



# Media Release

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## **WATERWAY CARE THE FOCUS OF LILYDALE LANDCARE OPEN DAY**

Residents in northern Tasmania will learn how to care for creeks and rivers during an open day at Lilydale next month.

The event will be held at Sonoma Lodge, opposite the Lilydale Falls reserve, on Saturday November 5th, and has been organised by NRM North, Lilydale Landcare Inc., landholders and community members.

The day will feature willow control works, native tree-planting and water quality monitoring as well as some unique attractions including alpaca shearing demonstrations and exhibits of rare poultry breeds.

Jillian Weston, of Sonoma Lodge, said the willow control work was a key focus of the day.

"I had a section of the willows along the creek removed eight years ago using heavy machinery and realized after the mess they left, the weeds they introduced, and the total change to the creek banks, that there must be a better way.

"This new sympathetic, eco friendly method, combined with replanting, is just the solution I have been searching for." Ms Weston said.

"To add to the learning aspect of the day, we are pleased to offer alpaca shearing demonstrations and other activities to make it an experience to remember."

NRM North's Regional Landcare Facilitator, Adrian James, said the open day was a good way for people to learn and practice skills for caring for our waterways.

"The day is planned as a family-friendly, fun and informative outing."

Nick Wordsworth of Lilydale Landcare, encouraged those interested in natural resource management to come along and learn more.

"It's a great opportunity to see a landcare project in action and for members of the community to join the local landcare group."

A barbecue lunch will be provided. RSVP, October 31<sup>st</sup> by calling NRM North on 6333 7777.

Participants are asked to bring sturdy boots and gloves.

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