

## BUSH CORRIDORS – AN AWARD WINNING FILM

In the early 1980s the Department of Environment and Planning and the South Australian Film Corporation jointly produced Bush Corridors, a promotional film for the newly launched Heritage Agreement Scheme.

The film set out to convince the farming community that wildlife conservation and good farming practices were not fundamentally opposed, but could instead be successfully integrated on most properties. Used widely throughout the State, the film gained two international awards for creative excellence in communicating with the rural audience.

Duration: 11 mins 38 sec



*Bush Corridors was filmed on location in the northern Murray Mallee. Clearing and wildlife sequences were filmed on properties near Mantung.*

### Summary

Bush Corridors are networks of un-cleared land areas of native vegetation, that link across boundaries between farm properties. They serve to preserve native flora thereby providing a habitat for the survival of native fauna. The film explains innovative approaches to land clearing, introduced to South Australia in the 1980s for the purpose of preserving Bush Corridors. The story features the characters, Phil Green, Department of Environment representative, and landowner, George Rushmore, supported by his son Tony. It demonstrates how amicable negotiations over the clearing of natural vegetation for grazing, can bring about improved land management practices, that result in reduced erosion problems and provide livestock shelter. George and Tony learn more about the diversity of plants and animals species living on their property as they discover a rare, endangered marsupial, the Pigmy possum.

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### Film Awards

This celebrated, 12 minute long, movie is educational, informative, and skillfully made. It received the following awards for distinguished filmmaking:

- XII Internationaler Agra film - Wettbewerb Berlin 1982
- Silver Screen Award - U.S. Industrial Film Festival



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