



*Growing Connections*

**Officially named “Connecting and Improving Habitat Corridors Regionally to Create a Biodiverse Resilient Western Port Biosphere”**

**Delivered by the Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation with support from the Australian Government**



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BIOSPHERE**

# What I will cover

- Overview of the Growing Connections Project
- Update on activities to date
- Update on our Pest Control works
- Introduction to the Western Port Biosphere Biodiversity Plan Online version
- How you can provide input to the plan



# Growing Connections Project Overview

**Funding:** \$2,267,100

**In Kind contributions:** \$1,662,000

**Timeframe:** 6 year project delivered  
in 5 calendar years

**Who:** over 25 key stakeholders

**Why:** This project will delivery key strategic documents for the Biosphere providing a single vision for the protection and enhancement of Biodiversity into the future



# Project Achievements

- **Delivery of the Western Port Biosphere Biodiversity Plan**
- **Undertake targeted revegetation and restoration activities resulting in:**
  - 887ha of remnant vegetation protected
  - 116ha of revegetation including
  - 128 species of plant planted
  - over 100,000 plants in the ground
  - 20+ partner organisations
- **Broad scale biodiversity monitoring underway**
- **Online and in field technologies developed**
- **Delivery of Western Port Biosphere Reserve Predator Control Strategy**



# What's to come?

- On ground works underway including:
  - 228ha of remnant vegetation protection
  - 47ha of revegetation
  - 15 square kilometres of fox control
- Initial results from the biodiversity monitoring analysed
- Western Port Ark consolidation
- Online spatial interpretative tools released
- Data collection of works occurring across the landscape



# PEST CONTROL

- 15 square kilometres of fox control around Tooradin
- Area identified in the Predator Control Strategy for the Western Port Biosphere Reserve
- Builds on works done in other projects.
- More on this in presentation from Sally and Mal later.

# WE NEED YOUR INPUT

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