

Bossley — Elborough Avenue



In 2004, the Bossley's were assisted by a Green Corps team who planted native seedlings along the watercourse, and constructed a fence to keep stock out.



This is the same site in 2007! Native ferns are once again thriving with the removal of woody weeds. This site is now an important habitat feature and stabilised banks lead to less sediment & nutrients entering the watercourse. Erosion has been a major issue in the upper reaches of the catchment and revegetation projects like this are helping to improve overall water quality.

Hypolepis rugosula
(Rare in SA, Vulnerable in Southern Lofly Region)

Native Ferns in the Catchment



Blechnum minus
Soft water fern



Gleichenia microphylla
Coral fern



Pteridium esculentum
Bracken



Hypolepis rugosula
Ruddy ground fern

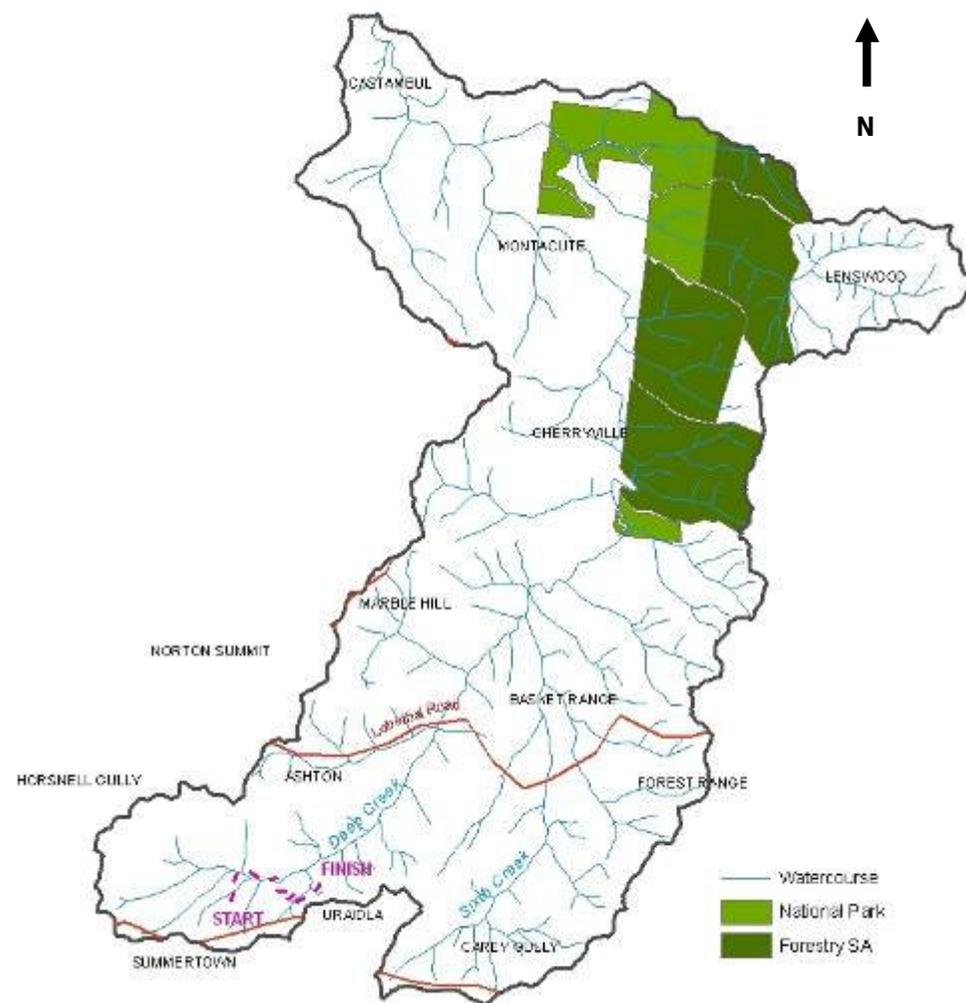
Thanks to the Mc Ewen's and Bossley's for kindly hosting this walk, and thanks for coming along and supporting our work! For further information on the Sixth Creek Catchment Group, please visit our website at www.sixthcreek.com



Deep Creek Caper

Sunday 2nd August 2009

A walk through the Summertown & Uraidla districts to view properties involved with revegetation, woody weed control, bushcare and willow removal.



Mc Ewen — “Calawyn”, Hollidays Road



In 2006, the Mc Ewen's were assisted by a Green Corps team who planted approximately 500 native plants along the watercourse. This length of watercourse is now protected from stock and has been stabilised by the native plants.



In 2008, the Mc Ewen's participated in Trees for Life (TFL) “Carbon Neutral” program. 1000 seedlings were provided by SCCG & TFL and planted by staff from Finsbury Green Printing. This revegetation site will provide habitat for native birds and animals, stabilise the soil & improve water quality with less run off from the paddock entering the watercourse.

Other on ground works on the property include woody weed control in the bushland to assist natural regeneration.

Gilbert — “Lofty Valley Vineyards” Collins Road



A vegetation survey carried out in this watercourse in 2000 discovered 6 plants with “Rare” ratings in South Australia & the Southern Lofty Region. Works on this property have focused on conserving the rare plants (in particular native ferns).

In 2007, Willow trees along the watercourse were “drilled and filled” and left in situ to rot down gradually. This site was not suitable for mechanical removal of Willows and a more sensitive approach was needed to ensure the remnant ferns were not disturbed.



A few years on, and with further removal of woody weeds such as Montpellier Broom, Blackberry, Holly & Gorse, remnant ferns are thriving in this watercourse.

Stands of *Blechnum* ferns naturally regenerating.

Barratt — “Barratt Vineyards”, Cornish Road



In 2004, the former Torrens Catchment Water Management Board (TCWMB) funded slashing & spraying of woody weeds. Once the weeds had died down, the owners approached the local CFS to conduct a burn off to remove the woody weed debris. This has sped up the process of natural regeneration and many native ferns are regenerating on this site now.

Matson — Elborough Avenue



In Summer 2007, the TCWMB funded mechanical removal of Willows along the watercourse and follow up revegetation in the winter. This site still needs to be monitored for Willow regrowth and woody weeds need to be maintained to ensure the survival of the native plantings.