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# **SECTION THREE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK  
2020 - 2030**

## Theme 1: Engagement and Partnerships

Ref	Actions	Short (2020-24)	Med (2020-27)	Long (2020-30)	Ongoing
1.1.1	Engage with the community on biodiversity, stewardship, volunteering, citizen science and behaviour programs				
1.1.2	Develop a biodiversity community engagement plan, in line with the principles outlined in the MidCoast Council Engagement Strategy				
1.2.1	Develop a package of biodiversity related resources for landowners				
1.3.1	Form, foster and maintain effective partnerships with key partners across a broad range of biodiversity objectives and programs				
1.4.1	Prioritise sites to develop plans of management, incorporating volunteer activities				
1.4.2	Explore and implement innovative ways to increase volunteer participation on Council owned and managed natural area reserves				

## Theme 2: Reserves and Conservation Agreements

Ref	Actions	Short (2020-24)	Med (2020-27)	Long (2020-30)	Ongoing
2.1.1	Compile and regularly update Protected Areas Mapping				
2.1.2	Zone all permanently protected areas as E2-zones with regular updating of the Planning Scheme				
2.2.1	Develop a policy and guidelines for strategically securing land for reserves				
2.2.2	Investigate a revolving fund or trust to finance a program of strategic land purchase				
2.3.1	Review and enhance local procedures and administration of the Land for Wildlife scheme				
2.3.2	Build on and enhance the existing partnership between Council and Midcoast to Lakes Landcare to continually improve the delivery and growth of the Land for Wildlife program				
2.3.3	Deliver workshops targeted to Land for Wildlife participants				
2.3.4	Facilitate uptake of higher tier conservation covenants in partnership with BCT				
2.3.5	Facilitate private land conservation in priority areas throughout the LGA				
2.4.1	Consider establishment of an Indigenous Protected Area in consultation with Aboriginal people and Government				

## Theme 3: Land Management

Ref	Actions	Short (2020-24)	Med (2020-27)	Long (2020-30)	Ongoing
3.1.1	Implement weed control programs that meet community expectations and legal obligations				
3.1.2	Prepare a five-year Weed Management Strategic Plan for the MidCoast Region				
3.2.1	Prepare and implement a pest animal management program				
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3.2.3	Develop protocols for managing the impacts of domestic dogs and cats on native wildlife				
3.3.1	Undertake a management audit for all bushland reserves is undertaken, including vegetation and condition				
3.3.2	Prepare a plan of management / action plan is for each Council bushland reserve (or group of reserves)				
3.3.3	Adopt a strategic program for the management of Council bushland reserves				
3.3.4	Consolidate of parcels of Council lands into reserves where appropriate				
3.4.1	Develop a Roadside Conservation Program, including Significant Roadside Areas scheme				
3.4.2	Identify and declare Significant Roadside Areas				
3.4.3	Deliver and monitor a bat boxes under bridges project				
3.5.1	Continue the implementation of the Lower Manning River. Drainage Remediation Action Plan				

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3.5.2	Focus wetland restoration and management based on Coastal Management Program recommendations				
3.5.3	Continue the fish barrier removal program in conjunction with DPI Fisheries				
3.5.4	Continue the protection of priority wetland systems in line with the Wallis Lake Wetland Strategy and other plans				
3.5.5	Identify and prioritise the conservation of important aquatic refugia on high priority streams				
3.6.1	Maintain partnerships, structures and frameworks, including contingencies, to assist biodiversity cope with disaster events				
3.6.2	Monitor the state and condition of local biodiversity and be aware of emerging threats and issues				
3.6.3	Review the Council response to the 2019 bushfires to determine a procedure for future incidents				
3.7.1	Review and update recreation management in relation to biodiversity				
3.7.2	Develop and deliver nature-based recreation projects, including those identified in the Destination Management Plan				
3.8.1	Prepare bush fire management plans for priority natural reserves which consider Aboriginal cultural burning, ecological burning and hazard reduction				
3.8.2	Prepare and implement Council-wide fire management strategy				
3.8.3	Promote ecological and cultural burning programs across all land tenures with relevant Aboriginal communities and organisations, including capacity-building				

## Theme 4: Science and Knowledge

Ref	Actions	Short (2020-24)	Med (2020-27)	Long (2020-30)	Ongoing
4.1.1	Compile a list of native animal and plant species from the Region including their status and trends				
4.1.2	Publish an information brochure on the native species of the Region and their status				
4.2.1	Investigate the feasibility of a biodiversity research grants scheme				
4.2.2	Seek opportunities to collaborate with University and research organisations to address knowledge and data gaps in an applied science approach				
4.3.1	Compile fine-scale vegetation community description and mapping for priority areas				
4.3.2	Compile fine-scale vegetation community description and mapping for the entire MidCoast Region				
4.3.3	Assess the current status of vegetation community types across the LGA, including for rarity and representativeness in conserved lands				
4.3.4	Adopt a process to review and update mapping to maintain currency				
4.4.1	Map and communicate important biodiversity conservation and high ecosystem services values lands				
4.5.1	4.5.1 Develop, adopt and publish an annual program of sub-catchment terrestrial landscape health assessments				
4.5.2	Regularly revise landscape health assessments to inform on-ground actions				
4.6.1	Ensure climate change impacts on biodiversity is included in all relevant plans and actions				
4.7.1	Establish a framework to engage with and collect information from community and expert knowledge-holders				

## Theme 5: Strategic Planning and Policies

Ref	Actions	Short (2020-24)	Med (2020-27)	Long (2020-30)	Ongoing
5.1.1	Develop a standard format for Council Local Conservation Action Plans				
5.1.2	Develop Conservation Action Plans for Brimbin and Tinonee				
5.1.3	Develop a Conservation Action Plan for Darawakh to Khappinghat				
5.1.4	Identify additional priority areas for preparation of Conservation Action Plans				
5.2.1	Identify and map wildlife corridors in priority areas				
5.2.2	Prepare and implement a Tops to Coast Biodiversity Corridors Plan				
5.3.1	Prepare management prescriptions for priority local threatened species and communities for implementation by Council				
5.4.1	Consider biodiversity in development and implementation of all CMPs				

## Theme 6: Land Use Planning and Development

Ref	Actions	Short (2020-24)	Med (2020-27)	Long (2020-30)	Ongoing
6.1.1	Ensure there is a mechanism for the identification and protection of high conservation lands in the Land Use Planning controls and strategies				
6.2.1	Development and implement a standardised process for biodiversity assessment				
6.2.2	Review and adopt a local biodiversity offsets policy for significant developments				
6.2.3	Undertake a program of compliance of significant development consent				
6.3.1	Review and implement an improved and consistent Part 5 Assessment Process				
6.3.2	Review and implement the Offsets Procedure for impacts for biodiversity impacts associated with Council activities				
6.4.1	6.4.1 Investigate a biodiversity incentive clause in a MidCoast Local Environment Plan				
6.4.2	Investigate inclusion of environmental controls in the MidCoast Development Control Plan that provide for the protection and ongoing management of biodiversity				
6.5.1	Support implementation of the MidCoast Greening Strategy				





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