

## Byron Shire Wildlife Corridor System

### Council Strategic Actions to Support and Promote the Byron Shire Wildlife Corridor System

Activity	Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BCS) or Agriculture Action Plan (AAP) Action
<p>Seek funding for and implement habitat restoration on private land. Grant funding sources include NSW Environment Trust, NSW Koala Strategy and North Coast LLS Natural Resource Management Plan.</p>	<p>BCS 1.32 Work with Council's Grants Officer to identify funding opportunities available to deliver elements of this plan on both private and public land.</p> <p>BCS 3.6 Compile a database of landholders interested in or participating in active restoration and - landholders of sites identified as high priority for conservation/ restoration.</p> <p>BCS 3.7 Engage with landholders to advise of funding opportunities available for restoration, including grants and Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements.</p> <p>BCS 3.8 Work with neighbouring Councils and Friends of the Koala increase planted koala habitat and secure conservation agreements for koala habitat on private land in Byron Shire.</p> <p>BCS 3.9 Seek grant funding opportunities for combined Council-private landholder restoration and revegetation projects on private land.</p> <p>BCS 3.13 Investigate opportunities for Council to provide incentives for landholders to conduct restoration works that will assist with long term biodiversity conservation.</p> <p>BCS 4.29 Continue to develop and implement 'Bringing back the Bruns' branded projects to address improvements in riparian and instream habitat, water quality, fish passage and habitat connectivity on Council and private land along the Brunswick River and its tributaries.</p> <p>BCS 4.30 Seek funding to develop and implement projects addressing improvements in riparian and instream habitat, water quality, fish passage and habitat connectivity on Council and private land along waterways of the Wilson River catchment.</p>
<p>Continue to protect and restore wildlife habitat on Council-managed land.</p>	<p>BCS 4.1 Progress restoration of remaining Council-managed sites identified as requiring restoration to an on-maintenance level.</p>

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	<p>BCS 4.2 Restore and maintain native vegetation communities at Council Sewage Treatment Facility sites.</p> <p>BCS 4.3 Seek additional grant funding for the implementation of on-ground ecological restoration actions at priority Council-managed sites, including wildlife corridors, koala habitat and HEV vegetation.</p>
<p>Provide ongoing support for Brunswick Valley Landcare to restore native habitat within wildlife corridors and to provide community education on habitat creation and restoration.</p> <p>Support BVL and other community groups that are working to install, monitor and design wildlife nest boxes for threatened species in Byron Shire.</p>	<p>BCS 3.3 Investigate increasing the level of extension services currently provided by Brunswick Valley Landcare to provide greater support to individuals wanting to improve biodiversity values on private property.</p> <p>BCS 3.10 Support and promote existing landholder incentive programmes.</p>
<p>Involvement in citizen science projects such as the Australian Backyard Bird Count, which collects data on garden elements that encourage/discourage native birds.</p>	<p>BCS 2.7 Support and promote local biodiversity-related events and citizen science initiatives.</p>
<p>Community education programs on rural and backyard biodiversity, which can be delivered through print and digital media. These can be targeted at individual species or more generally, and can be targeted at specific issues (e.g. food plants, water, fencing).</p>	<p>BCS 2.1 Provide expert advice regarding how people can help protect biodiversity.</p> <p>BCS 2.2 Use Council's website to promote existing local biodiversity information resources.</p> <p>BCS 3.4 Develop a web page that connects rural landholders to biodiversity management resources for rural properties.</p> <p>BCS 3.7 Engage with landholders to advise of available land management resources, training, and incentives.</p> <p>BCS 3.11 Partner with Landcare to deliver annual/bi-annual training sessions for landowners on native vegetation restoration.</p>

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Updates to interactive wildlife corridor map on Council's website to make it more user-friendly and accessible.	BCS 3.5 Make wildlife corridor mapping available to the public to assist with restoration planning.
Raise driver awareness of risk of encountering wildlife on roads when passing through vegetated areas, including wildlife corridors.	BCS 4.26 Seek funding for road strike mitigation trials at priority road strike hotspots. BCS 4.27 Consider roadkill mitigation measures and opportunities to improve wildlife connectivity into design work for new roads and road asset upgrades.
Continue agricultural extension services to support farmers to increase landscape biodiversity and resilience.	AAP 1.1 Appoint an Agricultural Extension Officer BCS 3.14 Seek grant funding for an extension officer to work with landholders to protect and enhance biodiversity values on private land.
Educate primary producers about regenerative agriculture to encourage a shift towards land management that protects and enhances biodiversity	AAP 1.3 Develop and maintain a database of farmers and primary production stakeholders to enable easy forwarding of relevant information and activities to specific farmers and stakeholders AAP 1.4 Develop and deliver workshops and field days on best practice farming, innovation, productivity, sustainable land use and biodiversity. AAP 1.6 Source and provide current best practice farming information and techniques to assist farmers to improve productivity and sustainability by practice change. AAP 2.3 Develop and/or publicise publications and electronic links on best practice farming.
Work cooperatively with local farmers through the Agriculture Cluster Group to promote sustainable and regenerative agriculture.	AAP 2.1 Support the Byron Shire Agricultural Cluster Group. BCS 3.12 Continue to facilitate Agriculture Cluster Group to identify opportunities for sustainable farming improvements.