



Shoalhaven Dairy/Oyster Farmer Partnership

Project Summary: SRCMA is working with a number of partners to develop and implement priority riparian fencing works to restrict cattle access to the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers. This will allow mangroves and saltmarsh species to recover from grazing and ultimately improve water quality for the local oyster industry. The project came as a result of a meeting in 2004 between Shoalhaven Riverwatch, local oyster growers and SRCMA after oyster growers were unable to harvest due to reduced water quality in the lower Shoalhaven estuary caused by cattle upstream. Fifteen kilometres of waterway has been fenced. Additional funding has been secured to fence a further 5km of waterway adjacent to one of the Shoalhaven River’s primary oyster harvesting areas.

Partners: Shoalhaven and Crookhaven River oyster farmers, Shoalhaven dairy farmers, YWCA GreenCorps, Conservation Volunteers Australia and Shoalhaven Riverwatch

Funding: \$50,000

Value of Project: \$110,000





Brogers Creek Remediation Project

Project Summary: This project is repairing a major erosion problem at Brogers Creek, which flows into the Kangaroo River and forms a part of the Shoalhaven water supply. Assessment of historical erosion in the area using aerial photography and a site survey found that erosion had caused the Creek's channel to change course over the past 45 years. Project works have been undertaken by SRCMA to correct severe erosion. Works involve a special remediation technique using logs to form structures to stabilise the bank, slow water flow in the Creek, reduce erosion and prevent sediment from moving downstream. These structures will provide a significant habitat for aquatic fauna such as invertebrates and fish. Construction of fencing to exclude stock and revegetation of native species will further stabilise the area and provide wildlife habitat. Following completion of project works the site will be monitored to document changes to the stream and to assess project results.

Partners: Sydney Catchment Authority and local landholders.

Funding: NSW Government

Value of Project: \$120,000



Shoalhaven River Rehabilitation Project

Project Summary: SRCMA is undertaking river restoration works to address erosion and sedimentation from wind wave forces along priority sections of the Shoalhaven River. Project works include the construction of rockwall, bank reshaping, tree replanting, stockproof fencing, weed control and mangrove replanting. The project aims to assist in sustaining river ecosystems and improve water quality for oyster growers and fishers and natural resource, tourism and recreational users of the River. SRCMA has entered into 10 year agreements with landholders so that project outcomes are achieved and riverbank areas are managed well into the future.

Partners: NSW Department of Primary Industries, Shoalhaven City Council, Shoalhaven Riverwatch and local landholders.

Working with local people to achieve healthy, natural ecosystems and sustainable productive landuse.