

## **VicTrack Funding 2018-2021**

*Please remember to save your application regularly. We recommend you keep a copy of this application in a word document for future reference.*

### **Group Information**

Group name:

Woomelang/Lascelles Landcare Group

Street address:

PO Box 19

Suburb:

Woomelang

State:

Victoria

Postcode:

3485

Group location:

Rural

Group type:  
Landcare group

Briefly describe your group and some of its regular activities (max. 100 words):

The Woomelang Landcare Group developed as an extension of the local Rabbit Action Group in 1995. The Lascelles Landcare Group formed in October 2001 after landholders witnessed success of other groups in the region. The two groups combined to form Woomelang/Lascelles Landcare Group on the 5th October 2006. The group has a strong membership list, incorporating approximately twenty-four farming families. The group's environmental priorities are rabbits, invasive weed control, salinity management, revegetation and habitat preservation for the endangered Mallee Fowl. Woomelang/Lascelles Landcare group annually complete a rabbit control program within its 85,900 hectare area.

### **Primary Contact**

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Please select the privacy level you would like:  
Visible on the National Landcare Directory.

## **Project Information**

Project title:**Cronomby Cultural Connect**

Project location – please include information on:

Location description;

Lot numbers - please ensure you indicate which lot numbers you will be working on; and

Size (ha) / (km);

Note: Is your site a mapped area of cultural heritage sensitivity? It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that Aboriginal cultural heritage is not impacted upon by the project.

Please contact Landcare Australia if you require any assistance with a Cultural Heritage impact assessment.

Landcare Australia are responsible for ensuring approvals for site access and works are in place.

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Proposed start date:**16/07/2018**

Proposed completion date:**13/07/2020**

Project period (1-3 years):**3 years**

Total funding requested (ex GST):**30,000.00**

## **Catchment and Local Government Area**

Please indicate which Catchment Management Authority Area(s) your project falls in?**Mallee Catchment Management Authority**

Please indicate which Council / Local Government Area(s) your project falls in?  
Yarriambiack Shire

## Yarriambiack Shire

Please click here if you are unsure of your Catchment Management Area

Please click here if you are unsure of your Council / Local Government Area

### **Project Overview (EoI Summary)**

Provide a brief overview of your project, ensuring that you address the following:

- Need
- Objectives
- Activities
- Duration
- Anticipated outcomes / outputs
- Collaboration / partnerships

(max. 500 words)

Woomelang/Lascelles Landcare Group feel the need for works to be completed on the above Victrack sites to enhance visually Woomelang and the recently completed Cronomby Tanks.

Activities to be funded include a walking track leading from the old shearing shed located on Cronomby Tanks Road into Cronomby Tanks to allow for all weather pedestrian access. Weed

management control of Boxtorn, Bridal Creeper, Prickly Pear and Horehound on the above sites using chemical control. Management of these weeds needs to occur to avoid spread further into Reserve. Cumbungi an invasive species and is located in all three dams at Cronomby Tanks causing accessibility issues and can affect water quality. Control methods of Cumbungi are chemical and mechanical both which will be used to control and eventually exclude cumbungi from the dams as not to choke water with decaying vegetation.

A walking track from Cronomby Tanks to the old Railway Station, proposed to be renovated in 2018, to the centre of town, meandering through the endangered Ridged Mallee Plains vegetation found in the area and will link Cronomby Tanks to Woomelang for visitors and the community. People are either illegally crossing the train line or using the Sunraysia Highway, which could lead to an accident, serious injury or fatality, so the installation of a level pedestrian crossing somewhere along the train line at this particular site would be beneficial.

Signage for the area will include native fauna & flora information found in the area and signage for Cronomby Tanks entry for visitors with a map and community collaborations that made the project possible. Revegetation of 14 flora species commonly found in endangered Ridged Plain Mallee vegetation class. The area is depleted of native grasses and shrubs and we hope to establish these back. An irrigation system to establish the revegetation of the Reserve will help minimise losses and give the revegetation of the area the best possible chance of success. Bollards are needed in the area to prevent unauthorised access, particularly the Graincorp site and reduce damage to sensitive native vegetation, by vehicles and pedestrians. Bench seating along the walking track will allow for rest areas and observation of birds. Bird/Bat nesting boxes will be installed around the Reserve to entice native birds and bats to use the area for breeding and increase the biodiversity. An ecological; Flora and Fauna evaluation will be done on the area for any threatened or endangered flora or fauna species within the area that may or may not impact the project and its activities.

The project will last 3 years with works beginning as soon as funding is allocated with planning meetings with community members. Some of the activities planned in this project have a longer-term management e.g.: aquatic weed management and revegetation therefore the longer duration of project is allowed. Woomelang/Lascelles Landcare Group wish to collaborate and partner with Woomelang and District Development Association, Barengi Gadjin Land Council, Woomelang Historical Society, Yarriambiack Shire, Victrack and Mallee Catchment Management Authority in expanding and enhancing Cronomby Tanks.

### **Project Objectives**

Please list the objectives of your project. Include information on what you are aiming to achieve, and how and when it will be achieved.

(max. 150 words)

- Increasing vital habitat
- Increasing community awareness of endangered and threatened species of flora & fauna
- Increase carrying capacity of fauna populations within the area
- Increase foraging opportunities
- Increase flora biodiversity
- Increase visual aesthetics of the area
- Increase activity within the community

Woomelang/Lascelles Landcare Group aim to enhance the area by the addition of walking tracks as to avoid tramping the delicate understory of the Ridged Plains Mallee. Cronomby Tanks is already utilized by many locals and visitors to the area and the enhancement of the native vegetation will enhance wildlife and bird enthusiasts opportunity to see their subjects. Cronomby Tanks is an important addition to the township also allowing for recreational fishing opportunities with good sized Freshwater Catfish and redfin caught. Woomelang/Lascelles Landcare Group aim to start project immediately with a community planning meeting and have allowed 3 years for completion to allow increased community participation in the

project.

Please describe the special features of the project, including the biodiversity your project will benefit and its importance (e.g. locally rare, state or federally listed species) and any relevant threats.  
(max. 150 words)

*Woomelang/Lascelles has many species of flora and fauna some threatened and endangered recorded within its 85,900 hectares. These include but are not limited to : Mallee Emu-wren, Malleefowl, Regent Parrot, Rufous Bristlebird, Hooded Robin, Bandy Bandy, Ridged Plains Mallee (EVC) and Buloke. Current threats locally are habitat loss, climate change and land clearing. Threats to Cronomby Cultural Connect project aims to increase vital habitat, increase biodiversity within the vegetation class and increase community awareness for these locally rare, state and federally listed species.*

*A Macroinvertebrate survey conducted in April 2016 by James Walker and local primary school students. Observed were a wide variety and quantity of macroinvertebrate species, 26 in total, including some incredibly rare in the Mallee such as Mayfly and Stonefly nymph. A dominance of 'tolerant' and 'sensitive' species and classifies Cronomby Tanks as having very good water quality, the highest possible classification.*

## Project Activities

Please list the activities that will contribute to achieving your project objectives.  
Please add a new row per activity - to add a row please click on the green plus sign.

		<b>Year</b>	<b>Month / Year (e.g. July 2018)</b>	<b>Project Activity &amp; Unit of Measure</b>	<b>Units (e.g. area if weeding). Numerical values only.</b>	<b>Short description of activity</b>
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## **Project Outcomes**

Please describe long-term outcomes benefits of this project. These may include environmental, social, community and / or cultural benefits etc.

(max. 200 words)

Long-term outcomes and benefits of this project is Woomelang/Lascalles Landcare Group taking over land management of the project area and utilizing it to the best of its capability. The project area is an unused asset for Woomelang and this project will allow increased habitat at Cronomby Tanks for many native birds, animals, reptiles, frogs and insects. The project area is situated outskirts of Woomelang and is visually unappealing, the project will take ownership of local concerns of the area and action will at last be taken. Listed below are potential outcomes on successful application.

- **Enviromental**
  - Increase vital habitat
  - Increase carrying capacity of fauna populations within the area
  - Increase foraging opportunities
  - Increase flora biodiversity
  - Increase visual aesthetics of the area
  - Control/eradication of non-native flora species and weeds
  
- **Social/Community**
  - Increasing community awareness of endangered and threatened species of flora & fauna
  - Increase activity within the community
  - Increase cultural awareness of the area through involvement and collaboration with Barengi Gadjin Land Council
  - Encourage community collaborations
  - Community action in conservation and protecting vulnerable and threatened species
  - Identifying and setting local priorities for environmental action



## **Monitoring**

Please describe how you plan to monitor and measure project success (e.g. photopoints, water quality testing, flora surveys, fauna surveys)?

(max. 150 words)

Monitoring will take place by local volunteers at 3, 6 and 12 months first year and every 6 months years after. Information and data will be compiled by local Landcare Facilitator and kept for future reference. Techniques used will be photopoints, observational data a) estimates of cover and density b) ecological observations, and assessment of control. Woomelang/Lascelles Landcare Group aim to conduct flora and fauna surveys of the area. Before and after photos of the area will be taken for photopoints. Local bird enthusiasts will be encouraged to monitor and report findings with Landcare and appropriate phone apps. Volunteers will be encouraged to record frog calls using the app Frog ID also displayed on signage. Woomelang/Lascelles Landcare Group themselves will continue to monitor site and improvements and evaluate and assess success on positive project outcomes. Water quality and a macroinvertebrate survey will also be conducted to gauge success.

## **Collaboration & Partnerships**

Please list any individuals, groups, or organisations that will collaborate with you on this project. Please detail their contribution (e.g. technical support, advice, networking, labour) (max. 100 words).

Woomelang Primary School – education, monitoring, labour

Mallee Catchment Management Authority – support, advice & networking

Conways Gypsum – advice & labour

Woomelang Mens Shed – labour

Barenji Gadjin Land Council – advice, support & networking

Yarriambiack Shire Council – advice, support & labour

Woomelang and District Historical Society - knowledge & assistance

Woomelang Lions Club - advice, support, networking & labour

How many volunteers do you expect to be involved in this project?

Woomelang Landcare Group aims to involve approximately 10 local primary students, as well as 25 local volunteers, to the project.

### **Additional Information**

Is there capacity for VicTrack and Landcare Australia staff to participate in project activities or events? If yes, please provide details:

(max. 100 words)

Woomelang/Lascalles Landcare Group would welcome any involvement and input from VicTrack and Landcare Australia. As essentially Woomelang/Lascalles Landcare Group are only taking on land management not ownership, it is in the groups best interest to work in collaboration with VicTrack and gain support from Landcare Australia with this project application. Any works will be discussed prior and volunteers welcome to assist from these departments. On completion of project an open invitation to VicTrack and Landcare Australia and community members with a bbq to thank all partnerships, collaborations and support.

Please describe how you will acknowledge the support of Landcare Australia and VicTrack as project partners?

(max. 100 words)

*VicTrack and Landcare Australia's support will be acknowledged by signage design by a local business that has previously done exceptional design and work for other Landcare projects located within the Southern Mallee Landcare Consortium. VicTrack are invited to submit their own wording, otherwise an example could be : This project was supported by VicTrack Funding 2018-2021 as well as the green Landcare Logo. Local media will also be informed acknowledging support, partnerships and collaborations.*

*All supporters of the project will also receive personal formal thank you letters and an invitation to completion of project celebrations Woomelang/Lascalles Landcare would provide.*

Please provide any additional information that will support your application:

(max. 100 words).

First year initial outlay of funding is significant due to the works being funded but after this the following costing will be greatly reduced as it will only be maintenance funding. Woomelang/Lascalles Landcare feel this is a worthwhile project to offer their support and time and will greatly expand and enhance the area and add to the increasing visual appearance of the community. This project will include many community members from farmers to local primary school children and will give them a sense of belonging and achievement. Ridged Plains Mallee EVC is the most abundant in the area and endangered.

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## **Budget**

Have you attached a detailed budget for your application?

For your reference a copy of the budget estimate you provided for your EoI is shown below.

--None--YesNo

**To attach your budget please save you application and return to the previous tab 'Grant Application Details'> Save your budget using the 'attach files' button under 'Notes & Attachments'.**

- **Your project budget should be in Excel format and include:**

- A yearly budget with breakdown of costs;
- Description, quantity (with units) and rates (price per unit) for each budget item;
- A description and cost for any in-kind contributions;
- The total funding requested each year must not exceed the amount of the grant i.e. \$30,000.

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Column A: Funding Requested (max. \$30,000 ex GST)</b>	<b>Column B: In-Kind Contributions</b>
Bench Seating	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Signage	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Bollards	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Revegetation	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Weed Management Control	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Irrigation system	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Aquatic Weed Management	\$8,000.00	\$5,000.00
Walking Track	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Tree & Rubbish Removal		\$5,000.00
Bird/Bat nesting Boxes	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Ecological; Flora and Fauna Evaluation	\$2,000.00	

## **Insurance**

Name of insurer and policy number:

Please provide details of your group's (or affiliated / auspicing organisation's) public liability and voluntary workers insurance policies and attach a copy of your Certificate of Currency.

## **Financial Information**

Group ABN:

Registered for GST?--None--YesNo

Bank account name:

BSB:

Bank account number:

If an affiliated group is receiving funds on your behalf - please detail the name of the group here:

## **Photos / Supporting Documents**

Have you provided photos and a map of the work area(s) and access points?

Please ensure you clearly identify the areas of work (e.g. if you do not plan to undertake works on all the land in a particular lot this needs to be clearly identified). This is important to ensure the land access agreement clearly identifies management responsibilities.

Please attach up to four photographs or documents to support your application.

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--None--YesNoNA

Once submitted, you will receive an email confirming receipt of your completed EOI form. Please be sure to check your

junk folder if you cannot see the email.

--None--YESNO

**Declaration**

By submitting this application form I declare that:

All the information in this application is correct; and

I have read and agreed to the Landcare Australia Grant Terms & Conditions.