

# WILDLIFE CORRIDORS



An information guide from  
**STILL CREEK LANDCARE**



## **What are Wildlife Corridors?**

Wildlife corridors are links between areas of native vegetation that encourage animals and small birds to move safely between the areas. They also allow native plants to pollinate across both areas.

Corridors work best when they contain 3 layers:

- trees to provide a canopy
- shrubs in the middle layer
- grasses, groundcovers, leaf litter and old logs.

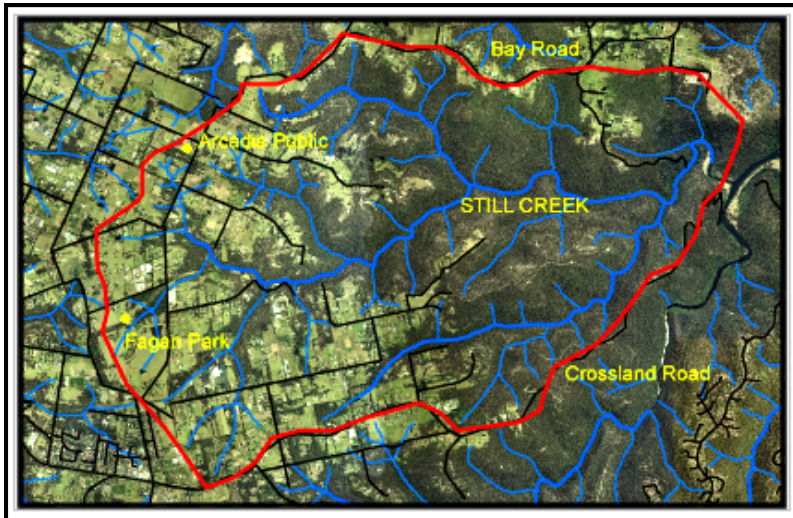
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## Why are Corridors important?

Corridors minimise in-breeding that may happen to animals and plants living in isolated patches of bush. When animals can move through corridors to adjoining areas of bush, their gene pool is diversified and strengthened.

They also have a wider diet and an escape route when threatened.

As residents, we will enjoy greater numbers of healthy birds, native animals and plants.



## Are there Corridors on my place?

On the map, the dark green areas are trees and the light green areas are cleared. Corridors are the dark green strands that join larger areas of trees. Any isolated patch of bush would benefit if a corridor could be planted to link it with another area.

On a community scale, the gap created by Bayfield and Bay Roads and the cleared land either side has separated important areas of core bushland. As a community, we need to find opportunities to build corridors across gaps such as this. Landcare's planting at Carrs and Bayfield Roads, and further down the creek, is a start.

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### What can we do to help?

- Look at aerial maps and see if you and your neighbours could link areas of bush with corridors - the wider the better.
- Keep as much native vegetation as your desired land use, and the need for fire protection, permit.
- Try to keep weeds out of native areas.
- Most small birds need the shrub layer. If you like small birds, have lots of it.
- Plant local native species rather than nursery plants. They are more likely to survive and don't need fertiliser or extra water. They provide the right food and shelter for native birds and animals.
- Encourage native vegetation along your roadsides.



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We live in a beautiful area. The bush, with its native birds and animals, is a major reason for that beauty.

We can help to keep the bush and its inhabitants healthy by establishing and maintaining corridors.



Would you like to know about building and caring for corridors?

Would you like to help with similar work across the catchment?

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