

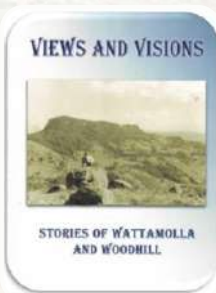
# BROGERS CREEK LANDCARE

BUILDING COMMUNITY BY CARING FOR COUNTRY

## VIEWS AND VISIONS

Brogers Creek Landcare began 25 years ago with a small group and a privet problem. Since then, the community has grown to over one hundred who steward the land on which we live and work, Dharawal Country.

We come together with many things in hand; gloves, tools, willingness and kindness. We share what we grow, what we know. We give of ourselves to the land and each other, kindred spirits with shared visions for a smaller footprint and a sustainable world.



In 2011 the group produced a book that gives a first person account of people living in the community. It is gifted to every newcomer along with an invitation to join the group and the monthly working bees.



There is a social element after each working bee and two annual community events; a January picnic and a Locavore Mid Winter Feast to which the whole community is invited.



1997

PRIVET & WEEDS

DROUGHT & BUSHFIRES

COVID & LOCKDOWN

FLOOD & LANDSLIPS

2022



## THE FOUR SECRETS TO OUR SUCCESS



### BE INCLUSIVE

Invite everyone along the catchment to participate, and hold events at times that maximise the chance people are available.

Holding events on weekends enables part-time residents to join in.

### BE RESPECTFUL

Recognise that people have different views and accommodate those differences. For example, not everyone is supportive of using herbicides to treat weeds, so using herbicides is not a requirement of being involved in the group

### MAKE THE MOST OF THE SKILLS WITHIN THE GROUP

Share the load of organising meetings, inviting new people to participate and writing grant applications among group members based on what they are best at.

### CELEBRATE WHAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED

After each get-together, reflect on what has been achieved that would not have been possible working alone.



## CONNECTING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY



In 2019, as the community anticipated the threat of bushfire, smaller localised groups were formed with a co-ordinator appointed to disseminate information.

WhatsApp became our official local news source and its' purpose made clear, communication for the safety of land and people during an unprecedented crisis.

As the challenges have rolled out, WhatsApp has been critical in keeping the community informed, united and feeling less isolated.

From road closures to escaped cattle to the sharing of produce, the bush telegraph is alive and well and ever evolving, providing a platform for community and social engagement.

