

# 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.

## *Obtain a list of noxious weeds*

Contact your local council for a comprehensive list of noxious, invasive bushland weeds in your area. This list will help you identify the weeds in your garden.

## 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](http://www.ozgreen.org.au/3creeks.htm)

Or contact your local Council.

## Helping Our Creeks Get Into Shape



**Regional Rehabilitation  
of Urban Streams**

# Weeds

3 Creeks is a RIVERCARE project funded by:



**Natural Heritage Trust**  
*Helping Communities Helping Australia*

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

## What are weeds?

A weed is classified as a plant that is growing in a place where it is not wanted. In many cases this may mean that one person's weed is someone else's prize flower garden.

## What are Bushland weeds?

Bushland weeds can largely be described as non-native plants that have colonised an area of bush. These are often ornamental garden escapes, and in many urban situations are capable of causing harm to the native flora and fauna.

If you would like information on types of weeds and more detail on control methods contact your local council noxious weed officer.

## How to remove invasive bushland weeds from your garden

### *Crowning*

Grasses and Asparagus fern



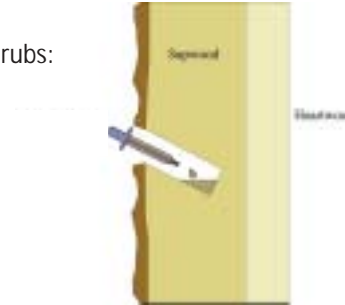
### *Cut and Paint*

Small trees and shrubs:  
Paint stump with herbicide



### *Drill and Fill*

Large trees and shrubs:  
Place herbicide in angle cuts



### *Scrape and paint*

Vines and shrubs:  
Paint area with herbicide



### *Hand Removal*

Seedlings and small shrubs



## 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  
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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*

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