

# These Drains Lead To Glenbrook Lagoon

## *Where does all the rain go?*

Rain carries pollutants and sediment from hard surfaces, such as roads and rooftops, into Glenbrook Lagoon.

These nutrients and sediment from surface water runoff, all contribute to polluting the lagoon. Pollutants and nutrients such as phosphorous, increase weed growth in and around the lagoon. Exotic weeds threaten habitat.

## *What goes in the Lagoon, stays in the Lagoon*

It is all connected. More nutrients (such as lawn fertilizer, lawn clippings, leaves, animal droppings) leads to more weed growth and poor water quality.

## *How can we help prevent pollutants entering Glenbrook Lagoon?*

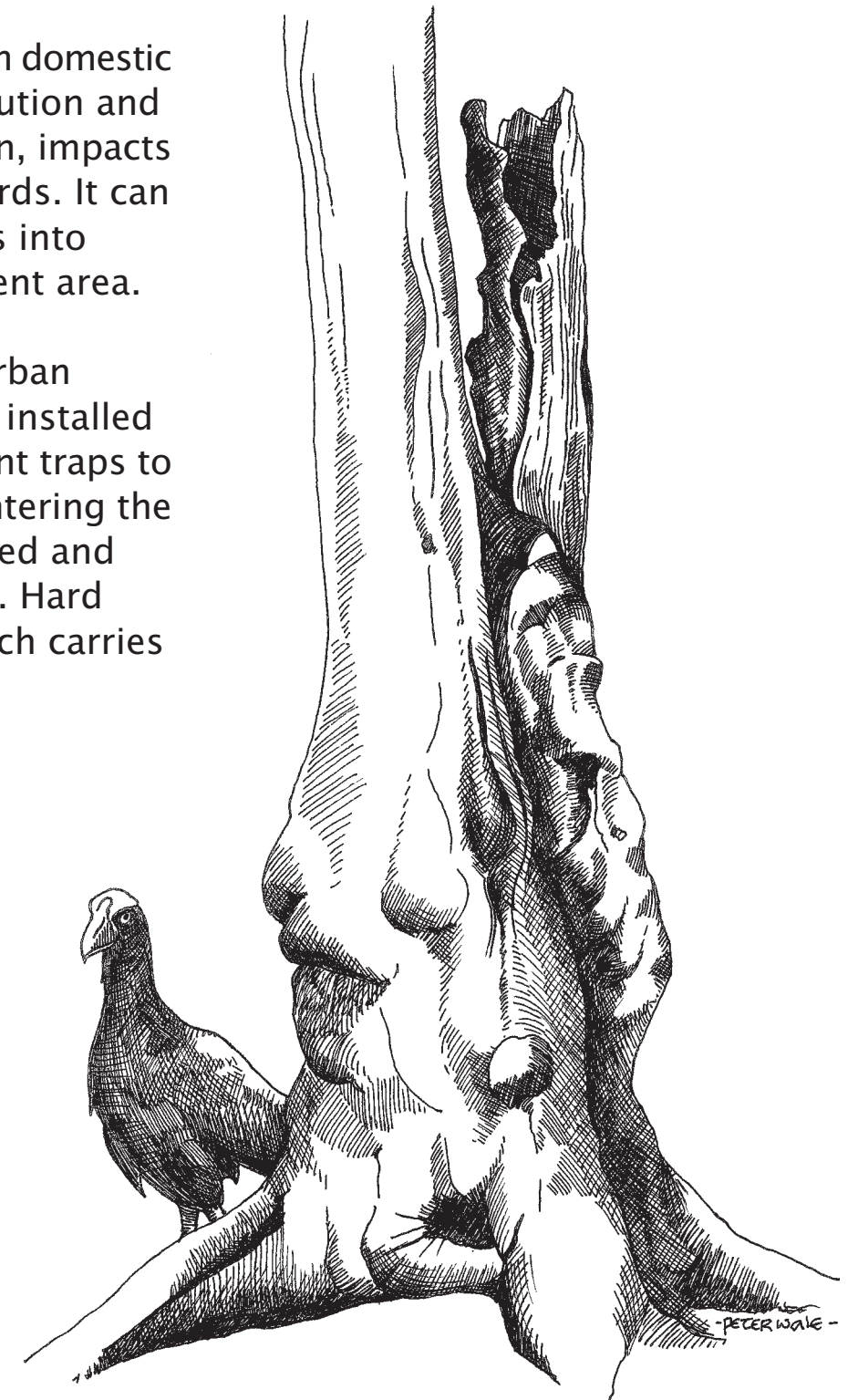
Remember that the drain is just for rain. What flows down your drain or driveway will end up in Glenbrook Lagoon.

- Wash your car on a grass lawn
- Minimise artificial fertilizers in the garden
- Minimise synthetic herbicides and weed killers
- Do not pour oil, paint or toxic substances down the drain
- Plant native trees and shrubs in your garden
- Install rainwater tanks to slow down runoff

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The build up of sediment discharged from domestic and local sources causes a sink of pollution and heavy metals in the lagoon. This, in turn, impacts on the aquatic life of frogs, fish and birds. It can also cause problems and spread weeds into Lapstone Creek and the whole catchment area.

Blue Mountains City Council and the Urban Control Run-off Control Program have installed Sedimentation Ponds and Gross Pollutant traps to help reduce the amount of sediment entering the lagoon. Nearby streets have been curbed and guttered to help reduce sedimentation. Hard surfaces, however, increase runoff which carries nutrients, pollutants and weeds.



For further information please contact Council on 4780 5000 or visit us at: [www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

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