

REHABILITATING A RIPARIAN ZONE OPOSSUM CREEK



SPRINGFIELD LAKES
NATURE CARE

"Caring For Nature & The Environment"



Identify the Problem

Invasive pest species, such as Camphor Laurel & Chinese Elm reducing natural light. The result over time saw lost ground cover, due to leaf litter, loss of native plants, soil erosion & bank degradation during floods.

Why is Rehabilitation Important?

- Helps maintain a natural ecosystem
- Provides a corridor for wildlife & valuable habitat & sustainable food for native species
- Prevents erosion & sediment run off



Funds & Resources

This project takes time, money & community effort. It is important to evaluate, collaborate & partner with local landowners, councils, state & federal governments. Springfield Lakes Nature Care (SLNC), with assistance from both local & federal governments, were able to employ contractors to prepare the site for volunteers who assisted with planting native species at community planting events. This project would not have got off the ground without assistance from the Australian Government's Community Environmental Project grant.



Earth Day 2021 theme Restore our Earth

Landcare & bush care members, residents, local Scouts & Girl Guides volunteered to plant and water over 2000 native plants.



Protect your investment!

Use tree guards to prevent animals, such as wallabies or kangaroos from destroying your hard work. Engage a Bucket Brigade to water new plants until plants are mature. SLNC used water crystals in the soil before planting & Ipswich City Council provided a water pod with liquid nutrients to assist with plant growth.



"The vision for the future of Opossum Creek is to provide sustainable food sources all year round & give endangered Tusked Frog & Platypus an ecosystem in which it & other flora & fauna can flourish."

Luise Manning,
President Springfield Lake Nature Care Inc.