



Restoring Urban Green Corridors

Council is working to restore bushland within the Urban Green Corridors through a range of management strategies:

Bush regeneration to control weeds and restore native vegetation communities. Council aims to increase the area under management by 20% by 2021 to more than 80 hectares.

Revegetation to increase areas of native vegetation, improve connectivity between areas of existing vegetation and revegetate creek banks and rivers. Council aims to revegetate five hectares of land within the Urban Green Corridors by 2021.

Community partnerships working with Landcare groups, community groups, schools and other agencies to restore native vegetation.

Education programs to raise community awareness of the values of urban bushland and how the community can contribute to improving these areas.

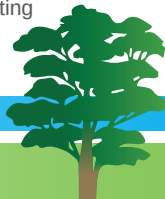
Walking track network to enable the community to connect with natural areas within the urban environment.

Threats to our native bushland

- Garden waste dumping and escapees spreading weeds
- Vegetation clearing and encroachment into bushland reserves
- Feral animals and roaming dogs and cats
- Stormwater runoff

How can you help?

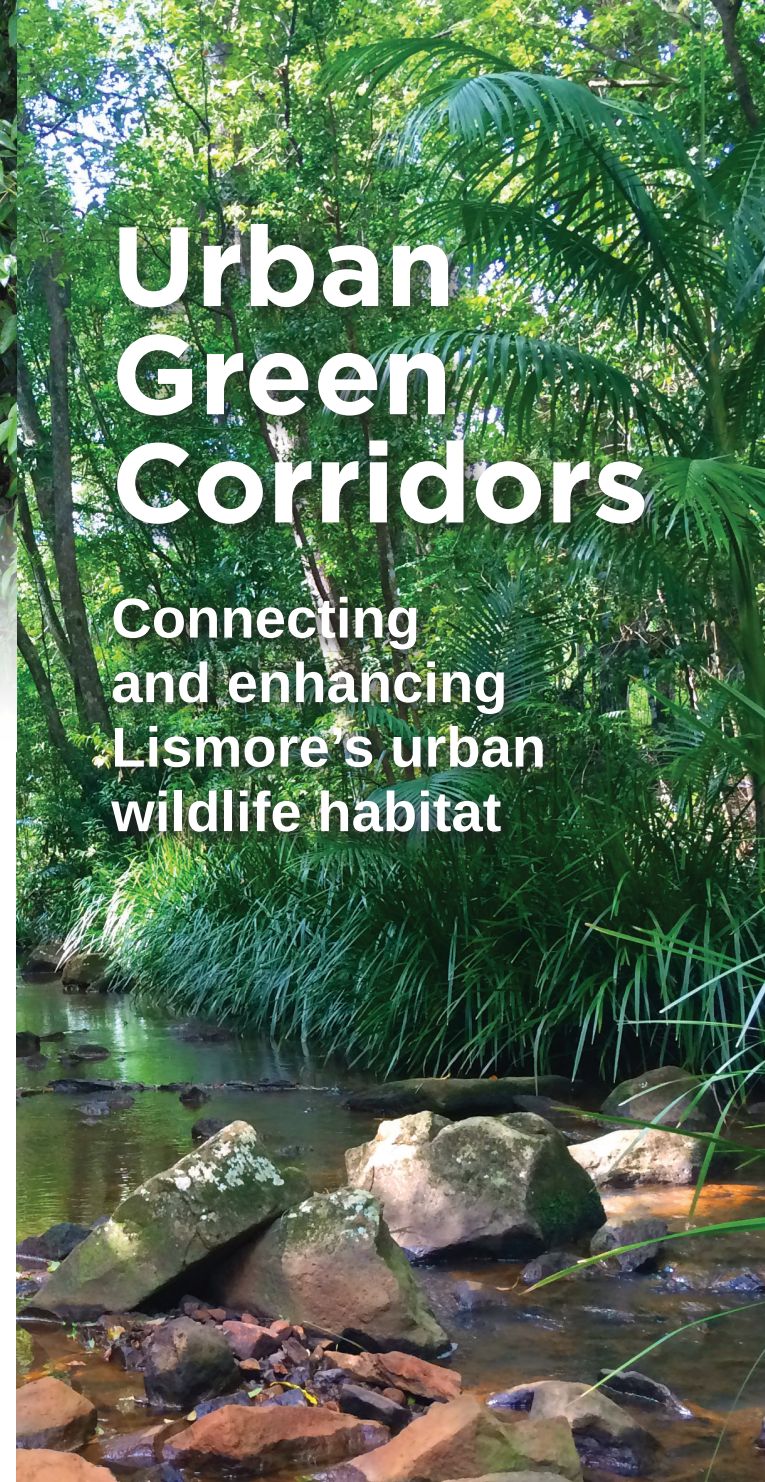
- Put garden waste in your green bin to stop the spread of weeds.
- Plant bush friendly native plants in your garden – check out Council's *My Local Native Garden Guide*.
- Keep your pets inside at night to protect native wildlife.
- Walk your dog on a lead and pick up after your pet when in bushland and parks.
- Join a Landcare group.
- Report people dumping garden waste or cutting down trees to Council on 1300 87 83 87.



Get involved in helping to restore Lismore's Urban Green Corridors or download the Urban Green Corridors Plan at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au

Stay in touch with all our Biodiversity Management Strategy projects by subscribing to our Lismore Biodiversity News e-newsletter on the Lismore City Council website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

For more information phone our Environmental Strategies Officers on 1300 87 83 87.



Urban Green Corridors

Connecting and enhancing Lismore's urban wildlife habitat

Urban Green Corridors

The Urban Green Corridors are an initiative from Lismore City Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy.

The Urban Green Corridors are the focus areas for biodiversity protection and restoration in the Lismore city area.

Council is working with the community to protect and restore biodiversity values in Lismore's urban environment through ecological restoration that enhances existing bushland and improves the connectivity between areas of important habitat.

Biodiversity Values

Lismore is located in a biodiversity hotspot, home to a range of wildlife including iconic species such as the koala and platypus.

Lismore city is home to:

- 17 different vegetation communities providing a range of habitat types for wildlife.
- 24 rare or threatened plant species.
- 20 different rare or threatened animal species.
- Six different endangered ecological communities covering over 150 hectares.
- A resident koala population relying on over 400 hectares of koala habitat.

Bushland Condition Assessment

A bushland condition assessment was undertaken across 220 hectares of Council-managed bushland. A Bushland Condition Class (BCC) was determined for each reserve based on an assessment of vegetation structure and composition; weeds; landscape values; and habitat features. The scale goes from A, which represents healthy habitat, through to D, which represents degraded habitat.

BCC	Area (ha)	%
A	32	15
B	102	46
C	19	9
D	30.5	30

