



THE TYRRELL PROJECT

Ancient landscapes, new connections



Above: Tyrrell Creek in flood 2011. Credit: Mallee CMA.

The Tyrrell Project is a community driven landscape-scale project that celebrates the unique social, cultural and environmental values of an iconic landscape by developing strong working partnerships to deliver lasting outcomes.

Demonstrating effective integrated catchment management, the community will be at the centre of decision making as The Tyrrell Project delivers multiple outcomes at the internationally renowned Lake Tyrrell, along with the Tyrrell and Lalbert Creeks; and, wetlands connected to the Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline.

The Tyrrell Project is being facilitated by the Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) as part of the \$22m initiative funded by the Victorian Government, Our Catchments Our Communities, all government agencies and organisations are working closely together on this project, with community guiding the implementation.

What will The Tyrrell Project deliver?

The Tyrrell Project will be delivered over four years. Planning commenced in late 2016 and the project will be rolled out until 2020.

Find out more

For the latest information and updates on The Tyrrell Project visit www.malleecma.vic.gov.au or follow Mallee CMA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/malleecma or find us on Twitter @MalleeCMA



This project is funded through the Victorian Governments Our Catchments, Our Communities program.

Under this project, key activities to be delivered will include:

- Improving biodiversity by increasing areas of native vegetation and/or supplement existing areas;
- Tackling invasive species such as priority weeds, rabbits, foxes and feral cats to restore degraded habitat, enhance regeneration opportunities and reduce predation on native animals;
- Installation and maintenance of fences and bollards to protect high-value areas;
- Installation of habitat structures to assist the recovery of threatened species;
- Improving visitor facilities to increase amenity/accessibility at priority sites;
- Establishing management agreements to secure long term outcomes; and
- Delivering exciting new education and awareness programs aimed at providing opportunities for people to learn more about the region they love.

Will the community be involved?

Yes. Communities and Traditional Owners will be at the centre of decision making, guiding everything from where native shrubs should be planted to how Aboriginal cultural values should be celebrated.

The Mallee CMA is coordinating The Tyrrell Project, but community members are driving it. The Mallee CMA is working closely with landholders, Traditional Owners, community groups and Landcare groups to deliver on-ground works and community events that are directly in line with what they value.

What has happened to date?

Community reference groups have been established with landholders, government agencies and community groups to ensure that community expectations are accounted for during project planning and implementation.

Additional conversations have also been undertaken with various local management committees, community progress associations, schools, Landcare groups, Baringi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, VicRoads, Local Government, Regional Development Victoria, Parks Vic and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to discuss project activities.

We have also discussed the project with the Mallee CMA Board; Land and Water Advisory Committee, Biodiversity Catchment Partnership Committee and the Aboriginal Reference Group, all of which have provided sound advice on engagement activities and project works planned as part of The Tyrrell Project.

What happens next?

Key initiatives under this project include:

- The development and enhancement of visitor facilities at Lake Tyrrell to improve visitor experience and ensure natural and cultural values are maintained.
- Development of 'The Tyrrell Drive' to encourage and promote natural and cultural values, whilst also capitalising on the recent surge of tourists into the region, increasing the viability of rural communities in the area.

- Assisting communities to develop conservation projects that will enhance the natural values found within this region including revegetation; recovery of threatened species and pest plant and animal control works. In addition, communities will design projects and community engagement events that will increase the awareness and appreciation of indigenous values, with a focus on establishing partnerships with Traditional Owners.
- Implementing a citizen science program themed 'What's in your backyard?' Multiple workshops, community events and information sessions will be held to encourage and facilitate community groups and local residents to start capturing information on local species found within their area.

How is this project connected to other work at Lake Tyrrell?

The Tyrrell Project aligns with significant community interest in the tourism and associated economic benefits of Lake Tyrrell. It also provides the opportunity to further support existing community activities and priorities across a wider project area.

Do you want to get involved?

If you would like to get involved or want to know more about the project, please contact Mallee CMA Project Manager Land and Biodiversity, Rian Caccianiga on 0427 540 468 or 5051 4377.