery, Warriewood
PH: 0418 478 636

Growing Care Community Nursery, Balgowlah
PH: 9907 6985

Harvest Seeds and Native Plants, Terry Hills
PH: 9450 2699

Kulgoa Wholesale Nursery
PH: 9450 1217

Kuringai Community Nursery, St. Ives
PH: 9424 0825

Sydney Native Nursery, Warriewood
PH: 9979 8812

Toolijooa Nursery Sydney Natives, Mona Vale
PH: 0412 457 895

Tharwa Nursery, Terry Hills
PH: 9450 1967

Wirreanda Nursery, Ingleside
PH: 9450 1400



Why Plant Natives?

Habitat

The primary reason for the demise of native animals in the urban environment is their loss of habitat and food sources. Public areas have been degraded in the past and are now in the process of being restored by local volunteers and Councils. The vast majority of land however, is in private ownership and a native garden is the first step to redressing native vegetation loss.

Water efficiency

After the initial planting and settling in period native plants in the correct area require less water than exotics. This can be encouraged by occasional deep watering rather than frequent surface watering.

Fertiliser use

On non-landfilled areas native plants need little or no fertiliser. Site preparation may be required in your garden.

Mulch

Mulch is any material that can be placed on the ground to act as an insulator between the elements and the soil. It will reduce water loss and erosion and will help in the suppression of weeds.

For More information

Contact your local nursery, the Society for Growing Australian Plants (P.O. Box 744 Blacktown, NSW 2148) or your local creekcare group.

Join a Northern Beaches Creekcare group

Contact:

Manly

Bushland co-ordinator
on Ph: 9976 1500

The Manly Environment Centre
on Ph: 9976 2842

Warringah

Bushland co-ordinator
on Ph: 9942 2222

Manly Dam Rangers
on Ph: 9949 3235

Oz GREEN
on Ph: 9971 4098

Pittwater

Coastal Environment Centre
Bushland Co-ordinator &
Catchment Education Officer
on Ph: 9970 6905

Sydney Northern Beaches Catchment Management Committee co-ordinator

on Ph: 9907 8402

National Parks & Wildlife Service

on Ph: 9977 6732

