



## How the community rallied to clean up Pitt Town creeks after the floods

### Description

[Two months ago I raised the terrible condition of Bardenarang Creek at Pitt Town](#) after the March floods. Friendship Bridge there marks a significant historical site – the place of first meeting between Europeans and Aboriginals in the district in 1791.

Plastic sheeting and debris filled the creek and it was well beyond locals or Council to fix unless there was a significant collaboration of manpower and pooled resources.

It's heartening to see that help has arrived in the form of [Disaster Relief Australia](#), who have combined with Hawkesbury City Council and the [Pitt Town Progress Association](#) to resource a four-day blitz on a substantial part of the creek. DRA are a Veteran-led volunteer organisation who help communities in distress at times like these.

I've long been a student of what resilient communities look like, and behold: A local residents group with volunteers and heavy equipment ready to help, Council ready to co-ordinate with skip bins and portaloos (and thanks to Council officer Phillip Bow for his role), and a group like Disaster Relief Australia who bring know-how and corporate philanthropy from the likes of [NAB](#), [Allianz](#), & [Salesforce](#) (and many others) contributing manpower and funding. This is the way.

We can only hope that we will not have to repeat this whole exercise again in the coming weeks as the threat of new floods loom over us. Some in our community have been knocked down more than once. Only with help like this can they continue to get back up.

On behalf of the Hawkesbury community, thank you to you all for your heart to help, for your muscle, for your smarts, and for your coin.

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