



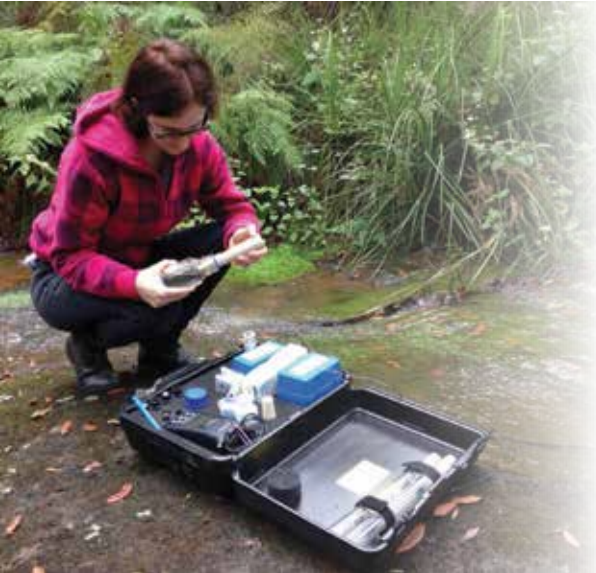
GARDENING

STILL CREEK LANDCARE



**How healthy is your creek water?
Want your creek water tested?**

By Chris Noon



Still Creek Landcare group checks the quality of the water in our local waterways. We do a variety of physical, chemical and biological testing every month in three creek places. This is part of the Streamwatch program, involving a couple of hundred people at 50 sites across the Sydney area. It has been going for 28 years and we have been doing it here for almost 10 years. You can see how our local water quality has been going on our website:

Visit www.stillcreeklandcare.com.

[au/our-catchment/water-quality/](#)

Come and visit us at our stall at the **Arcadia Markets on Saturday 17 November** and you can see what we do and how we do it. **Bring some of your creek water with you and we can do some tests on the spot for you.**

Streamwatch volunteer citizen scientists have been successful in detecting pollution early in Thornleigh, helping biosecurity by detecting the first European black slug in NSW and by providing environmental planning data over decades.

Streamwatch has been funded by Sydney Water and run by the Australian Museum, but the Museum will stop managing it after June 2019 and there is some doubt about funding. All councillors in Hornsby Council have agreed to write to the NSW Government and we have spoken to Hornsby MP Matt Kean to get his help in continuing this work.

Should you wish to put in a plug for Streamwatch, just email the Premier at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/contact-us/contact-the-premier/>

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

**Guest Speaker –
Susan Lewis –
Pressed Flower Designs**

The Bromeliad Society of Australia will hold their next meeting at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 10 November with plant sales commencing at 11am prior to the meeting.

Access is via Showground Road into Doran Drive, Castle Hill with plenty of parking on site.

Guest Speaker will be Susan Lewis, Pressed Flower Designs and a historical enthusiast

who's talk and slide show will include the early history of the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne where the Melbourne International Flower Show is held. The presentation will include photos of the landscape design and outstanding floral displays at the Show over the years.

The Exhibition Building which was completed in 1880, is one of the world's oldest remaining exhibition pavilions and its dome and decorative paintwork have been meticulously restored. The most significant event to occur

in the Exhibition Building was the opening of the first Parliament of Australia in 1901 and it received World Heritage status in 2004.

It is such a beautiful building to showcase the Melbourne Flower Show which is the largest of its type in the southern hemisphere.

Susan has been pressing flowers for over 20 years and has exhibited her work at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show each year and the Berry Garden Festival.

Susan will have some of her beautiful pressed flower items for

sale – such as bookmarks, cards, jewellery, soaps, trinket boxes and framed pictures.

This presentation promises to be very interesting and visitors and guests are most welcome to attend.

BSA meetings include interesting guest speakers, plant sales, club news, raffles and competitions as well as providing an opportunity to meet with like-minded people in a friendly and inviting environment. Contact Ian Hook mobile 0408 202 269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com. Visit website: www.bromeliad.org.au

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