

# 2021 SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

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FINAL REPORT



**Highways  
and Byways**

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# YEAR IN REVIEW

*Highways and Byways – Healing the Land, Healing Ourselves, Together* continues the work of the Missionary Sisters of Service (MSS) reaching out in hope and love to people socially and geographically isolated, strengthening community relationships and networks, developing leadership and empowering people to meet the challenges that confront them. Since 1944 the MSS have travelled vast distances to reach people in all kinds of places and situations, and support those on the margins: geographically, culturally, spiritually, socially and economically.

Each year, the *Highways and Byways Small Grants Program* focusses on an aspect of rural and regional disadvantage where small communities and small grants can make a big difference.

## 2021 SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

The 2021 *Small Grants Program* theme was 'Healing the Land, Healing Ourselves, Together'. In recognition of the ongoing challenges confronting rural, regional and remote communities of living through a global health pandemic and the impacts of ongoing drought and climate change, the program had a specific focus on healing: healing of the land, our earth, our ecosystems and our people.

Grants were open to communities across Australia, for projects that were focused on increasing opportunities for people to build community through practical projects focused on healing the land in holistic ways, and equipping communities with knowledge and skills to sustainably manage land for current and future generations.

Forty three grants totaling \$87,521 were provided for projects involving 60 communities in Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

These projects reflected a broad spectrum of activity, including land and water rehabilitation and restoration initiatives; youth engagement and mentoring; community gardening; expos, workshops and events; training and education; and research. A particular theme running through this year's projects was the recognition and protection of indigenous knowledge and wisdom, especially in relation to land management and cultural burning.

## REFLECTING AND RESPONDING TO ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES AND A PANDEMIC

2021 was a year like none other. Drought continued to affect communities in some parts of the country, while others were dealing with the impacts of bushfire and floods. The COVID19 global health pandemic was also in its second year and communities continued to be locked down for extended periods to contain the spread of the virus.

Highways and Byways grant recipients took these challenges in their stride, demonstrating flexibility, resilience, and a high level of commitment to delivering their projects for their communities. Some projects were adapted in response to stay at home directives, others were redesigned. Some were simply delayed. Three projects couldn't even occur at all. Despite these challenges, over 60 communities were directly impacted by small grants projects, and over 2,750 new plantings of native trees and other flora are now in various stages of growth. Project managers and participants must be congratulated for their willingness to persevere in the face of such adversity and uncertainty.

Highways and Byways is pleased to release its final report on its 2021 Small Grants Program, showcasing the efforts and achievements of its funding recipients nation-wide.

We thank our donors and contributors for their support which makes this program possible.



# OUR GRANTS

## GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION ACROSS AUSTRALIA



# WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## 1. LUDLOW TUART FOREST REHABILITATION PROJECT

Busselton Dunsborough Environment Centre Inc

Busselton, Western Australia

\$2,500

In July 2021, Busselton Dunsborough Environment Centre Inc (BDEC) brought together a group of 40 children and adults to revegetate a degraded part of the Ludlow State forest. This forest is home to the Tuart eucalypt trees, some of the last surviving 'tall trees' in the world. Tuarts grow more than 30 metres tall and can live for up to 33 years. The Forest is in one of the world's 34 International Biodiversity Hotspots and is significant for the Noongar people of the region. This region has however been impacted by logging and mining.

Across several degraded areas of the forest the group planted over 680 native trees, plants and shrubs, including tuart and peppermint trees. This connects to existing bushland and creates an environmental corridor with the neighbouring Ramsar recognised Vasse-Wonnerup wetlands. It also restores native habitat for threatened fauna species including the Western Ringtail possum, and Baudin's and Carnaby's cockatoos.

In addition to the practical hands-on work of the event, BDEC was keen to educate its participants on the environmental and cultural significance of the local area. A local Wadandi land custodian attended and presented to the group on the traditional use of Peppermint trees, Noongar seasons and the cultural significance of the region and forests to local Aboriginal people. BDEC also shared a range of written materials on the local flora and fauna of the area, and the importance of their conservation efforts.

Participants reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the event, valuing the opportunity to connect with their local community and natural environment through a day of positive environmental action.



## 2. BOYUP BROOK BILLABONG REHABILITATION PROJECT

Blackwood Basin Group  
Boyup Brook, WA  
\$1,000

Blackwood Basin Group has delivered a community engagement initiative to promote awareness of the environmental and cultural significance of the Buyup Brook Billabong, and to encourage community ownership and involvement in its management.

Boyup Brook Billabong is situated on the Blackwood River in south west Western Australia and is part of a vulnerable river ecosystem that provides a habitat for threatened species, including black cockatoos, woylies, and numbats. The waterway is also of spiritual significance to the local Nyunga people. Insufficient funding and persistent drought conditions have left the Billabong in need of maintenance and revegetation.

Blackwood Basin Group held five community and volunteer events at the Billabong covering the following topics and works:

- Fauna Identification.
- Camera monitoring of feral and native species.
- Weed identification

- Weed control.
- Revegetation.

More than 80 people participated in improving and revegetating a total of 0.5 hectare planting out over 800 local, native seedlings including Acacia, Billardiera, Corymbia, Eucalyptus, Ficina, Hakea, Juncus, Kennedia, Melaleuca, and Patersonia species. Participants included various aged local school groups, new local residents, retirees, young families, local landholders, and other environmentally conscious community members. Local businesses and Boyup Brook Shire also dedicated time and resources to the initiative.

The project has inspired and kicked off a much larger and longer term initiative that will continue working towards the restoration and sustainable management of the Billabong into the future, and has inspired the beginnings of a local 'friends of' group, offering promising long term outcomes for both the community and the billabong.



"I thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and learned a lot. Being new to town, it was very rewarding being able to contribute to the community and improve such a special area."

### 3. NOONGAR LED WORKSHOP - KAARL NGARA: CULTURAL BURNING NOONGAR WAY

Gondwana Link Inc  
Gairdner, Western Australia  
\$3,000

Gondwana Link Inc has delivered an initiative focused on the cultural, ecological and asset protection role of cultural fire management practices in central Gondwana Link.

On 12 August 2021, 37 people convened on country at Nowanup for a workshop to study and discuss fire management. Nowanup is a meeting, learning and healing space set on 760 hectares the central area of Gondwana Link between the Stirling Ranges and Fitzgerald National Parks. It is managed by Noongar people and is part of Greening Australia portfolio.

Participants represented a wide range of stakeholders including Noongar Elders, leaders and rangers, farmers, the fire brigade, university research scientists, government, conservation land managers, the National Trust and various environmental, land and natural resources management organisations.

The workshop was led by Noongar Elder Eugene Eades and supported by Friends of Nowanup

coordinator and landscape ecologist Rodney Safstrom. A traditional smoking ceremony was followed by a yarning circle around a fire where the sharing of a 'talking stick' enabled each participant to provide their knowledge and personal perspectives on their relationship with fire. The group later toured and shared perspectives on country - in both a Casuarina woodland near a creek and on a sandplain with Banksia and mallee shrubs.

As an outcome of the workshop there was a commitment from participants to pursue further partnerships to embed Noongar wisdom into fire and conservation management in the region. Several local land holders invited Noongar people to plan and undertake cultural burning on their properties and government encouraged participants to attend planned burns to examine fuel reduction burning. A local landscape ecologist also volunteered to assist Gondwana Link in its efforts to promote awareness of cultural burning impacts.



"I'd like to remain involved in helping the Noongar progress in cultural burning if possible. It would be as a contribution to help the program develop and help participants think about and get to know vegetation, plants, animals, habitats etc as part of the planning for the patch burning, and to follow and compare the results of the burning as a way of getting to better know country."

NATHAN MCQUOID, LANDSCAPE ECOLOGIST

# NEW SOUTH WALES

## 4. GLENHOPE TREE PLANTING WEEK

**Nari Nari Tribal Council**

**Hay, NSW**

Grant Value: \$2,100

On Saturday 30 October 2021 Nari Nari Tribal Council held a community tree planting day to extend an environmental corridor across Glenhope Station in Hay, NSW.

Glenhope Station is part of 100,000 hectares of lands managed by Nari Nari Tribal Council for cultural and environmental purposes and provides employment and opportunities for the local community. Past pastoral practices and ongoing drought has affected the ecosystem on the property leading to erosion and loss of native vegetation and habitat for local wildlife.

The tree planting day was delivered as partnership between Nari Nari Tribal Council and Hay Trees on Plains Landcare Group and was attended by 25 adults and children, 18 of whom were from the local indigenous

community.

Six hundred and fifty (650) native tree and shrub seedlings sourced from a local supplier were planted out and watered into a fenced area adjacent to the Sturt Highway. Species planted included Old Man Saltbush, Eremophila Maculata Fuchsia, Hakea Thephrosperma, dwarf sugar gum and grey box eucalyptus. Women of the Hay Local Aboriginal Land Council also rolled out clay seed balls to be distributed inside the revegetation area, alongside the planted seedlings.

The planting work was followed by a barbecue, which provide an opportunity for the participants to spend time together on country in a social setting, something which had been lacking in the region due to Covid19.



"Planting the trees was very therapeutic and peaceful. I felt very accomplished when we finished. Many hands make light work. Thank you for including me!"

## 5. OUTBACK OASIS

Koonenberry Natural Resource Management Inc  
Packsaddle, Unincorporated area, Western NSW  
Grant value: \$3,000

Koonenberry Natural Resource Management (KNRM) provided seedlings to pastoralists in the unincorporated zones of NSW to re-establish the natural environment around their homesteads.

The impacts of persistent drought over many years have been emotionally, physically and financially crushing for the businesses and residents of far western NSW. Many watched their long established trees and shrubs slowly die as the region was starved of water. The environment surrounding outback homesteads is particularly important as a place of refuge for pastoralists, their children, employees, agents, governesses, visitors and the local wildlife. The recent return of water to the region presented an opportunity to replant.

Almost 1,000 seedlings were distributed amongst 21 (of 23) members of KNRM in Autumn 2022. This was timed to align with optimal weather conditions for planting and fortunately coincided with substantial rains. An event was planned for the pastoralists to come together as a group to socialize and to collect their plants, but a Covid wave in the region at the time resulted in it being cancelled, and seedlings distributed at staggered intervals over several days.

The seedlings were purchased from a nursery located in northern NSW. Variations included saltbush, thorny saltbush and pop saltbush, box trees, lemon scented gum, kurrajong, bottle brush and coral gums. Some properties ordered additional plants and invested in watering infrastructure and tree guards. Many of these land managers, and even government Land Services Officers are now utilising Koonenberry NRM's new nursery contact to discuss further orders of seedlings for ongoing revegetation projects.

"This was such a positive exercise in receiving a small grant to inspire us into action to try something new, whilst also allowing us our individual choice."

SARAH MASHFORD,  
KOOTENBERRY NATURAL  
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT



## 6. 18 MONTHS ON - NELLIGEN CULTURAL FIRE MANAGEMENT PROJECT: HEALING THE LAND, CARING FOR COMMUNITY

### Nelligen Rural Fire Service and Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council Nelligen, NSW

Grant value: \$3,000

Nelligen Rural Fire Service (RFS) delivered a community engagement and fire management education initiative. Working cooperatively with the Bateman's Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council (BBLALC), the project brought the community together to learn about cultural fire management practices and promote recovery and resilience in the wake of the 2019-20 bushfires, which ravaged the region and resulted in loss of lives and significant environmental and economic impacts.

The two-part initiative included a community workshop where an expert panel of fire practitioners from Bush Heritage Australia, NSW National Parks, the RFS and Walbunja Rangers spoke on fire preparedness, cultural burning techniques and practices, the benefits for flora and fauna regeneration, burn projects and programs, and the role of the RFS in fire management in the community.

The workshop was complimented by a cultural burn where Walbunja Rangers demonstrated traditional fire practices in action. Both events were a "sell-out success", attracting at-capacity attendance (70 at the workshop, 50 the burn) from locals including RFS volunteers, indigenous Elders, traditional owners, local property holders and state and local governments.

As a result of this project there has been interest from other local RFS brigades on adopting the collaborative approach modelled by Nelligen RFS and BBLALC, and several private landholders have expressed interest in developing relationships with traditional owners and undertaking cultural burns on their properties.

While the project provided information regarding fire management practices it will take ongoing work to build landowners confidence so that they can manage their own mosaic and cold burns without the assistance of the indigenous fire practitioners. It is the intention of the Nelligen RFS Brigade to continue to work with BBLALC to build volunteer skills in these practices.

There is also a new initiative to develop an "Implementation Burn Plan" jointly between the RFSNSW and BBLALC so that Cultural Burns can be carried out on Crown Land. Over the years, burning on Crown Land has been a lengthy and difficult process. With this collaborative work, it is hoped that a new process will be put in place to address some of these difficulties. This initiative also means that there will be ongoing work between RFS and Indigenous communities.



## 7. ABORIGINAL AWARENESS PROGRAM

Gundagai Preschool Kindergarten Inc

Gundagai, NSW

Grant value: \$2,500

Gundagai Preschool Kindergarten developed and implemented an indigenous awareness program.

Kindergarten staff undertook comprehensive training in Aboriginal culture through the *Speaking in Colour Program* and established and fostered connections with the indigenous community, including Elders Uncle Peter Smith and Uncle Pat Connell who visited the preschool several times to share stories and perspectives.

Uncle Peter also worked with the children to develop works of art to depict their learning and understanding of Country, history, language and culture. These works were on display for the entire Gundagai community at a NAIDOC market and will be used as an ongoing physical Acknowledgment to Country.

The children took part in an excursion to the Yarri and Jacky Jacky sculpture in Gundagai to learn about the heroism of two indigenous men who rescued dozens of townspeople during major floods of 1852. Kindergarten families also attended the 2022 Yarri and Jacky Jacky Corroboree and shared in aboriginal story and dance.

Based on the engagement and interest of the children in the program, and the positive feedback from their families, the kindergarten is resolute in its commitment to embedding cultural awareness and knowledge into its curriculum moving forward. A future trip is even planned to the Local Wiradjuri community Garden where Aunty Sonia will welcome the preschool community onto country.



"It's so interesting and hard to learn about them (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples). Learning the new language and Acknowledgment to Country (was good) because the Aboriginal people were here first before any other people were here, and they ask us to care for it (their land)."

HUDSON, 5 YEARS

## 8. IN OUR HANDS

Byron Youth Service Inc

Byron Bay, NSW

Grant value \$1,550

Young people in regional northern NSW have experienced a range of challenges in recent years. In 2019, the region was impacted by drought and bushfires. This was followed by floods in 2020 and the Covid-19 pandemic. *In Our Hands* aimed to address a myriad of issues arising from these lived experiences and provide a means support through education, engagement and action.

The two part initiative included a public screening of the film 'Taking Root', a story about Nobel Peace Laureate Wangri Maatha, a Kenyan women who inspired a nation to plant trees as a means to safeguard the environment, protect human rights and defend democracy. The screening, which was attended by 24 young people, was followed by a question and answer session lead by representatives of Banaglow Koalas and Byron Youth Services' Future Forests Permaculture Program.

Intended to focus on the key 'take-away' moments from the film, the Q&A session became more of an information exchange where people offered advice and shared what they were doing regarding weed control, seasonal changes and the impact of heavy rainfall

Those who attended the Q&A then joined in a tree-planting of the area around Byron Youth Service, which was run in partnership with Bangalow Koalas and Byron Shire Permaculture. The volunteers cleared a very large area of out-of-control scrub and planted 80 edible and native trees. A representative of Byron Shire Permaculture Association made a presentation to the group about reforesting temperate rainforest trees and best practice in planting methods. Participants were also invited to do close up botanical studies of leaves and to draw what they saw using charcoal.



"Ten years ago we were organising movie nights and information sessions about climate issues and we might get five people coming along. We had 50 people involved in this project, which shows that commitment to action has really grown, especially when you can make the focus local. This project was so important because it is practical and it gives young people hope that we can do something to combat climate problems".

LEALAH SHOSTAK-HERBER, BYRON YOUTH SERVICE

## 9. GREENER GARDENERS

Scone Garden Club

Scone, NSW

Grant value: \$2,000

Scone Garden Club has worked with Upper Hunter Shire Council to revegetate and provide nesting boxes for wildlife in Scone, NSW.

The project is part of a staged initiative to revitalise a degraded and drought affected recreation area along the southern boundary of the Bill Rose Sports Complex. This site includes a popular walking path and is easily accessible to the public.

The initiative incorporated the identification and removal of weeds from an area of around 2,000m<sup>2</sup>, and the planting out of clusters of plants, including Acacia

longifolia, Hymenanchera dentata, Ficus coronate and Lomandra longifolia acts the site. Twenty two nesting boxes of various shapes and sizes were constructed by the Denman Men's Shed and installed across the site to encourage the return of wildlife to the area, including Sugar gliders, Feathertail gliders, small and medium Microbats, Pardalotes and Thrushes.

The project fostered the development of a positive partnership between the Scone Garden Club and the local Council and an ongoing commitment of both parties to maintain the site longer term.



## 10. COONAMBLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council

Coonamble, NSW

Grant Value: \$1,900

New garden beds have been installed across the Coonamble Community Garden, creating more space for individuals, families and the community to come together to grow fruits and vegetables in a social setting. Beds are raised to enable disability access.

The Community Garden has been unused for many years, but since the work at the Garden commenced, there has been increase in community awareness and expressions of interest from local organisations to willing to volunteer and participate in gardening activities.

TAFE NSW has also expressed an interest in running heavy machinery courses on the site, and a local school is seeking to involve young students in 'hands-on' gardening and maintenance activities, including planting, mowing and clearing of land.

As the cost of fruit and vegetables in Coonamble is high, and quality not always fresh, produce grown at the Garden will be an alternate, low-cost source of healthy food that can also be made available to those in need.

*"I live on my own and often go to the garden to do some gardening or see if anyone else is there to talk to."*

## 11. 3 SISTERS REGENERATION PROJECT

### Ashford Local Aboriginal Land Council

#### Ashford, NSW

Grant value: \$2,250

Ashford Local Aboriginal Land Council has undertaken a rehabilitation initiative across 120 hectares of degraded land known as the '3 sisters' to restore it to its natural heavily wooded condition. This land, which is owned and managed by the Land Council as a conservation area to protect threatened plant and animal species, has been ravaged by the effects of many years of drought.

The project included replanting native threatened plant

and tree species, noxious weed eradication, a flora and fauna study and koala detection.

Members of the local indigenous community, students from Ashford Central School, representatives of the State government primary industries department and local Land Services teams participated in community days on the site.



## 12. CITIZEN SCIENCE IS A SNAP AT PANBOOLA WETLANDS

### Pambula Wetlands & Heritage Project Inc

#### Pambula, NSW

Grant value: \$2,125

Pambula Wetlands and Heritage Project Inc (PWHPI) has installed four fluker posts across the Panboola Wetlands.

The Wetlands are an 82-hectare area of floodplain which are being rehabilitated for the purposes of nature conservation, protection, and restoration of habitat for birds and other indigenous flora and fauna. The fluker posts are physical wooden posts that act as photo points at strategic revegetation sites. Signage attached to the posts prompts visitors to use a mobile phone app to take a photo of the given scene. Imagery is automatically uploaded to a publicly available collection. Chronologically arranged, same-location imagery can serve as a long-term natural resource

management tool.

PWHPI anticipates that data captured through this project will facilitate long term monitoring of environmental changes across the Wetlands, including the success or otherwise of revegetation efforts, and the impacts associated with flooding, erosion, weeds and disease.

The posts are also engaging the community in the long-term management and conservation of the site, empowering people to feel a sense of ownership, connection and involvement in environmental restoration and preservation efforts.

## 13. WHOLISTIC LAND MANAGEMENT EXPO ON COUNTRY

### Hay Plains Landcare

### Hay, NSW

Grant value: \$500

On 6 April 2022 on the banks of Pollen Creek, thirty-five landholders and community members participated in the Gayini Land Management Expo. The event, which was staged as a joint initiative of Hay Plains Landcare and Nari Nari Tribal Council was held on country at Gayini, an 88,000-hectare property owned and managed by the Nari Nari Tribal Council for the protection of wildlife and cultural heritage and the development of sustainable agriculture.

The Expo provided participants with the opportunity to engage with members of the local aboriginal community to gain a better understanding of wholistic aboriginal land management practices. It considered issues related to protecting culture and country at Gayini, the importance of native flora and fauna, pest and weed control and water conservation. It also offered an understanding of how one's actions can have a dramatic impact on preserving the environment and increasing natural habitats and ecosystems while reducing the impacts of climate change.

Keynote speakers included:

- Ali Borrell from the Murray Wetlands Working Group who spoke about the five-year *Saving our Species* project at Gayini, monitoring threatened species of waterbirds, and the successful discovery of the

endangered Australian Bittern and Australian Painted Snipe.

- Postdoctoral researcher within the Murrumbidgee Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research team Dr. Damien Michael, who displayed an array of reptiles, and spoke on his studies into snakes and lizards in the region and the important discovery of the engendered Grey Curl Snake at Gayini.
- Riverina Local Land Services (LLS) Biodiversity Officer Suzie Holberry, who discussed the work of the LLS in the Hay and Balranald regions and her work in the award-winning aerial pest shoot program.
- Rene Woods, Conservation Officer who explained The Nature Conservancy's work at Gayini and the many projects across Australia and the globe.

Elders Floss Fitzpatrick and Josie Goulding and Indigenous Protected Area project manager Tara Dixon also demonstrated seed mud ball rolling, a method used for revegetation of native trees and shrubs. Attendees were able to join in getting their hands dirty creating balls to be dried for later regeneration activities.

A Youtube video was created on the event and some of the environment development that is occurring at Gayini. It can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0W8Jdplq6U>



## 14. HEALING GALLARINBARAAY LAND – HEALING COLLARENEBRI PEOPLE – TOGETHER

**Colly Gamilaraay Indigenous Corporation  
Collarenebri, NSW**

**Grant value: \$2,300**

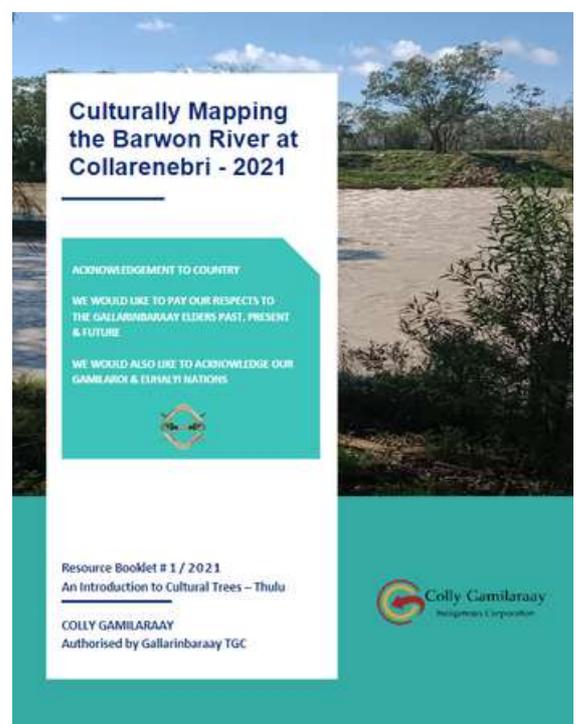
Colly Gamilaraay Indigenous Corporation (CGIC) has delivered a cultural land, environment and heritage management initiative in Collarenebri, NSW to support the long-term conservation of the local environment and culturally significant sites. The multifaceted project involved:

- a) Four community information sessions attended by over 50 people each session to share knowledge on:
  - o Traditional land management practices
  - o Climate change and environmental effects on cultural sites and artefacts
  - o Cultural burning and caring for country techniques
  - o How to identify and distinguish taphloglyphs (carved or burial trees) and dendroglyphs (scarred trees).
- b) An environmental clean up day for weed control at the local Aboriginal Cemetery with local Gamilaraay elders and community members.
- c) Two tree planting days: one for local tree regeneration involving 15 local youth, community members and the local Bulldogs Rugby League Football Club, and another to restore the local Aboriginal Cemetery attended by 30 elders, community members, and local youth services team
- d) Mapping of the Barwon River to identify and document areas and items of environmental and cultural significance, and preparation of a resource booklet which will be used for educational purposes in schools and the wider community.

In delivering the various aspects of the project, CGIC not only engaged with local people but they collaborated with a number of environmental organisations, including Landcare NSW, Climate Action Network Australia and Collarenebri Local Area Land Council.

*"This project was a real eye opener in regards to traditional practices and how they may be able to benefit future generations".*

COMMUNITY MEMBER



## 15. MAINTAINING ACCESS PATHS FOR BUSH REGENERATION VOLUNTEERS AT SUSAN ISLAND

Susan and Elizabeth Islands Recreation Land Manager

Grafton, NSW

Grant value: \$2,970

Susan and Elizabeth Island Recreation Land Manager engaged a mulching contractor to redefine and mow overgrown tracks on Susan Island.

Susan Island is a Crown Land Reserve of 76 hectares in the Clarence River at Grafton. The island has a history of recreation use by the wider Grafton community and is culturally significant to Aboriginal women. The Island is also home to some impressive forest remnants, however a range of problematic weeds cause significant environmental damage, encroaching on mature and regenerating forest, smothering individual native trees, and obstructing access to many areas. Given that maintenance and regeneration work is undertaken by the volunteers of the Friends of Susan and Elizabeth Islands, maintenance of tracks is required to provide safe access for workers.

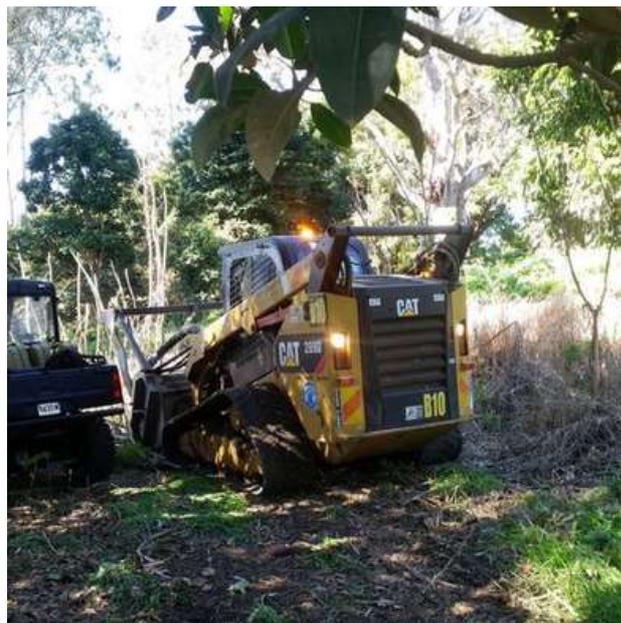
In August 2021, a mulching machine was transported to the island by barge as an in-kind contribution from the barge owner. Two volunteers accompanied the contractor to direct and supervise the work.

Since the mowing and track clearing was undertaken, volunteers can move freely around the island making their work safer and more productive. They can also now maintain the redefined tracks manually. The public has also been welcomed onto the island for three regeneration/planting days, and a gardening demonstration on weeds, and how garden escapes can become invasive weeds. Four new members have joined the Friends Group as a result.

The cleared tracks remained in good condition after a flooding event in January 2022.

"We are very thankful to Highways and Byways for this work. Volunteerism is said to be in the decline, but our group is thriving. The social and environmental benefits of working on the island are hard to measure. But every time we get there , it is difficult to persuade people to stop working and get back on the boat".

CLAIRE PURVIS



## 16. HEALING OUR COUNTRY, CONNECTING OURSELVES

**Connective Indigenous Corporation**  
**Dubbo, NSW**  
**Grant value: \$2,350**

In February 2022, Connective Indigenous Corporation hosted a community event on the banks of the Macquarie River in Dubbo in partnership with a local Aboriginal Men's group and local Indigenous Performance Collective. The objective of the event was to unite the community and to share indigenous knowledge, particularly on caring for country and healing the land.

Due to past policies and a disengagement with culture, many Indigenous people in Dubbo and the surrounding region are disconnected from country and no longer have responsibility for caring for it. As time passes and each generation ages knowledge on caring for country is lost and becomes more difficult to pass onto future generations.

Connective Indigenous Corporation believes that it has a cultural responsibility towards the stewardship of the earth and it seeks to educate the community and encourage the sharing of knowledge that leads to healing and positive action.

The event attracted 178 local Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who were keen to learn more about Indigenous culture. The event was considered well attended in view of community concerns for COVID19. Attendees enjoyed food, music and cultural demonstrations, including dance and the didgeridoo. They participated in a yarning circle on the importance of caring for country and land, and information sessions on local native flora. Some also joined in the planting 100 infant scrubs and trees in a local park. This was a particularly popular part of the event, as many people considered the planting of a tree as a symbolic and long lasting gesture, a living entity that will be there for generations.



"We wanted to share with the community information about this country, which is so beautiful and we are so lucky to live here. But we know that a lot of people, Indigenous and white people, show disregard for the land. Our earth is unique and we all need to look after it and play our part and focusing on the local area is a start."

ROBERT SALT, CONNECTIVE  
INDIGENOUS CORPORATION

# QUEENSLAND

## 17. ARCHER POINT RESTORATION

Yuku Baja Muliku Indigenous Ranger Group  
Cooktown Queensland  
Grant value: \$1,500

Yuku Baja Muliku Indigenous Ranger Group has rehabilitated coastal vegetation at Archer Point, near Cooktown in Queensland. Archer Point is a highly scenic coastal zone and a popular recreation area, but misuse and neglect has resulted in damage to the ecosystem.

A team of seven indigenous rangers erected wind break fencing at two beachfront sites and planted a 240m<sup>2</sup> site with over 156 local trees, shrubs and understory plants, including Eucalyptus, Wattle, She Oaks, Lilly Pilly, Bloodwoods, Moreton Bay Ash, Red Beech, Ribbon Grass, Cheese fruit and Crinum Lillies.

Long term, it is anticipated that the works at Archer Point will stabilise the foredune, assist the persistence of indigenous wildlife, and provide for low impact nature based visitor experiences.

The Yuku Baja Muliku people are the Traditional Custodians of Archer Point. The Indigenous Rangers program has a specific focus on land and sea management and conservation in this region and provides employment, skills, confidence and pride for those involved.



## 18. STANTHORPE ECO EXPO 2021

### Granite Borders Landcare Committee Stanthorpe, QLD

Grant Value: \$2,000

The Stanthorpe Eco Expo was held on 25 September 2021 at Ananda Palli Retreat in Severnlea in Queensland. It was attended by 350 people. Its focus was on environmental and human health and wellbeing, and fostering knowledge and skills to encourage in sustainable lifestyles.

Stall holders showcased environmental sustainability practices including renewable energy, composting, solar power and carbon sequestration. Exhibitors included Stanthorpe's Wildflower Consortium, Australian Native Plants, Biochar equipment, Granite Belt Sustainable Action Network, Bushkids and Solar Blessings Renewable Energy Specialists.

Local producers exhibited and sold their produce and products, and food vendors provided locally made food and beverages. Workshops and demonstrations were on a diverse range of topics, including permaculture, organics, cheesemaking, movement through dance, meditation, yoga and mindfulness. Musicians provided entertainment.

The Expo was expected to attract around 700 attendees from both Queensland and NSW, however attendance and stall holder participation was impacted due to NSW lockdowns and the Queensland/ NSW border closure.



## 19. HEALING COUNTRY

### Wanyurr-Majay Aboriginal Corporation Babinda, QLD

Grant value: \$2,123

Wanyurr-Majay Aboriginal Corporation (WMAC), in partnership with Mulgrave Landcare and Catchment Group has completed a revegetation initiative to heal Country on a privately owned property in Traditional Wanyurr-Majay Country.

The project involved planting out 160 native endemic trees between May and September 2021 along 250 metres of degraded watercourse to strengthen species diversity, wildlife corridors and improve water quality. So far, the trees are growing well and are strengthening the riverbanks and providing a habitat for local birdlife. Eels, native fish and platypus have also been observed returning to the waterway.

The initiative brought elders and land custodians together to share ecological knowledge, build capacity and provided WMAC with the opportunity to work on country – a valued experience, given that much of the Traditional Estate is now private tenure.



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

### Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals Incorporated Cooktown, QLD

Grant value: \$2,500

Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals Incorporated (CYWFA) has delivered an initiative to provide education and support to land managers, traditional owner groups and the general public on restorative land management techniques and practices, to reduce the prevalence of noxious weeds and feral animals across the Cape York region of far north Queensland.

Uncontrolled weeds and feral animals can have significant economic and environmental impacts, damaging biodiversity, ecosystems and agricultural productivity, as well as affecting human and animal health. For land managers in far north Queensland, access to knowledge and support on restorative land management practices, and the eradication of weeds and pests is not readily available. Some do not have access to online resources and many prefer to develop relationships and build trust with advisors in person.

The project comprised one to one (1:1) consultations and facilitated group learning for agriculturalists, graziers and the general community across the Annan-Endeavour and Normanby River Catchments.

Seventeen primary producers and eleven members of the community participated in training field days, coming together to discuss their land management, weed and feral animal issues, and one-on-one support sessions for on-site management of weed and pests. Through this work, weeds were actively managed across an area totaling some 3,600 hectares,

Weed removal is now allowing native vegetation to re-establish, including native couch, riverine species of Ti-trees and native figs, and this will have longer term benefits for local wildlife. Already native species such as magpie geese and Cooktown geckos have been seen, where there was none sighted previously.

By improving community knowledge, capability and skills and supporting property pest and weed management planning, CYWFA has laid the foundations for long term continuation of effective management of pest animals and weeds for reduced economic and environmental impact across Cape York.



*“We worked closely with a landholder who bought a large cattle property in Endeavour Valley. The property was a mess and we had to start from scratch working with them on weed identification, the use of herbicides and animal trapping techniques. These people were passionate about the country and wanted to make the land well again. They were willing to change behaviours rather than go for the quick fix which could be bad for the environment.”*

TREVOR MELDRUM, ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATIONS  
MANAGER, CYWFA

## 21. THE KANGAROO TAIL

### Creative Regions

#### Woodgate Beach, QLD

Grant value: \$2,500

Creative Regions delivered a series of workshops for children and adults in Woodgate to create stop motion digital animations to share ideas on protecting the natural environment, particularly through indigenous cultural methods.

Woodgate Beach was twice affected by bushfire in 2019, with the more severe fire cutting off access to the town, separating families and decimating and maiming of wildlife. The project aimed to facilitate community healing and closure by bringing people together for a creative endeavour that encouraged them to share their lived experiences, create new bonds, obtain new knowledge, and alleviate anxieties.

Traditional Cultural deliverer, Byron Broome of the Taribelang Cultural Aboriginal Corporation, led a workshop for 26 children in Goodwood Primary School. A welcome to country ceremony was followed by yarning circle which encouraged discussion on local indigenous history and cultural practices, including burning, and a demonstration on the use of firesticks and the didgeridoo.

Two workshops, one held at the school attended by 18 students, and one for the wider community attended by 12 people, encouraged a dialogue on the privilege and responsibility of living in a precarious natural environment. Participants created a short digital animations portraying simple ways others can help preserve their local area, especially eliminating litter and reducing pollution to protect local wildlife including turtles that nest on the beach. These ideas were then displayed at the annual Childers Festival as part of the Light up the Park evening, and in Woodgate at the Music on the Esplanade event, which was a highlight of the Woodgate Arts in Spring long weekend. The stop-motion animations were also projected onto Mindful Marsupials – large Kangaroo cut outs that were displayed along the festival fence.

Unfortunately, Creative Regions was unable to secure government funding to maintain its operations long term, and ceased business in late 2021. Its website is no longer operational and the stop motion animations, which were posted online, are no longer accessible.



*“Most kids today seem to be mindful and respectful of their natural environment. Seeing these young people aware of, and acting on issues that are important to them, and their community, gives me confidence they will be part of a global solution as they forge their own path in a world they have inherited.”*

WENDING ZUNKER, CREATIVE REGIONS

## 22. CONNECTING TO COUNTRY WITH CULTURAL BURNING

**Warwick Development Group Inc**  
**Warwick and Stanthorpe, QLD**  
Grant value: \$2,300

Warwick Development Group convened a series of workshops for students, parents and teachers in and around Warwick and Stanthorpe to encourage awareness and knowledge of indigenous culture, with explicit teaching of skills in caring for country.

In this region there are many Aboriginal people who are disadvantaged. Aboriginal children are often not served well by their education experiences, which do not enhance their self esteem as Aboriginal people, and are often disconnected from the land, having been raised in urban environments with little influence from knowledgeable Aboriginal people about their Country.

Connecting to Country and cultural burning are practical ways in which the community can begin to value indigenous people and their cultures, and a way in which Aboriginal people themselves can develop pride in who they are.

Six on-Country were facilitated by Galibal Githabul elder Aunty Kali, and were delivered through schools preschools across Warwick and Stanthorpe.

Aunty Kali spoke to participants about the importance of country, how her people related to country and how the children and adults might care for the land. She also spoke about cultural burning and how it can be good for country. They sessions were held at cultural sites, including a site of some significant scar trees which many people in the area have never seen or heard about, and at a public reserve of endangered vine scrub. It was hoped that the workshops could involve a demonstration cultural burn, but weather and a fear of fire prevented this.

The workshops involved both indigenous and non-indigenous children and adults. For many, these sessions were the beginning of their understanding of First Nations wisdom.

One school has already requested a future workshop, and several students wanted to bring a friend along next time, suggesting they gained something from the experience.



"Thanks so much for organising such a great afternoon on country for our school kids. The children cannot stop talking about it and their parents are thrilled that they had this opportunity".

## 23. MURRIGAL COMMUNITY NURSERY

**Brettacorp Inc**

**Murrigal, Queensland**

**Grant Value \$3,000**

Brettacorp has established a community nursery to grow native tree seedlings for use in its reforestation initiatives across the Cassowary Coast region of far north Queensland. The nursery is located at Bellenden Road in Murrigal, 30 minutes from Mission Beach.

The sugar cane and banana industries have impacted the scale of native forests and habitat for local wildlife in far north Queensland, including endangered and threatened species such as the Southern Cassowary and Mahogany Glider. Brettacorp has planted over 40,000 trees since 2016 to revegetate and rehabilitate these cleared lands. However, continuity of supply of native seedlings to support its work has always, until now, been challenging.

The nursery has been propagating native seedlings since September 2021 and now has 10,000 trees in various stages of growth, thanks to the work of volunteers, and two casual employees engaged to work a day a week each at the site. The nursery has capacity

for 16,000 seedlings on site.

Trees from the nursery are now being used in several Brettacorp projects and its monthly community tree planting days have become a gathering of diversity where everybody is welcomed.

At Gurrbum Nature Refuge, 20 minutes north of the Murrigal Nursery, 2,800 native trees and plants grown at the nursery were used to create Australia's largest Miyawaki forest, at 700m<sup>2</sup>. (Brettacorp is an advocate of the Miyawaki method of reforestation which involves dense planting to achieve fast growing self-sustaining forests within one year). This site is in the middle of the Wet Tropics, adjoins the UNESCO World Heritage Park and is on a registered government Nature Refuge that is now protected land in perpetuity. This site is also considered a national priority corridor for the Southern Cassowary and its population recovery.



*"I love our community days. It really gives me something to look forward to. It makes me feel like I am doing something positive for my son's future."*

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## 24. COOBER PEDY WELLBEING LABYRINTH

**District Council of Coober Pedy - Partnership Group**  
**Coober Pedy, South Australia**  
**Grant value: \$1,000**

The Seven Seed Pattern Labyrinth in Coober Pedy is now open to the public. It is situated between parkland and wetland on Coober Pedy's Triangle Recreational Reserve.

The labyrinth is a 25 metre diameter path, which follows a classical 7 circuit labyrinth design. It is laid on the ground, with the pathways marked by stone. It is a one-path design—meaning there is one way in and one way out. It provides an in-nature, meditative walk that can be used by both the community and visitors for physical, social and mental wellbeing.

Coober Pedy is a remote locality in located northern South Australia. Many of its 2,500 residents work in underground opal mines and are isolated from family and social opportunities. The labyrinth provides a place

for quiet contemplation and reflection and a place for relaxation and stress relief.

The labyrinth was conceived and driven by the local community, with the support of the District Council. It has been walked by members of the Australian Labyrinth Network Group (who provided positive feedback) and has been registered on the Australian Labyrinth Network Locator (online). It has also been positively received by the Coober Pedy Retail, Business and Tourism Association and now features as part of the town's tourism marketing efforts.

A video of the labyrinth is available via the Highways and Byways Facebook page at: [https://m.facebook.com/watch/?v=3157393981250079&\\_rdr](https://m.facebook.com/watch/?v=3157393981250079&_rdr)



"I needed it...and I went and did it...it worked... I LOVED IT!"

## 25. GROWING ACACIAS IN THE SEMI-ARID ZONE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mid Murray Landcare SA

Sandleton, SA

Grant value: \$2,250

In May 2022, Mid Murray Landcare SA hosted a field trip for land managers to explore the commercial and environmental benefits of acacia trees.

The mid Murray region of South Australia is marginal farming country, with significant erosion from over cropped and grazed land. Creeks and their banks are affected, and roads and fences are covered with soil. Mid Murray Landcare SA and local land managers are keen to explore viable, lower impact farming alternatives.

Nineteen land managers visited Sanderston based Wattle We Eat, an acacia farm run by Angus Jones. Angus has been successfully growing and harvesting acacia in the region for over 15 years. His wattle seeds are supplied to the food and beverage sector and are used in nutritional supplements and beauty products.

The group toured the property to observe the trees and production systems in situ. Angus spoke with the group about acacias being a naturally drought adapted, fast growing perennial crop. He also addressed the marketability and environmental benefits of acacias, their fodder potential and contribution to shelter belts for native wildlife and improved livestock health. The group also sampled several foods made with acacia seed, including coffee, cake and bread. Acacia seeds have been a traditional food of Indigenous Australians for thousands of years, and there is increasing interest from mainstream food and beverage markets for this native food source, given its versatility and nutritional value.

Mid Murray Landcare is hopeful that the initiative will lead to the greater uptake of acacia plantings in the region and has plans for another field trip in late 2022. It is also considering an initiative to involve local school children in planting out and managing a small acacia crop at Meldanda, its 40ha community environmental educational site in Cambrai.

The event was well received, with participants indicating that it contributed significantly to their knowledge and interest of acacias and introduced them to local resources and new networks.



## 26. PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT GARDENING TOOLS

### Walker Flat & Districts Progress Association Walker Flat, SA

**Grant value: \$998**

Walker Flat and District Progress Association purchased a new pole saw and brush cutter to replace its worn-out equipment.

For 25 years, the Association, which works in partnership with Mid Murray Landcare SA, Trees for Life and Mid Murray Council has actively vegetated and maintained reserves and roadsides in the Walker Flat and Wongulla districts.

The group is enthusiastic about conserving the local landscape and wildlife habitats and grows native seedlings from local seedstock to replace vegetation impacted by drought and age. It indicated that at the time of purchasing the new equipment it had been

revegetating approximately 3kms of roadsides and reserves in the Marne Mouth region.

Its weekly working bees are an important social gathering for the community, where disabled and elderly members participate and socialise alongside those who are more active. The group's oldest member is 92 and still enjoys getting involved.

The Association is also providing opportunities for urban youth and is working with an Adelaide-based school to facilitate long term partnership projects. These will involve support for ongoing bush care experience camps where students will be engaged in planting, habitat restoration and erosion control initiatives in the region.



# TASMANIA

## 27. BOXING PLANT FOOD

### King Island Community Garden

#### Currie, King Island

Grant value: \$2,100

King Island Community Garden used its grant from Highways and Byways to install six new compost bins, replacing old bins so decrepit they were being held together by rope.

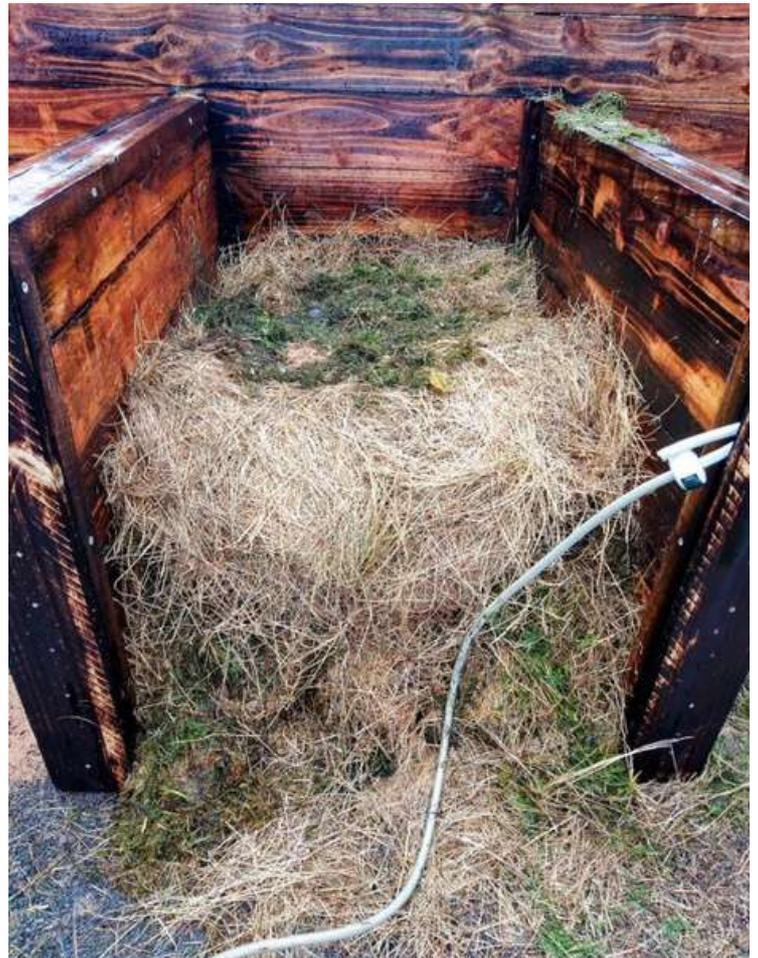
The Garden's beds are situated on sandy soil due to its coastal proximity. Compost is needed to break down the sand and add nutrients to the ground to encourage healthy production and encourage land health. Creating compost is an economical way to nourish the garden to produce healthy food.

Given the high cost of importing fresh produce from the mainland, the Community Garden provides locals with an alternative food source, planted and grown by their very own hands. It is also a social hub that brings

people together.

With its new bins the Garden has been able to implement a hot composting system which fast tracks the microbial production of the compost, and achieves useable compost within a six week timeframe, rather than the six months required by more conventional methods.

In September 2021, the Garden also hosted a workshop for 20 locals to explore the hot composting method. Participants all got their hands dirty, delivering the raw material and laying and mixing it in the newly constructed bays. Through this initiative the Garden was also able to reach out and attract several new members.



## 28. BEEKEEPING AND BEE EDUCATION AT OKINES

**Okines Community House**  
**Dodges Ferry, Tasmania**  
**Grant value: \$2,250**

A series of community workshops were held at Okines Community House to teach locals basic principles of keeping bees and managing beehives.

Honeybees have a vital role in the balance of nature, pollinating crops, forests and gardens. Yet bees confront a range of environmental challenges including fire, drought, pesticide use, agriculture monocultures and loss of plant diversity. Beekeepers are also typically ageing, and there are no formal structures or support systems in place to transfer knowledge and skills. The workshops aimed to provide support and encouragement to residents of Dodges Ferry to boost the uptake of beekeeping in the region.

Five workshops were attended by 25 locals. The sessions were delivered by Ronnie Voight from Natural Beekeeping Tasmania who concentrated on promoting familiarity with bees, beehive management, techniques to maximise bee health and honey production, and 'wintering down' of hives. Participants also constructed their own Warre beehive.

Since the workshops, Okines Community House added a new beehive to its grounds, having caught and rehomed a bee swarm into the Warre hive constructed at one of the workshop sessions. It also maintains several traditional beehives (known as Langstroth hives) in its garden and will be observing the differences in the performance of the various hives across the seasons. It is also harvesting, bottling and selling honey from its beehives. Funds raised will contribute towards the cost of future bee-themed workshops.

"Thank you for supporting our organisation and programs and activities that we offer to the community".

NAT SIGGINS, OKINES  
COMMUNITY HOUSE



# VICTORIA

## 29. LITTLE SPROUTS - HEALING OUR EARTH WORKSHOPS

**Food Is Free Inc**  
**Ballarat, Vic**  
**Grant value: \$1,545**

On Monday 28 May 2022 Food is Free Inc delivered 'Little Sprouts', an immersive gardening workshop for pre-schoolers from low socio-economic backgrounds. It was held at the Sebastopol Library in Ballarat, Victoria.

The workshop was attended by 12 children and their parents or carers. It provided a hands-on experience that focused on encouraging an understanding of nature and growing vegetables in an age-appropriate way.

Activities were creative and included:

- Drawing onto paper cups, which were filled with soil and rosemary cuttings to take home.
- Demonstrations of seeds growing and conversations about what they need to help them grow (sun, rain and shelter etc).
- Story time (the Hungry Hungry Caterpillar book) and songs (such as 'Insy Winsy Spider').
- Exploration of a worm farm.
- A nature hunt in the library gardens.

The initiative was well received by participants and fostered a positive relationship between Food is Free and the Sebastopol Library, with future workshops scheduled, and plans for a Food Is Free food security platform, garden beds and seeds library to be set up at the venue.

"My son Oliver and I, thoroughly enjoyed our time at Little Sprouts. Ollie especially loved the worms and making his pot plants. As soon as we got home we watered them and are excited to see them grow. Thankyou to everyone for organising this amazing community event, we cant wait for the next one! "

MELISSA RANCE, PARENT,  
PARTICIPANT



### 30. MONITOR NEST BOXES IN FIRE AREA

**Cardinia Environment Coalition Inc**  
**Bunyip State Park - Bunyip North, Tynong**  
**North, Garfield North, Tonimbuk**  
**Grant value: \$1,300**

Cardinia Environment Coalition has purchased a pole camera to monitor and capture data on the use of nesting boxes installed for wildlife in an area ravaged by the Bunyip Complex bushfires in 2019.

Bushfire destroyed large tracts of Bunyip State Park and Mt Cannibal Nature Conservation Reserve and burned property and farms across Tonimbuk, Bunyip North, Garfield North and Tynong North. While vegetation recovers quickly, habitat for local wildlife, such as the hollows of old eucalyptus trees, takes much longer. The result is inadequate nesting sites for birds and mammals reliant on hollows.

The local Men's Shed and schools constructed 540 nesting boxes for eight different animal species which have now been installed in trees located on both public and private land across the region.

Usually once installed, there is little follow-up research on the use and benefits of nesting boxes by local wildlife. However a new camera and pole attachment will now be used in an initiative to monitor use. The camera allows the operator to remain on the ground and view what is happening inside each box five metres up by

focusing the camera through the aperture.

Nesting boxes will be monitored for use by target species, other indigenous species, feral species, or nothing at all. The boxes will be inspected during the breeding seasons and in response to activities reported by property owners. Photographs will be taken of any nesting box inhabitants. This operation will be performed by the Cardinia Environment Coalition Project Officer who has the necessary knowledge of all potential users of the nest boxes to identify them with minimal disruption.

Resulting data and analysis will create a picture of how native birds and animals recovered after a major bushfire and will assist with similar future post-fire nest box projects. It is anticipated that data will be collected over a four-to-five-year period, while the boxes remain viable

As well as recording important information, the nesting box project has also been a boost for the local communities, particularly for the property owners and the many nest box builders, including children.



## 31. COMMUNITY LANDCARE REGENERATION

### Bass Coast Landcare Network

#### Bass, Vic

Grant value: \$1,350

In June 2022 Bass Coast Land Care Network held a 'Regenerative Agriculture for Small Properties' workshop to share information and build skills in regenerative agriculture methods and techniques. Farmers from across Bass and further into South Gippsland, with small farm holdings ranging in size 1.8ha to 42ha attended.

The workshop was held at Bass Community Hall and the adjoining River Garden, a 1ha Community space for horticultural trials, education and learning.

Guest speaker Gerhard Grasser from AgriSolutions spoke to the group about a wide range of regenerative agriculture concepts including:

- Ground cover
- Reduced soil disturbance.
- Encouraging living roots year-round.

- Integrating animals into farming systems.
- Setting a vision and goals.
- Understanding soils.
- Planning for water needs.
- Composting.
- Zero waste.
- Practical management tools.

An in-field demonstration also showcased various soil sampling and diagnostic techniques.

The workshop was considered a positive activity to support farmers in their ongoing journey to adopt new and emerging agriculture practices to reduce their footprint and enhance the resilience of the land. Connections were also made between people attending forming a support network that they can rely on to share their future land management journeys.



"Awesome workshop. Gerhard's deep knowledge and experience was really valuable and provided lots of practical ideas to get better soil outcomes. The mix of theory, discussion and field work was very effective. Thank you so much for organising yet another successful event that is building regenerative agricultural capability in the region. Great work!"

PARTICIPANT

# PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

## NEW SOUTH WALES

### 32. BOURKE CARP MUSTER

Western Landcare NSW

Bourke, NSW

Grant Value: \$3,000

A one-day event of environmental action to fish invasive fish (carp) out of the Darling River at Bourke.

### 33. DUNG BEETLE EDUCATION

Buckwaroon Landcare Group

Cobar, NSW

Grant Value: \$2,000

A workshop to equip farmers with knowledge on the use of dung beetles to improve sustainable agricultural outcomes.

### 34. PORCUPINE WALKING TRAIL CULTURAL WALK

Red Chief Aboriginal Land Council

Gunnedah, NSW

Grant Value: \$2,400

Interpretive signage along the Mt Porcupine Trail to highlight the cultural, spiritual and historical significance of local Indigenous sites

### 35. MOLE RIVER, WHAT IS IN OUR RIVER?

Granite Borders Landcare Committee Incorporated (GBLC)

Mingoola, NSW

Grant Value: \$2,250

Ecologists will complete fauna and aquatic surveys to provide baseline data to monitor river health long term.

### 36. BUSH TUCKER GARDEN

Sancrox, NSW

Grant Value: \$1,500

A young local indigenous person will plan, design and construct a Bush Tucker Garden which will educate visitors to the farm on the usefulness and productivity of native flora.

### 37. SUNSET STRIP COUNTRY REPAIR – CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTION AND MITIGATION. - CULTURAL HERITAGE TRAINING DAY

Sunset Strip, NSW

Grant Value: \$3,000

A targeted climate change intervention at Lake Menindee Reserve in western NSW, involving education, adaption and mitigation works to improve the natural values, environmental assets and protect Aboriginal cultural heritage items.

## QUEENSLAND

### 38. GREENING THE HALL

Granite Belt Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation

Ballandean, QLD

Grant Value: \$2,000

A project to beautify the streetscape of the local community hall in Ballandean in the Southern Downs region of Queensland

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### 39. GRASSLAND AND HABITAT RESTORATION SAINT BENEDICTS CEMETERY

Gawler Environment and Heritage Association Inc

Pinkerton Plains, SA

Grant Value: \$1,000

A project to revegetate the St Benedict Cemetery and nearby road verges in Pinkerton Plains in South Australia after the region was extensively impacted by bushfire.

### 40. REGENERATION OF ROADSIDE VERGE

Corny Point Progress Association Inc

Corny Point, SA

Grant Value: \$860

A project to revegetate a prominent roadside verge to boost community pride in Corny Point, South Australia.

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