

## Malcolm Whan

Malcolm WHAN passed away on 3rd July 2016 , aged 60 years, Late of Milton , Beloved husband of Carolyn (dec) Dearly loved father of Kiri and Tarun .

Together, Carolyn and Malcolm have been involved with environmental education since 1991 when they completed the educational series 'DuneCare'. They started Milton Rural Landcare Inc. in 1998.

Mal added enormous energy and value to Landcare in our area and will be missed. However he will live on in the thousands of plants from the Milton Nursery that live on as a testament to his contribution. Thanks Mal.

A real Landcare Legend, especially in the Milton area, Mal was one of the "Founding Fathers" of Shoalhaven Landcare Association and South East Landcare. He was also active in the formation of Landcare New South Wales.



Mal contributed to Landcare in the wider community through the Shoalhaven Landcare Association as Secretary, Treasurer and their representative to South East Landcare. He participated in meetings at Myuna Bay and Tamworth that led to the formation of Landcare NSW and was one of the initial representatives of South East Landcare on Landcare NSW.



Mal has made an incredible contribution through the Milton Rural Landcare Group:

- under the stewardship of Carolyn and Malcolm Whan since its inception in 1998.
- Aiming to protect and/or enhance the natural environment and promote all aspects of sustainability.
- membership now averages 80+
- Activities have centred around a Native Plant Nursery,
  - o located in the council compound – Deering St, Ulladulla,
  - o opens every Tuesday and Wednesday each week.

- o volunteers propagate plants from stock collected locally that are used to support projects on local farms, national parks, council and other reserves as well as local gardens.
- o Operating as a non-profit native nursery to encourage landowners to revegetate and replace weeds with plants grown from local seed;
- o native exchange program where community members are encouraged to remove pest species in exchange for a native plant.
- o publication of a training booklet called 'Locals are Lovely' which provides instruction on seed collection, propagation and planting techniques



- "Mapping the Shoalhaven" in partnership with Intergraph and the Southern Rivers CMA among others.
  - o members of the general public in the use of relevant spatial information systems to monitor change and contribute to improving environmental management in our area.
  - o focus on environmental issues with Shoalhaven Landcare Inc and involves local high schools, university research and support, industry technical support, local Council, the Catchment Management Authority and other government agencies.
  - o Engaging cooperative Landcare groups both facilitates data collection as well as exposing us to a variety of issues of concern/interest.
  - o This illustrates that the interactions between people representing different interests are a key to effective landscape management.
- Work with Ulladulla Aboriginal Land Council undertake works that improve the environment and promote understanding of Koori culture.
  - o For three years they ran natural fibre basket making workshops in different techniques with the support of Jim Wallis.
  - o Elder Fred Carriage always gives a walk for the Green Corps teams along the Coomee Nulunga Cultural Track to explain bush tucker.
  - o The Budamurra Aboriginal Corporation has supported the making of a film with a Green Corps Team supported by Tom Avery





Fred Carriage and Mal Whan at a Rock Art Site on "Dithol" the Sacred Mountain at Ulladulla

- The 'Mountains to the Sea' project links the Narrawallee catchment by encouraging landholders repairing riparian zones along Yackungarra, Narrawallee & Croobyar creek lines, engaging with weeding, planting and fencing activities.
- worked with NPWS officers to protect Yatte Yattah Nature Reserve and conduct the annual 'Bat' count for five years, with NANA giving education about Flying Foxes.
- A coordinated fox trapping program that has significantly reduced fox numbers in the Milton area;
- Helped farmers fence native forest remnants within the Narrawallee, Conjola and Clyde River catchments;
- GREEN CORPS: Milton Rural Landcare has partnered nine Green Corps teams over the past 10 years.
  - Reported in local media in 2012; *Mr Whan estimates that it would take one person their entire working life - approximately 45 years - to complete the same amount of work as the nine Green Corps teams. He said the program had been of enormous benefit to the environment - but also to those people taking part. Mr Whan said that before the Green Corps program was established, projects such as tree planting and weed removal was undertaken by volunteers - or simply wasn't done. They planted thousands of trees but also removed weeds, gathered important data and completed their Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management.*
  - Supervision and training of five Green Corp teams.
  - Supervision and training of seven 'Work for the Dole' teams through YWCA;
- The planting of numerous trees and removal of mountains of weeds;
- Produced with Caroline a data base of local plants "Plants of the Shoalhaven.
- The creation of native bush tucker gardens in local schools;
- The initiation of the Clyde River Project that has subsequently resulted in a coordinated investment in the Clyde River catchment from numerous agencies, industry groups, landholders and community;
- The installation of numerous off-stream cattle watering systems and fencing thereby removing cattle from over 4 km of Clyde River foreshore;
- Production of play by youth performed at local shows and schools, and a booklet to educate children about Myna Birds and other pest animals.
- THERE is new hope that the Ulladulla Civic Centre's iconic fig tree will live on for years to come. Landcare president Mal Whan has taken several cuttings from the fig tree in the hope of successfully propagating them. Once the current fig is removed, Mr Whan is confident there will be several healthy plants available to take its place in the vicinity of the new development.

