



Corridors

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The e-newsletter of the Berry Wildlife Corridor - Bush Links Project

An E-Newsletter to keep us informed and connected

Welcome to the first issue of Corridors. This is our newsletter for the Berry Bush Links project and will provide news and information about the project to all those who are participating or have expressed an interest.

The Project

At the end of 2015 a grant of \$500,000 from the NSW Environment Trust was awarded to Berry Landcare and the National Parks Association NSW for the Berry Bush Links Project. This is a 10 year project which aims to support and augment the Berry Wildlife corridor by connecting existing 'stepping stone' patches of native vegetation across private and public tenures. This will be achieved by controlling weeds and pest animals, replanting, fencing and restoration of native habitat, across a range of selected sites.

Each site is the subject of a formal agreement, between the owner (or managers) and the Bush Links project. The agreements specify a program of works for each site, the funding to be provided, and the agreed contributions of each party.



Base image (2006) from Google Earth

← *Approximate boundaries of the Berry Wildlife Corridor.*

Where is the Project at?

Berry Bush Links has progressed through its planning phase and is now gearing up to conduct fieldworks at Stage One approved sites. The following is a summary of where we are at:

- ✿ More than 60 local landholders have expressed interest in the project
- ✿ Development of a plain English property agreement template
- ✿ Development of local species planting lists and guide
- ✿ Prepared a program for the monitoring and evaluation of key wildlife species across the corridor
- ✿ Fostered an awareness of the Aboriginal heritage and shared values within the Corridor
- ✿ Started this e-newsletter as a conduit for communication and news
- ✿ Coordinated with NSW Roads and Maritime Princes Highway natural vegetation offsets, to maximise connectivity
- ✿ Forum attended by 64 landholders and four local Councillors and Shoalhaven Mayor
- ✿ On track for the signing of 6 property agreements by the end of March
- ✿ Local seed collection and plant propagation underway and on-track by Berry Primary School Plant Propagation Unit
- ✿ Four successful workshops held
- ✿ Corridor signs now available
- ✿ Two Feral Fighters workshops
- ✿ Movement triggered wildlife cameras deployed in corridor as part of two NPA 2016 'Who's Living on My Land' programs
- ✿ Lobbying of State and Federal parliamentarians
- ✿ Five existing Berry Bushcare sites occur within the Corridor and will be managed in parallel with corridor objectives



Display your support for the Corridor!

The Project now has a sign which is available for distribution to landowners and land managers to display within the Corridor. The sign features the Bush Links Berry Wildlife Corridor Logo, is weather-proof, includes holes for mounting and is 300 x 300mm square.

We hope that the display of the sign will help raise local awareness of the corridor and of the project.

The signs are free and will be made available at Corridor functions and work days. Come along, get involved and pick up a sign.

Get Involved in The Berry Corridor 'Big Lift'

Come to our next Workday Weekend

We are holding two Volunteer Work days on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th May 2017. Multiple teams will assist in weed control and planting of seedlings across a number of important corridor sites. Sessions start: Saturday 9:00am and 2:00pm, Sunday 9:00am. Meet at Camp Quality Park, Woodhill Mountain Rd carpark, Berry, just south of Bundewallah Creek bridge..

BBQ lunch provided (1:00pm), please register your intention to attend so we can cater appropriately – call Bill Pigott: 0409 469655 wpigott@bigpond.net.au



↑ Corridorians at the 2016 Forum

Want more information?

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Useful Links



National Parks Association NSW

<https://www.npansw.org.au/>

Berry Landcare

<http://www.landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/berry-landcare>

Berry Wildlife Corridor

<http://www.landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/berry-landcare/projects/berry-corridor>

<https://www.npansw.org.au/index.php/36-campaigns/great-eastern-ranges>

Great Eastern Ranges

<http://www.greateasternranges.org.au/>

National Parks Association NSW and the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative

<https://www.npansw.org.au/~npans186/index.php/campaigns/great-eastern-ranges>

Connectivity conservation and the Great Eastern Ranges Corridor

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/nature/ccandger.pdf

The Barren Grounds – Budderoo Quollidor project

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/threatened-species/saving-our-species-program/threatened-species-conservation/featured-projects/barren-grounds-budderoo-quollidor>

97.3 ABC Illawarra news Item

<https://www.facebook.com/abcillawarra/posts/1243341035711747:0>

South Coast Register article

<http://www.southcoastregister.com.au/story/4356808/landholders-keen-on-wildlife-corridor/>

↑ A Corridor resident, the Long Nosed Bandicoot, (*Paramelomys nasuta*), photographed in August 2016 near Broughton Mill Creek



The Berry Corridor 'Big Lift'

May 6th & 7th 2017

Get involved in the restoration of the Berry Wildlife Corridor!

Join Berry Landcare in a fun weekend of tree planting and weed punishment.

Come for two hours or longer, morning or afternoon.

Sessions start: Saturday 9:00am and 2:00 pm, Sunday 9:00am.

BBQ lunch provided (1:00pm).

Meet at Camp Quality Park, Woodhill Mountain Rd carpark (just south of Bundewallah CK bridge).

Please let us know when you're coming, so we can juggle the snags, contact Bill Pigott on 0409 469655
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