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5 THINGS YOUR BUSHLAND CAN DO FOR YOU



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PROVIDE A WINDBREAK

Healthy bushland can provide great windbreaks around your farm, however to be effective at cutting the wind, all vegetation layers need to be present (especially shrubs). Managing stock access with a fence will provide better shelter in the paddock.



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CONTROL INSECT PESTS

Bushland remnants support a number of insect-eating animals, which can help you out by eating the insects in your crops. While birds are best known for this, people often also underestimate the value of wasps, spiders and lizards in controlling pest insects.



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HELP FIGHT RISING WATER TABLES

Bushland is a natural, solar-powered water pump! It acts to keep water tables low in the area around the bushland, helping reduce the effects of rising water tables (and associated salinity). Trees, shrubs and grasses, plus the activities of animals in bushland soils all help water to penetrate the soil, reducing run-off to low-lying areas.



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PREVENT SOIL EROSION

Bushlands help to prevent soil erosion by both wind and water. Roots, leaf litter and soils crusts protect the soil structure and allow water to pool and penetrate, while shrubs, trees and grasses slow down the winds that would otherwise blow soils away.



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PROVIDE VALUABLE SEEDS

Remnant vegetation is increasingly valued for the quality of seed it harbours. There is a demand for native plant seeds for a variety of purposes, from native tree crops to ornamental plantings. Is there a patch of bush on your property that could provide seeds for a local revegetation or restoration project?

SO HOW DO YOU MAKE SURE YOU KEEP YOUR BUSHLAND WORKING FOR YOU?

You can take some simple steps to ensure the future of your bushland. Activities such as fencing, weed and feral control will go a long way to ensuring the future of your bushland in the short-term. To protect it in the long-term, perhaps you could consider some salinity control measures (if salinity is a threat) and giving it some legal protection through a voluntary conservation covenant.

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