

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

Our area is situated within the geological feature known as the Hornsby Plateau. We have the most beautiful floral displays in our poor sandy soil areas and two endangered ecological communities in richer soil areas - Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forests and the surrounding Transition Forest. These areas are a vital refuge for native plants and animals which are threatened by encroaching urbanisation.

The area has a rich history of farming and horticulture and now supports a growing number of residential properties. **Native vegetation and wildlife are assets** on our properties. They can provide shelter for stock, insect control, low maintenance grazing and minimise erosion. A healthy native ecosystem makes the property a **more attractive and interesting place** to live and work.

The most valuable native vegetation habitat features are large undisturbed areas and corridors that connect these. Native vegetation with shrub layer and groundcovers, native pasture, large old trees, wetlands, rocky outcrops and even fallen timber can help to look after the existing bushland and its inhabitants.



What can we do?

- Fence off native vegetation, stream banks and remnant trees from livestock
- Provide long rest periods between grazing of native pasture
- Protect native vegetation from fertilisers and septic discharge
- Retain mature and standing trees as habitat
- Control weeds
- Manage stock access around dams and watercourses

And most importantly ...

Protect native vegetation and habitat on our property. Attempting to replant what has been lost is more expensive and time consuming.

**For more detailed information and other useful links
Go to our website: www.Stillcreeklandcare.com.au**

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