



Tasmanian Landcaring Grants Round One - Successful Projects - 2009/10.



Project No.	Applicant Name	Title	Project Summary	Approved Funding
TLG_Rnd 1_App 1	Alastair Ross (Wildcare Inc. sponsored)	Construction of an aviary for the care and rehabilitation of injured Wedge-tailed and White-bellied Sea eagles in North West Tasmania.	Wedge-tailed and White-bellied sea eagles are under serious threat on the NW Coast. We propose to construct a slatted timber aviary at Forthside so that the raptors can be cared for in their local region, in natural and familiar surrounds. The proposed facility will be constructed close to the recently opened Wildlife Rescue Centre, located in an agricultural area and close to Devonport, Latrobe, Ulverstone and Penguin. The project provides opportunities for the community to bring in injured wildlife and to see the work that is being done to conserve rare and threatened species.	\$4,547.93
TLG_Rnd 1_App 11	Circular Head Landcare	An assault on National Priority infestations of Seeding willow ( <i>Salix cinerea</i> ) situated in Circular Head; <i>S. cinerea</i> eradication in Tasmania has highest priority listing.	This project continues the work initiated in 2009 to control Seeding willow populations on Allens Creek, Blizzards Creek plus Edith Creek and several tributaries. The eradication of seeding willow ( <i>S. cinerea</i> ) in this area is a priority at the national level. Edith Creek is also a known stronghold for <i>Astacopsis gouldi</i> (Giant Freshwater Crayfish) a nationally threatened species. This project will aid in the restoration of native habitat and improve biodiversity outcomes, and is carried out with consultation and support from nine local farmers. Dissemination of project successes will be pursued through the local newspaper and radio. In addition, the Circular Head Landcare Group will publish a monthly newsletter to keep Landcare members and interested members of the public apprised of the aims and progress of the project.	\$20,000.00
TLG_Rnd 1_App 15	Mt Roland Rivercare	Don, Dasher and Minnow Rivers - Strategic Riparian Improvements - Providing 3.2 ha of fenced and revegetated riparian lands	The project will make strategic improvements in riparian native vegetation on the Dasher, Minnow, Don and Dodder rivers. The project work will increase native habitat for a number of endangered or threatened species - Giant Freshwater Lobster, White Goshawk, Wedge-tailed Eagle, plus Tasmanian Devil and Spotted-tailed Quoll. Part of this project will be to spray WONS weed re-growth from earlier work in the riparian zone to knock out small infestations that have persisted. This weeding follow up is integral to protecting the re-vegetation work and will update MRRCI's previous weed mapping in the catchment. Re-vegetation planting on the Wilden's property will build on the work previously undertaken.	\$19,955.65

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			<p>The project activities are being undertaken in partnership with landowners who will undertake the on-ground works in consultation with MRCCI's River Coordinators. This approach leads to improved knowledge and skills of land managers through direct hands-on experience, supported by in-depth knowledge from river coordinators on what works best for this locality.</p>	
TLG_Rnd 1_App 19	Kingborough Landcare	Kingborough Seeding Willows Eradication Project – Stage 1	<p>The primary aim of the project is to progress the eradication of seeding willows from Kingborough municipality. It will implement the recommendations of the recent Defeating the Weed Menace project. A secondary aim is to provide educational materials to landholders and community groups in areas surrounding infestations to aid in establishing effective ongoing monitoring regimes and follow-up treatment programs. The project proposes to undertake works in the following priority order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Treat the 6 known sites that are yet to have any form of primary control work undertaken.</li> <li>2. Remove dead material from 6 P1 sites and revegetate with native species.</li> <li>3. Collate and distribute an information kit for landholders and Care groups in areas around priority sites.</li> <li>4. Conduct site inspections at 17 P2 sites flagged as requiring follow-up in 2010.</li> <li>5. Develop recommendations for follow-up treatment of P1 and P2 sites.</li> <li>6. Check 17 sites flagged as requiring checking in 2012 early and document findings.</li> </ol>	\$17,001.60
TLG_Rnd 1_App 22	Derwent Catchment NRM Committee	Grazing and Stock Management Study tour: Breaking down barriers and building confidence to improve land management and property management	<p>A number of workshops have been held and are planned for the region to highlight regenerative farming techniques. To get a high return on this investment it is necessary to implement targeted follow up support. This support includes, meetings, one on one time, phone hook ups, emails etc by the local Derwent Catchment NRM Coordinator. It is also beneficial to show farmers enterprises where these practices have been successfully implemented. This project will involve taking Derwent Valley Farmers (by bus) to visit the properties of farmers successfully using these techniques. Also participating on the visit will be agri-business people who will contribute their perspective on how to improve trading of stock, value adding and selling to maximize profits. It will be an intensive day of</p>	\$4,455.00

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			enhancing networks and shifting paradigms. If we can demonstrate sound, real world, NRM outcomes, as well as productive outcomes on existing enterprises, members of the local farmer group (HORC) will be encouraged to implement these practices as well.	
TLG_Rnd 1_App 26	Tamar NRM	Phase 2 of Feral Cat Management in the Weymouth/Bellingham area - providing support to the community	This project aims to continue the implementation of the national Threat Abatement Plan for Feral Cats within the George Town coastal area surrounding the townships of Bellingham and Weymouth. Previous work has significantly reduced the numbers of feral cats predated on native fauna, as well as reducing the potential for domestic cats to become feral and to impact on wildlife via education and encouragement of responsible ownership. Phase 2 of the previous work is an essential follow-up strategy to ensure that the community are equipped with the resources and skills necessary to continue the trapping program, thereby providing a real opportunity for native species to flourish.	\$14,000.00
TLG_Rnd 1_App 31	King Island NRM Comm. Engage	Life on the coast – King Island coastal community engagement	This is about bringing the community closer to the coastal areas that are part of their everyday lives. It will encourage interaction and awareness of how we can reduce our impacts on these sensitive areas. This will be achieved through a series of community and school field days. The focus will be on, shorebirds (especially hooded plovers) and how we can help them and raising awareness of WoNS and other significant weeds in the coastal zone. This will be done through a series of 11 field days, involving community groups, the wider community and schools.	\$11,332
TLG_Rnd 1_App 32	Riverside Avenue Community Group	Riverside Avenue Rehabilitation activities	Removal of WONS and other environmental weeds – Gorse, Ivy, Holly, Spanish broom, Cape weed and Rumex. Building and enhancing on the already existing native vegetation by planting species native to the area. This in turn will improve fauna habitat and create a more aesthetically pleasing and healthier ecosystem.	\$6,380.00
TLG_Rnd 1_App 39	Basil R Clark and Sons	Gorse removal to protect Lowland Grasslands of Tasmania and other threatened flora.	We have recognised the serious threat to our farm of the Weed of National Significance (WONS) Gorse. It impacts on farm productivity and also on the significant natural values of the property, particularly on the EPBC listed Lowland Grasslands of Tasmania ecological community. We have maintained a steady program of gorse removal over fifteen years and we plan to apply these funds in continuing to suppress Gorse in areas previously treated (small localised patches of regrowth) and to extend that work into areas yet to be treated.	\$2,420.00

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TLG_Rnd 1_App 43	Killora/Dennes Point Coastcare Groups	Boneseed Eradication on Bligh Point and Killora Bay	This project will engage Regnans Enviro Consulting to remove boneseed from the inaccessible cliff-faces above Killora Bay and Bligh Point Coastal Reserve, North Bruny Island. At the same time, volunteers from the Killora and Dennes Point Coastcare groups will weed boneseed from the area behind the cliffs. This is the latest phase in an ongoing project to remove a severe but localized boneseed infestation from coastal woodland that is prime 40-spotted pardalote habitat.	\$8,217.20
TLG_Rnd 1_App 45	Friends of Maria (Wildcare Inc sponsored)	"Sweeping the Broom" – Continuing the Control of Canary Broom on Maria Island (Stage 3)	The project is about maintaining healthy and resilient native habitat for threatened species and all wildlife on Maria Island National Park. It involves resourcing Stage 3 of "Sweeping the Broom", continuing the control of Canary Broom on Maria Island. Conditions are ideal for spray treatment by contractors this spring and summer 2010/2011. The weeds are located east of Darlington with 90 one hectare plots infested, of which 60 plots have been successfully treated. In stage 3, contractors will spray a total area of 4 ha broom infestation. Our group will also continue to undertake secondary treatment across 30 ha. Stage 3 will also provide excellent opportunities to encourage new Wildcare volunteers due to the evident success of our work, the inspirational location, and skills of our current group. We will train new volunteers in the techniques and skills we use and are continuing to learn from others.	\$19,905.00
TLG_Rnd 1_App 47	Penna Landcare	Project to establish an <i>ex-situ</i> subpopulation of <i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	Plants will be made available from the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens (RTBG) Seedbank Program for planting as a new <i>ex-situ</i> subpopulation for this species in the Pontos Hills area. The group will establish the plants, provide guidance to the landowner on control of the WON Boneseed ( <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> ) and (with the support of the RTBG and DPIPWE Threatened Species Section) also provide advice and training on management and monitoring of the <i>ex-situ</i> subpopulation.	\$2,810.00
TLG_Rnd 1_App 49	Pipe Clay Coastcare	Follow up action to control spread of WONS, especially Serrated Tussock, in the Cremorne area with special focus on Calvert's Hill and protection of the threatened <i>E.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Follow up on WONS (blackberry and boneseed) that have previously been sprayed/cut and pasted around the Cremorne foreshore area.</li> <li>2. Larger component of the project is to collaborate with the Friends of Calverts Hill group to provide complementary support to their current project of serrated tussock control and improvement of the ecological condition of threatened <i>E. morrisbyi</i>.</li> </ol>	\$20,000.00

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TLG_Rnd 1_App 51	West Coast Weeds and Fire Management Group (West Coast Council sponsored)	Weeds out of the Western Wilderness.	<p>The project 'Weeds out of the Western Wilderness' will see the strategic planning and creation of a 60,000 hectare World Heritage Area (WHA) bounding. Gorse (<i>Ulex europaeus</i>) buffer zone within the area covered by the West Coast Weed and Fire Management Strategy. Once the buffer zone is identified, all known occurrences of this WONS listed weed will be treated within the area using best practice weed management techniques. The buffer zone will contain/reduce the impacts of a core gorse infestation, control gorse within a 'weed present' area and control gorse within an eradication target area.</p> <p>In addition to the strategic on-ground control of WONS, the project includes the running of six community group orientated weed management events to improve knowledge and skills of land managers, increase participation in natural resource management and increase coastal community engagement within the remote West Coast area.</p> <p>Three sea spurge (<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>) control sessions with Granville Harbour Coastcare group would be run to strategically push the containment line of this invasive species further. In addition to the three activities with Granville Harbour Coastcare, three activities will be run with Queenstown Landcare. Queenstown Landcare will work alongside the West Coast Weed and Fire Management Group to run an environmental weed management workshop targeted at members of the public and run two Spanish heath (<i>Erica lusitanica</i>) control sessions to try and curb the spread of this weed within the Queenstown township.</p>	\$20,000.00
TLG_Rnd 1 App 55	Friends of Coningham Reserve	Protect habitat in Coningham NRA by controlling threatening processes.	<p>The project continues the existing program of weed control in the reserve, using both a contractor and our group members doing follow up control. Awareness of the reserve and its management will be raised through inviting local school students, families and members other local Coastcare groups (FOCCOLS, Snug, Peggy's Beach, Derwent Avenue Group and Howden) to an open day. The project will involve a variety of community groups and individuals some of whom are already engaged with NRM issues. In addition, Local landholders (particularly those neighbouring the reserve), many of whom are unaware of the values and threats to the reserve will be engaged via a number of means. Users of the reserve who live further afield - orienteers, horse riders, and walkers - will be involved with the project through the erection of explanatory signs at weed control</p>	\$15,694.00

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			sites and interpretive signage.	
TLG_Rnd 1_App 54	Allen and Robyn Berthelsen	Welcome River Habitat Protection	The project aims to protect the habitat of this section of the Welcome River. This is one of the last sections of stream in the Montagu Catchment that flows through farm land that is unfenced and impacted by stock. Fencing of the area and the subsequent regeneration of local native vegetation will promote natural filtering of paddock runoff, further enhancing water quality. This project will also provide a wildlife corridor between large areas of habitat to the north and south. This project is especially important to enhance the habitat of Giant freshwater Crayfish, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Platypus, Tasmanian Devil and native fish.	\$15,860.00

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