

Key Aims

- 1. Platypus survival
- 2. Landscape connectivity
- 3. Restoration and river health
- 4. Community and landholder engagement



Creating Habitat along the Wingecarribee River



Landscape Connectivity •

River Health • Platypus • Community

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Wingecarribee Reservoir to Wollondilly River
Environmental Rehabilitation Project



Key Elements

- Establishing partnerships between government, community, landholders and not-for-profit organisations.
- Getting the best value environmental out come for every dollar spent.
- Building on the success of past and current planning and projects.
- Maximising connections in the landscape to help with long term, regional ecosystem health.
- Demonstrating a locally led model for long-term commitment to the protection and enhancement of our rivers and bushland.

overview

The Wall to Wollondilly (W2W) Project will protect, maintain and restore the natural environment between the Wingecarribee Reservoir and the point where the Wollondilly and Wingecarribee Rivers meet.

The project involves weed control, revegetation, community training and workshops all focussed on improving the health of the Wingecarribee River. We'll also be permanently protecting patches of critically important bush in the Southern Highlands.

Context

Clearing of lands in the Wingecarribee Shire has left much of the Wingecarribee River in a highly-degraded state. The spread of weeds is chocking the river. This means that the birds and animals that we share our environment with are finding it harder and harder to move between their habitat patches.

The Wingecarribee River is one of the best places to see the Platypus in the wild. However, if the riverbanks continue to erode and remain choked by weeds it is likely that the water quality will decline and fewer Platypus will call our local river home.

This project aims to protect the river for the Platypus and other river dwellers (people included) by protecting the vegetation that is left, improving its condition through weed control, increasing its extent and connectedness through revegetation and underpinning it all with collaboration and community based effort. By improving the quality, quantity and connectedness of the vegetation, the project will assist migratory security and climate adaptability for a large suite of fauna species.

To help achieve this goal, we need your help.

What is being funded?

A range of on-ground activities are being funded with a focus on creating and re-linking habitat including:

1. Professional control of woody weeds impacting the river's health,
2. River Care with hands-on restoration and training activities open to the whole community,
3. Professional bush revegetation,
4. Installation of Tree Hollows to provide Habitat for a range of threatened and common species,
5. Land conservancy through appropriate mechanisms such as in-perpetuity covenants

The W2W project can only be successful with the commitment and combined efforts of landholders, community groups, government, non-government organisations and other industry groups.

You play an important role.

Project partners and funding bodies include:

- Greening Australia
- Wingecarribee Shire Council
- Local Land Services (LLS)
- Birdlife Southern Highlands
- Landcare
- Local community groups and
- Landholders

Funding has been provided through the NSW Environmental Trust Bush Connect Grants.

How can you get involved?

1. Attend and learn at a Community Workshop – (planting days, bird surveys and technical workshops, Habitat Hollow workshops, weed control days and local river festival);
2. Enjoy a morning walk along the path connecting Burradoo to Bong Bong Common to observe the river and current Landcare works completed;
3. Join the W2W River Care Group- For more info, contact Nathan: ngreen@greeningaustralia.org.au
4. Enquire about our funded program to remove willow chokes from private lands with river frontage;
5. Establish your very own Conservation Reserve on your property;
6. Have our ecological restoration specialists plan and deliver revegetation works on your property;
7. Get your hands dirty restoring Platypus Habitat on National Tree Day
8. Attend a FREE Bird Workshop
9. Sit by the river or in your backyard for the Great Aussie bird count

'Be a part of something great'

