

# Collaborations

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## Coolamon Connecting Corridors

### Coolamon Landcare Group Inc



**This project highlighted the importance of linking corridors to enable natural ecosystems to regenerate, which in turn increases movement of fauna between the corridors for foraging and breeding.**

#### The issue

The project aimed to improve a native vegetation corridor network between the Kindra State Forest and the Coolamon Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR) wetland, and also to improve the aquatic environment within the wetland. Creating connectivity between the Forest and wetland is of great importance in promoting the ongoing regeneration of the natural ecosystems, and allowing the movement of fauna using corridors between high conservation value sites for foraging and breeding.

#### The solution

In 2017 conversations started with an idea to improve a native vegetation corridor network between the Kindra State Forest and the Coolamon TSR wetland. To implement this project the group wanted to regenerate 8 ha by:

- Fence off the project site from stock
- Conduct weed management and pest control
- Plant around 700 native tube stock to link Kindra State Forest and the Coolamon Wetlands
- Construct a bridge so people could easily access the area
- Create a bird hide in the wetlands to encourage community engagement with the site
- Put up signs to educate people about the significance of the area

#### The impact

The project was significantly delayed due to drought and Covid restrictions. These delays didn't stop the group from achieving all their targets. The works for the project were completed on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The project greatly exceeded the original target of planting 700 native plants, with over 1,500 tube stock seedlings planted. The group hosted 5 planting weekends over 2 months, with 50 people attending and helping plant the tube stock. A bird walk was also hosted, with 12 people participating in this event.



### Key facts

- 1,500 Native native Tube tube stock was planted
- A tree corridor has been linked to a wetland
- 50 people helped plant trees
- 12 people were involved in the bird walk

### Project Partners



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