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2022 SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

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Each year *Highways and Byways* provides small grants to community organisations for projects that address disadvantage and exclusion within towns and communities, especially in rural and regional Australia.

We are delighted to announce the recipients of our 2022 Small Grants Program.

This year 42 organisations from across Australia - including some of Australia's poorest and most remote communities - have shared in funding of over \$110,964.50 for projects that advance our program theme of *Healing the Land, Healing Ourselves, Together*.

An overview of each grant and project follows. These highlight the range and diversity of community endeavours we have supported to care for, to heal and to look after land, waters, country and communities across Australia.

These grants would not be possible without the support of our donors – and we thank them for their continued generosity.



OUR GRANTS

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION ACROSS AUSTRALIA



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1. USING DRONES FOR TWO-WAY FIRE MANAGEMENT IN KIWIRRKURRA INDIGENOUS PROTECTED AREA

Desert Support Services

Kiwirrkurra Indigenous Protected Area, WA

\$3,000

Kiwirrkurra Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) covers an area of around 4.59 million hectares in Western Australia between the Gibson and Great Sandy Deserts, and is considered one of the most remote communities in Australia. A new drone will support the Kiwirrkurra Indigenous Ranger program in its management of fire across the IPA, through the combination of traditional fire knowledge and a science management approach. The drone will be used to monitor on-ground patch burning and large wildfires, and to search for fire sensitive areas, both environmental and cultural, where indigenous patch burning is to be undertaken. It will also be used for tracking threatened species and feral animals after fire, and examining cultural sites that are not easily accessible by vehicle or on foot.

2. NATIVE SEEDLING PLANTING AT BARNARD PARK EAST

Busselton Dunsborough Environment Centre Inc

Busselton, WA

\$3,000

Busselton Dunsborough Environment Centre will undertake a tree planting day for local youth to carry out bushland rehabilitation works within degraded areas of Barnard Park East in Busselton. The day will involve planting 500 native seedlings, weed management, and an education component via an indigenous Custodian to raise awareness of the natural local environment, culture and country. This initiative is part of a five-year project to transform Barnard Park East into a nature-based area open to the local community, alongside a protected conservation area for the critically endangered Western Ringtail Possum and other wildlife. It also incorporates the restoration of Wadandi cultural leadership, land management practices and indigenous art works.

3. COMPOSTING

Kulungah Myah Community Centre

Kardinya, WA

\$800

Kulungah Myah Community Centre will deliver 'Rethinking Organic Waste', a three-hour workshop to equip the community of Kardinya with knowledge and skills to implement simple waste management and soil regeneration strategies in the home. The session will be led by experienced waste management educator, Peg Davies, and will address issues such as composting, worm farming and Bokashi bucket use. It is anticipated that hands-on education and direct skills teaching will lead to the integration and application of new knowledge in personal practices. Peg's philosophy to waste management is that "there is no such thing as waste, just wasted resources!".

4. WORKSHOP - KAARL NGARA: CULTURAL BURNING NOONGAR WAY

Gondwana Link Inc

Jacup, WA

\$3,000

Gondwana Link Inc will deliver an initiative focused on the cultural, ecological and asset protection role of cultural fire management practices in central Gondwana Link remnant vegetation landscapes. A workshop for land managers will be held on country to share Noongar fire knowledge and explore ongoing opportunities for cultural burning as part of fire and conservation management in the region. With the recent Southwest Native Title Settlement there will be significant conservation lands transferring to Noongar and joint management, and the workshop will equip Noongar Rangers for managing these lands in the future. The project builds on a successful first workshop funded by Highways and Byways in 2021 which commenced a dialogue between fire and land managers to embed Noongar wisdom into fire management in the region.

QUEENSLAND

5. HEALING ANNAN/ENDEAVOUR CATCHMENT'S COMMUNITY & CAPACITY BUILDING

Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals Inc
Cooktown, QLD
\$3,000

Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals will provide land managers, traditional owner groups and the public with informal on the ground training to reduce the prevalence of high priority weeds across the Cape York region. The project will enhance community knowledge, capability and skills which are not readily available in the region. This, together with property pest and weed management planning, will provide the foundations for long term weed and pest control for improved economic and environmental impact. The project continues the work of Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals commenced through a Highways and Byways small grant in 2021.

6. ROSE FLICK MEMORIAL GARDEN PROJECT 2022

Thallon State School Student Council
Thallon, QLD
\$3,000

Thallon State School Student Council will revitalise the Rose Flick Memorial Garden. The Garden was established in 2011 to honor the memory of local elder Rose Flick who contributed many years of service to the Thallon State School. The garden has suffered under drought conditions and many plants and bush tucker species need to be replaced. Students will be responsible for designing, planting and maintaining the garden through a weekly gardening class.

7. GREENHIDE RESERVE FOREST REGENERATION PROJECT

Friends of the Forest Inc
Linville, QLD
\$3,000

Greenhide Reserve is a small critically endangered remnant forest area of approximately 1.5ha, classified in parts as subtropical lowland rainforest. It is one of the few remaining remnant forests in the Somerset region, and only found in southeastern Queensland. Friends of the Forest Inc will undertake weed removal and revegetation work at the Reserve, and will plant native trees, shrubs and plants along an exposed bank of the Brisbane River to stabilise it to prevent further erosion. This will also provide habitat and food for native wildlife that use the forest permanently as well as seasonally, including a grey headed flying fox colony. The removal of flammable and invasive species will mitigate bushfire risks. Work will be undertaken across a series of monthly working bees, where the wider community will be encouraged to participate. Several experts including botanists, scientists and land care professionals will be involved.

8. THE GRASS GROWS GREENER

Warrego Wildlife Rescue Rehabilitation and Education Inc
Mungallala, QLD
\$2,300

The community of Mungallala in Queensland, west of Roma will acquire a small rototiller to remove buffel grass which has overtaken nature strips, footpaths and lawns across the town. Mungallala has been in the unenviable position of being ranked Australia's poorest postcode by income, based on the data from the Australian Taxation Office. With the removal of weeds and restoration of lawns and gardens, it is anticipated that locals will experience a sense of restored pride in their township and that passing tourists may be encouraged to stop and experience the community. The reintroduction of plant life into the area will also provide important habitat and fodder for native animals.

9. COVER CROPPING FIELD DAY FOR REGENERATIVE CROPPING MANAGEMENT

Macintyre Ag Alliance

Goondiwindi, QLD

\$3,000

Macintyre Ag Alliance will host a field day to educate the agricultural community of the Goondiwindi region of Queensland on the benefits of cover cropping and bio-fertilisers as natural resource management tools. The recent drought, coupled with the COVID-19 pandemic, has placed an enormous strain on this region, impacting local producers economically and greatly damaging local farms and landscapes. This has had a huge toll on farming families, and many have experienced distress and depression impacting their relationships and businesses. These stresses have led many local farmers to seek more sustainable and regenerative farming strategies to enhance the resilience of their land, as well as their own wellbeing. The event will be held at "Kioma", a large mixed livestock and cropping property which is trialing and integrating new approaches in cover cropping. Attendees will view cover crops in situ, learn about techniques utilised on the farm, and hear from several guest speakers with expertise in cropping and agronomy.

10. COMMUNITY SEED BANK

Jimboomba Community Garden Inc

Greenbank, QLD

\$2,990.50

Jimboomba Community Garden will create, develop and maintain a Community Seed Bank. The Garden will support and encourage members of the community to participate by donating heirloom seeds which will be stored and regrown at the community garden and in the home gardens of those who choose to participate. The Garden will also stage 10 monthly 'crop swap' events, with the aim of collecting 100 new seedling varieties. These events will encourage the sharing of knowledge and skills in food production, preparation, nutrition and self-sufficiency. The Garden will also purchase several raised garden beds to enable people with physical disabilities to be involved as well as provide additional growing space.

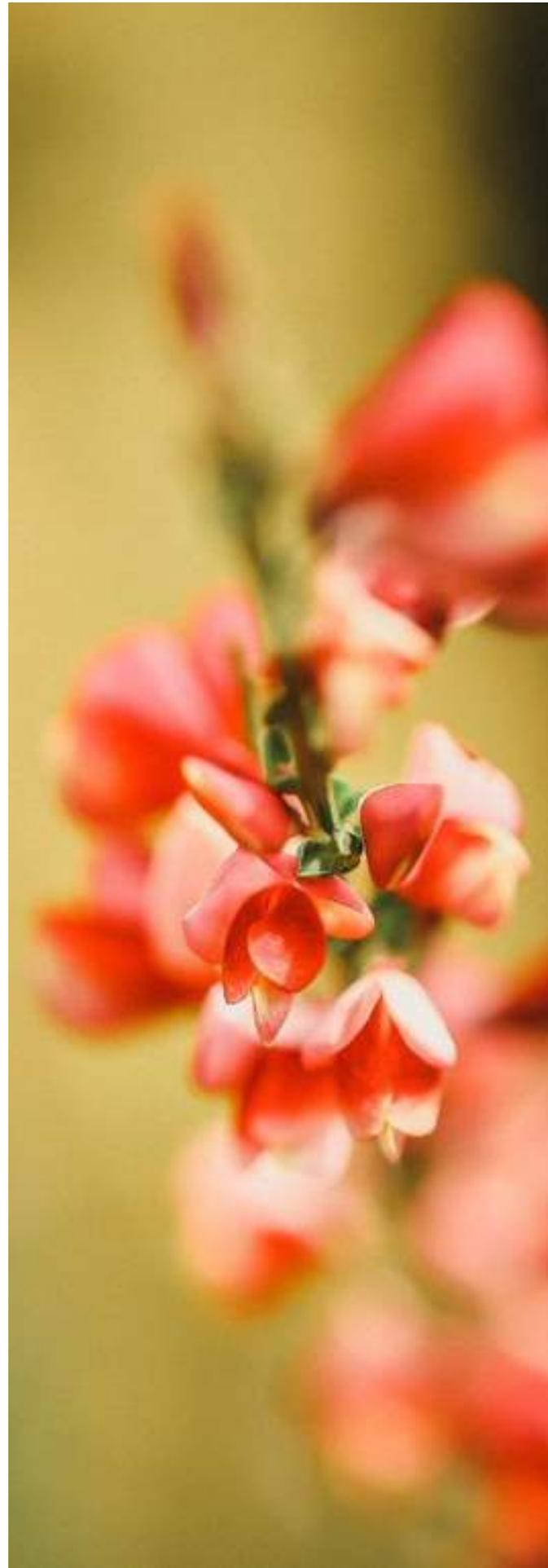
11. MIRAMALI-BAA (MAKING WELL PLACE)

Walking Story

Conondale, QLD

\$3,000

Walking Story will create an outdoor space for Indigenous people to come together to discuss and share knowledge of culturally-centred food/medicine growing and land rehabilitation issues. A one-day workshop will also focus on knowledge and resource sharing, land rehabilitation, and the planting of various native food/medicine plants/grasses for ongoing community use. The initiative is the first step towards a culturally centred, Indigenous permaculture design course. The learning space will be situated on degraded ex-logging and grazing land in Conondale in the Sunshine Coast region of Queensland. Revegetation of the site will provide an ongoing supply of resources, such as seeds and cuttings, that can be propagated and continually shared/accessed by indigenous people and communities. The produce will also be used as materials for future workshops and learning around food/medicine production and use.



NEW SOUTH WALES

12. HEALTHY LIVING

Purfleet Taree Local Aboriginal Land Council

Purfleet, NSW

\$3,000

Purfleet Taree Local Aboriginal Land Council will enhance its community garden to provide the local community with a sustainable and affordable source of bushfoods and vegetables. Children and their families from the local indigenous preschool, Girrawong, will be engaged in all aspects of the project, including the preparation of garden beds, seed propagation, planting, maintenance and the harvesting of produce. Participants will also learn how to prepare and use bush foods. The community garden is situated on approximately 1 acre within the Purfleet Community.

13. GARUWA CARING FOR COUNTRY

Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council

Karuah, NSW

\$3,000

Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council will enhance its land management capabilities through the acquisition of a zero turn mower. A new mower will enable the community to tender for mowing jobs with Council and private vendors and provide opportunities for employment for local indigenous people. It will also enable the Land Council to maintain fire breaks across its lands. Illegal dumping of rubbish across by persons outside of the community is an ongoing challenge for the Land Council, and it is taking steps to deter offenders by installing fencing, lighting and security cameras. It intends to use the mower as part of a program to clean up its grounds, with longer term goals to introduce cultural camps, events and a new community garden with native foods.

14. GLENHOPE TREE PLANTING DAY 2022

Nari Nari Tribal Council Ltd

Hay, NSW

\$3,000

Nari Nari Tribal Council will bring together members of Hay Trees on Plains Landcare, Hay Local Aboriginal Land Council and local schools for a tree planting event to extend an environmental corridor across Glenhope Station, in Hay NSW. This will create a lasting corridor of habitat for native animals, stabilise the earth and promote natural revegetation. The event will expand the revegetation area commenced in 2021 through a Highways and Byways small grant where over 650 native tree and shrubs were planted to rehabilitate part of the Station that had been adversely impacted by past pastoral practices.

15. NATIVE BUSHFOOD ORCHARD AND NEST BOXES

1st Cootamundra Scout Group

Cootamundra, NSW

\$2,000

1st Cootamundra Scout Group will create an orchard of bushfoods at a site adjacent to its Hall, and plant native vegetation to regenerate the ecosystem of nearby Muttama Creek. Indigenous elders will be consulted to identify plants for the orchard and their various uses. Signage will be put in place to denote plant types and will feature QR codes linked to further information about each species. Scouts (Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and leaders), as part of their badge work, will construct, install and monitor the use of nesting boxes by wildlife in nearby trees. Longer term, the Scout Group has plans to create a yarnning circle at the site to encourage the sharing of stories, and will host educational events for the wider community at the orchard to share knowledge on bush foods and medicines native to the local area.



16. REGENERATING BROKEN HILL'S REGENERATION AREA

Landcare Broken Hill Inc

Broken Hill, NSW

\$3,000

Landcare Broken Hill will recommence the regeneration of Broken Hill's National Heritage Listed Regeneration Area. Regeneration of this area, which surrounds the perimeter of Broken Hill, has stalled. Extreme drought and a significant increase in the number of dust storms has led to significant loss of trees and plants across the region. Landcare Broken Hill will take action to mitigate these impacts by rehydrating the area through the control of erosion gullies, installation of new leaky dams, and replacing lost trees with new plant species better suited to arid conditions. It will also trial new methods to increase soil carbon and soil biota, and recover scalded areas.

17. PURCHASE A DATA PROJECTOR

Weemelah Hall Committee

Weemelah, NSW

\$1,299

Weemelah Hall Committee will purchase a data projector for use by training organisations who access the hall to offer a wide range of environmental and land management activities. The small rural community hall is a venue for bore water meetings, Landcare meetings and workshops, CWA agricultural and environment information days and chemical accreditation training. After an extensive period of drought across the region, followed by more recent floods, local landholders are keen to keep abreast of land management and environmental protection and restoration issues and opportunities. The availability of a data projector will provide hall users with modern technology for use in presenting pertinent information.

18. SCONE WETLANDS

Scone and District Garden Club

Scone, NSW

\$3,000

In 2021, Highways and Byways provided Scone and District Garden Club with a small grant to undertake planting works and install nesting boxes across public recreation areas in Scone, NSW. This year Scone Garden Club will establish and install a wet area habitat for frogs, turtles, lizards and smaller birds in a degraded, weed infested area. The site, which is adjacent to the 2021 revegetation area and incorporates a popular walking and recreation path, will have an observation area with seating for meditation and contemplation with accompanying signage including appropriate indigenous content. Additional nesting boxes will also be installed across the location.

19. HUNTER RIVER RESERVE RENEWAL

Hunter Region Landcare Network

Greta, NSW

\$3,000

Hunter River Reserve is a 9ha Crown Land reserve which contains one of the last remaining strands of intact native vegetation along the lower Hunter River. Hunter Region Landcare Network will promote and encourage community awareness and use of the Reserve and engage locals in revegetating and maintaining degraded areas across the site. The project involves several environmentally focused activities, including a “Nature in the Park” art journaling activity and a nature spotlighting evening, plus a tree planting day, and monthly sessions to remove rubbish and weeds and to maintain the site.

20. SUPPORTING KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS EXCHANGE ON SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT

Gwymac Landcare

Inverell, NSW

\$3,000

Gwymac Landcare will stage a competition to identify and engage with champions of sustainable land management across the Inverell district of NSW. A field day will be held at the winner’s property to showcase management approaches and techniques in situ, and guest speakers will support knowledge and skills exchange on various approaches to manage landscapes and biodiversity. It is anticipated that around 35 land managers will attend the event. The initiative aims to build positive community relationships by facilitating networking between land managers and natural resource management organisations in the region. It also provides competition entrants with the opportunity to become leaders in their field and to mentor and encourage others as they implement sustainable management practices.

21. POST FIRE DUNE VEGETATION & ENHANCEMENT

Broulee Mossy Point Dunecare

Broulee North, NSW

\$2,900

In 2019/20, bushfires destroyed much of the frontal dunes at Broulee. Post fire monitoring shows some regenerating ground cover species, but fewer shrub species, some of which have been deliberately removed by vandals. Broulee Mossy Point Dunecare will undertake approximately 2000 m² of revegetation works at the site, will remove and replace approximately 200 metres of burnt fencing, and will install a sign to provide community education on the importance of dune vegetation and regeneration efforts. Dune protection has benefits for the sustainability of local biodiversity, reduction of erosion as well as protection from the longer term impacts of sea level rise. Fencing will protect new plantings from human interference and impact.

22. TINY HOMES FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE – NESTING BOX MAKING WORKSHOP

Container of Dreams

Tabulum, NSW

\$3,000

Container of Dreams will deliver a workshop on the construction of wildlife nesting boxes for up to 20 residents of Tabulum, Drake and surrounds. The workshop will occur across three sessions held in consecutive weeks. Each participant will construct two boxes each and install them at suitable locations across their own properties or the Container of Dreams worksite. This region was significantly impacted by the 2019–2020 bushfires, with 200 homes and 2 lives lost. Many people in this community are still displaced. The fires also destroyed significant habitat for local wildlife. The workshop will provide participants with the technical skills to create nesting boxes, including the use of tools and equipment, and will provide a social opportunity for people experiencing social isolation. It also aims to promote well being and assist in post-trauma recovery.

23. POLLINATOR AND SENSORY GARDEN

Drake Village Women's Shed Inc

Drake, NSW

\$3,000

Drake Village Women's Shed Inc will establish a bee pollinator and sensory garden in the grounds of the Drake community hall. The garden will feature native flora to attract and support the reestablishment of the local bee population, which was significantly impacted by the bushfires of 2019-2020. The garden will complement a series of bee hotels installed across the region as a separate initiative of the Women's Shed. Members of the Shed will monitor the local bee population over time, and contribute its observations to the iNaturalist Native Bee Repopulation Project. The local indigenous community will be consulted on the selection of healing/medicinal plants for the garden, and the local Landcare group will provide input on weed control. Educational plaques will be put in place to identify plant species. As the garden site is adjacent to the local primary school and the hall is used by a playgroup, it is anticipated that the garden will serve an educational function for local children.

24. PERMACULTURE DESIGN CERTIFICATE

Wambool Permaculture

Yetholme, NSW

\$3,000

Wambool Permaculture will offer two placements in its sustainable and regenerative living program. This is a 72 hour course held over 8 weeks at 'Clonturkle' in Yetholme, NSW, which is lead by accredited permaculture teachers and examines strategies to reduce human impact on the earth, and encourages participants to live within the environment, rather than apart from it, in order to thrive in the future. Participants will learn about sustainable/regenerative food production: solar passive house design: reading landscapes for passive water access, storage and release: and community design, development and enhancement. Two places within the course will be offered at no cost young local landholders or those with access to marginal land who would otherwise be unable to afford the course, and for whom without the course may not be able to see alternatives to deal with the environmental challenges of the region.

25. HEALING OUR COUNTRY, CONNECTING OURSELVES

Connective Indigenous Corporation

Dubbo, NSW

\$2,350

Connective Indigenous Corporation will stage a 'Healing our Country, Connecting Ourselves' event in Dubbo. The event will be hosted by Aboriginal people as a positive community activity to encourage the recognition of indigenous culture and reconnection of Indigenous people with the earth and environment. It will be held on the banks of the Macquarie River, on a weekend at a date to be confirmed. The event will feature a range of interactive and information sharing workshop sessions plus entertainment activities. This is the second event of its kind. The inaugural event, which was supported by a Highways and Byways small grant, was held in February 2022.

26. MOWING WITH SOLAR ENERGY

Pambula Wetlands and Heritage Project Inc

Pambula, NSW

\$3,000

The Panboola Wetlands are an 82-hectare area of floodplain adjacent to the township of Pambula on the South Coast of NSW. The site is being rehabilitated for the purposes of nature conservation, protection and restoration of habitat for birds and other indigenous flora and fauna, and for community education and passive enjoyment. Pambula Wetlands and Heritage Project will acquire an electric zero turn mower to assist in the maintenance of walking paths and control of invasive weed species across the site. Control of invasive weed species is crucial in protecting environmental areas and threatened ecological communities. Revegetation projects also require maintenance to ensure that new plantings are not smothered by weeds and climbing grasses.

27. BAAKA/DARLING RIVER RUN

Western Landcare NSW Inc

Western NSW

\$3,000

Western Landcare NSW Inc will deliver a series of river themed workshops for remote primary schools along the Darling/Baaka River in far western NSW. Through a range of hand-on activities the program will promote an understanding of the Baaka/Darling river, including the river ecosystem, the impact of introduced species, and cultural and environmental issues. A total of eight primary schools between Pomona and Bourke will be engaged in the program. Students will participate in activities such as water quality testing and water bug surveys, and will learn how they can contribute, care and heal the environment around them. Local indigenous presenters will undertake cultural story telling. Given their remote location, these schools generally cannot access organised group activities offered by external providers.

28. GREEN THUMBS

Byron Youth Service Inc

Byron Bay, NSW

\$3,000

Byron Youth Service Inc will deliver a 10-week program where 10 local youths will plant over 100 trees to create a food forest at the Youth Activity Centre in Byron Bay, NSW. The program will equip participants with skills and knowledge in permaculture, habitat restoration, sustainable garden principles and indigenous bush tucker. Weekly workshops will be led by an expert in permaculture. A local indigenous elder will also provide input into a bush tucker workshop. Young people in northern NSW have experienced climate change firsthand. In 2019 the region was devastated by drought and bushfires. This was followed by floods, along with the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021. The project aims to address a myriad of issues arising from these lived experiences and provide a means to support young people in managing eco-anxiety.

29. CULTURAL LEARNING SPACE

Hay Plains Landcare

Hay, NSW

\$3,000

Hay Plains Landcare will work with Hay Public School to create a cultural learning space and yarning circle within the school grounds. The space will be a place where students and community members can visit and congregate to develop an awareness of indigenous culture and will provide a place for ongoing reflection about the relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. A concrete circle has been laid as the foundation of the space. Wiradjuri artist Owen Lyons will work with students to create a design to be painted across the space. The initiative aims to encourage the students to develop an understanding of how art and paintings represent the dreamings and spiritual beliefs of Aboriginal people. The project also provides a way for an Aboriginal artist to connect with the wider community and introduce art and culture to an isolated community. The project will provide a point of interest for future visitors, and become a work of pride for those who helped create them.

30. MAINTAINING TRACKS FOR BUSH REGENERATORS ON ELIZABETH ISLAND

Susan and Elizabeth Islands Recreation Land Manager

Grafton, NSW

\$1,620

Elizabeth Island is a Crown land reserve in the Clarence River at Grafton, managed for environmental protection and regeneration purposes. The island is experiencing environmental distress because of past grazing. While home to some impressive floodplain forest remnants and redgum forest, it is also vulnerable to a range of problematic weeds. Pest vine species are continually encroaching on mature and regenerating forest, smothering individual native trees, and obstructing access to many areas. Left unchecked these have the potential to cause significant environmental damage. Weed control is undertaken by the volunteer members of Friends of Susan and Elizabeth Island. However, tracks on the island require regular maintenance to provide safe access for volunteer workers.



31. HEALING GALLARINBARAAY LAND – HEALING COLLARENEBRI PEOPLE – TOGETHER

Colly Gamilaraay Indigenous Corporation
Collarenebri, NSW

\$2,883

Colly Gamilaraay Indigenous Corporation will deliver an initiative that brings together traditional and contemporary land management knowledge and exchange of skills to support the long-term conservation of the local environment and culturally significant sites. The multifaceted project involves: 1) Tree replanting to create a corridor along the entry road to the Collarenebri Aboriginal Cemetery; 2) Clean up days for weed control at the Cemetery, and Barwon River; 3) Community workshops to share knowledge on cultural fire management practices and the identification and recording of burial sites across the region; 4) Mapping of the Barwon River to identify and document areas and items of environmental and cultural significance; and 5) Promotion of environmental awareness at community sports events, such as local sports days and cultural festivals. Local Gallarinbaraay people will be actively engaged in decisions that support their community and will provide culturally appropriate information regarding environmental awareness and sustainability. The initiative builds on related project completed in 2021 with the support of a Highways and Byways small grant.

VICTORIA

32. MONITORING BANDICOOT CORNER

Cardinia Environment Coalition Inc

Bayles, VIC

\$2,916

Bandicoot Corner is an 11.4 ha Crown Land Reserve which is home to the endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot. Cardinia Environment Coalition Inc will use motion sensing wildlife cameras to monitor the Bandicoots in their native habitat and gain insights into the threats this species faces, including the impacts of introduced predators. Findings will inform future management and protection decisions. The project will be supported by students studying environmental management at Deakin University, who will gain hand-on research and wildlife management experience.

33. ANZAC PARK REJUVENATION

Redbank Reserves Committee

Redbank, VIC

\$2,901

Redbank Reserves Committee will purchase new equipment, including a hedge trimmer and blower. New tools will enable the Committee to beautify ANZAC Park, which is one of few public venues that allows for recreation and social interactions in Redbank. The tools will also be available to be used by members of the community in fire preparedness efforts, including keeping nature strips and road edge grass under control.

34. ECOSS FOREST FOOD

Yarra Valley ECOSS

Wesburn, VIC

\$3,000

ECOSS Yarra Valley will create a Permaculture Food Forest featuring edible plants and bush foods on approximately 3/4 acre at its site in Wesburn, Victoria. The planting and maintenance of the Food Forest will be carried out by disabled volunteers from Interchange and Melba Services. Once established, these volunteers will lead tours for visitors to the site. The local indigenous community will also contribute to provide appropriate knowledge on plant selection and informational signage. The Forest will provide ongoing learning opportunities in future Permaculture and Horticulture courses run at ECOSS. It will also be a vital component of ECOSS' edible horticulture projects which include community vegetable gardens, orchards and the native and edible plant nursery all run by the disabled. It will also add to the Crops for Community Program which works with disabled volunteers to produce vegetables and fruit to be cooked for sale at events and donated to Oonah Indigenous Tuckerbag Program in Healesville and Koha Community Cafe in Warburton.

35. GARDEN PROJECT

Education First Youth Foyer and Launch Housing

Broadmeadows, VIC

\$3,000

Education First Youth Foyer will deliver a youth engagement and community participation project to design and develop a sustainable green area and memorial site at its facility in Broadmeadows, Victoria. Education First Youth Foyer is a 40 unit supported education and accommodation setting for young people aged 16-24 at risk of homelessness and is part of the Launch Housing program. Residents will work with volunteers from Xavier Social Justice Network and Kangan TAFE to rejuvenate a neglected and unwelcoming area of the site with a sustainable garden and memorial. As it develops it is envisioned that this green space will accommodate small sculptural pieces made by students as memorials that reflect milestones or significant times during their stay at Foyer and their growth towards independence. Participants will gain gardening, design, communication and collaboration skills and will develop an understanding of eco-systems and environmental impacts.

36. GARDENING & MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Food is Free Inc

Ballarat, VIC

\$3,000

Food is Free Inc will provide an immersive gardening workshop to coincide with International Mental Health Day on Monday 10 October 2022. Research reveals links between gardening and improved well-being outcomes, including a reduction in anxiety, depression and other mental health issues. The workshop will provide a hands-on experience for up to 30 people in the basic elements of home gardening, including the importance of soil health, composting and establishing a vegetable patch. It will specifically target people from low socio-economic areas of the Ballarat community through Food is Free networks, including Unity, Salvation Army and Headspace.

TASMANIA

37. BUILD, HEAL, WATER, NUTURE & GROW

King Island Community Garden
Currie, King Island, Tas
\$2,940

King Island Community Garden will engage the King Island Men's Shed to construct and install a series of new raised garden beds, along with a new irrigation system. The garden's current metal beds are old, rusty and very dangerous. The site is located on a hill and is exposed, and its coastal proximity and sandy soil mean it is slippery and hazardous. The new garden beds will stabilise the site and increase its productive capacity. Given the Island's remote location, the cost of importing fresh fruit and vegetables from the mainland is often very high. The garden provides an alternate, cost effective food supply to the community. It is also a social hub that brings people together.

38. RESTORE PEDDER: BIOBLITZING

Lake Pedder Restoration Inc
Lake Pedder, Tas
\$3,000

Lake Pedder Restoration Inc will undertake a Bioblitz of the Lake Pedder perimeter to establish a wholistic data set and map of existing flora and fauna, threats and benefits. The work will be lead by volunteer ecologists, and will engage with the local community and landholders on the perimeter of the lake. Results of the BioBlitz may determine the land management process during the first stage of restoration of the Lake. The BioBlitz will include an educative component for the local community in restoration and environmental protection.

39. COMMUNITY FRUIT LOOPS

Country Women's Association in Tasmania
Online Branch
Wynyard, Tas
\$3,000

The Country Women's Association (CWA) in Tasmania Online Branch, Devonport Seed Library and Live Well Tasmania (LWT) will collaborate to establish a food forest of fruiting trees and edible natives at the LWT Community Hub in Wynyard. Northwest Tasmania is identified as being in the top ten lowest socio-economic regions in Australia, and for many Tasmanians access to fresh, healthy food can be challenging. Produce harvested from the food forest will be turned into preserves by members of the CWA and will be provided to not-for-profit organisations, such as women's shelters, community houses and other charitable causes, with programs focused on food security. A workshop for women will also focus on food security though seed saving and seed raising.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

40. PURCHASE A RIDE ON MOWER AND TRAILER ATTACHMENT

Walker Flat & Districts Progress Association

Walker Flats, SA

\$3,000

Walker Flat & Districts Progress Association will purchase a ride on mower to replace its worn out equipment and a cart to carry gardening tools and weeds. For 25 years Walker Flat & Districts Progress Association has actively vegetated and maintained reserves and roadside in the Walker Flats and Wongulla district. It grows native seedlings from local seedstock and is replacing plants impacted by the drought to restore the environment and provide a habitat for wildlife. The group comprises 45 volunteer members and holds weekly working bees, with social gatherings afterward that involve local disabled and elderly community members.

41. GRASSLAND & HABITAT RESTORATION SAINT BENEDICTS CEMETERY

Gawler Environment and Heritage Association Inc

Pinkerton Plains, SA

\$1,000

Gawler Environment and Heritage Association (GEHA) will revegetate the St Benedict Cemetery and nearby road verges in Pinkerton Plains in South Australia after the region was extensively impacted by the 2015 Pinery fire. The fire burnt out the entire locality and a total area of around 85,000 hectares, resulting in injuries and the loss of human life, livestock, property and flora and fauna. In 2021, Highways and Byways provided a small grant to GEHA to undertake direct seeding and planting around the Cemetery site. So far, it has replanted with 300 tube stock (around 40 species) of native grassland and understory species. The current project will add a further 300 tubestock to the revegetation area. The project promotes the use of local native vegetation in providing amenity and fauna habitat. It also provides a more attractive space for those visiting the site for remembrance and reflection.

42. IDENTIFYING & UNDERSTANDING PLANTS INDIGENOUS TO OUR AREA

Corny Point Progress Association

Corny Point, SA

\$1,065

In 2021, Corny Point Progress Association received a small grant from Highways and Byways to propagate plants indigenous to the local area to rehabilitate a roadside verge in Corny Point. The current project provides for an extension of this initiative. A new walking and cycling path will connect the township of Corny Point and link with local attractions. Corny Point Progress Association will research, design and erect interpretive signage at the midpoint of the pathway providing information on the range of native flora planted through the initial project. In providing this information, the Association aims to educate both residents and visitors on the local flora and its contribution to biodiversity, and provide knowledge that impacts positively on future land care decisions.



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