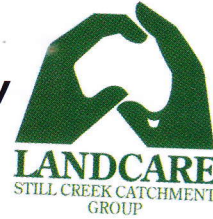




## Still Creek Landcare Making a Difference Locally

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### ***Crofton Weed is about to shed its seeds again***

Last month, we talked about how to go about improving an area of land full of weeds: clearing privet by taking it in small steps. Our Landcare group did something similar in 2012 on a weedy horse paddock.

We made a difference by taking relatively small steps: we can see in the photo that we have trees up to 8 metres high in less than 5 years. We now have a small native plant corridor partially linking two good areas of native bush. This is how we did it:



- Fenced off an area 110m by 11m and cleared some of the weeds with Landcare volunteers
- Planted with community volunteers, 200 trees and shrubs donated by Hornsby Shire Council
- With Landcare volunteers, we watered and cleared weeds as the trees grew
- Occasionally weeded and checked fencing

Does help now exist locally for us on our blocks of land? Yes:

- Still Creek Landcare can advise on what to do about weeds and what to plant
- We can provide native plants thanks to a donation by a member of the local community for people with suitable land and motivation
- We have working bees when we help fellow members weed and plant

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