



Australian Heritage Grants 2020-21: Successful projects

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Natural values assessment and conservation monitoring of Naracoorte Caves	The University of Adelaide	<p>The University of Adelaide is a public university founded in 1874. Its mission and focus are to apply proven values in the pursuit of contemporary educational and research excellence; meeting local and global community's evolving needs and challenges; and striving to prepare graduates for their aspirations and the needs of the future workforce.</p> <p>The project will undertake scientific assessment and inventory of the natural values (palaeontological, biological and geological values) of Naracoorte Caves. Baseline scientific data relating to cave biology and climate will be collected. An ongoing environmental monitoring program will be set up to analyse cave use impacts and changes to the natural values. This information will be used by the Department for Environment and Water to inform site management of National Heritage Listed site and support decision making on sustainable tourism development; and incorporated into site interpretation for the public. The project duration is 27 months.</p>	Australian Fossil Mammals Sites Naracoorte	SA	\$189,869	\$189,869
A Traveller's Guide to Batavia's wreck site and survivor camps	Western Australian Museum	<p>The Western Australian Museum is the State's premier cultural organisation, housing Western Australia's scientific and cultural collection. For over 120 years the Museum has been making the State's natural and social heritage accessible and engaging through research, exhibitions and public programs.</p> <p>The project will produce a 50-60 page digital travel guide to interpret the Batavia Shipwreck Site and Survivor Camps using contemporary digital interpretive formats, such as 3D photogrammetry, drone footage, multimedia, artistic interpretation, to enhance public access, appreciation and understanding of the history, archaeology and heritage significance of the National Heritage Listed place. The project duration is nine months.</p>	Batavia Shipwreck Site and Survivor Camps Area 1629 - Houtman Abrolhos	WA	\$55,415	\$55,415
Interpreting Batavia's Graveyard	Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions	<p>The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions is a Western Australian State Government agency responsible for conserving Western Australia's biodiversity, cultural and natural values and connecting the community to increase people's appreciation, knowledge and enjoyment of biodiversity, parks and conservation areas.</p> <p>The project will improve access, engagement, and awareness for visitors to the Batavia Shipwreck Site on Beacon Island by building boardwalks, paths and visitor interpretation and signage installations. This is a joint application with Western Australian Museum. The project duration is nine months.</p>	Batavia Shipwreck Site and Survivor Camps Area 1629 - Houtman Abrolhos	WA	\$300,000	\$300,000

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Murujuga World Heritage Project	Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation	<p>Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation is the approved corporate body for the Burrup Maitland Industrial Estates Agreement. There are five traditional groups that make up Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation. They are the Ngarluma People, the Mardudhunera People, the Yaburara People, the Yindjibarndi People, and the Wong- Goo-Tt-Oo people.</p> <p>Murujuga has been nominated for World Heritage listing, and the Murujuga World Heritage Project has three elements: research, writing and preparation of the World Heritage nomination dossier in collaboration with State and Federal government; development of an integrated cultural heritage management system, and collecting and collating information and mapping sites for the development of cultural resources. Project activities will include interviews with Elders and knowledge holders, and a literature review so the nomination is fully informed by the cultural knowledge held by Traditional Owners and custodians for Murujuga land and sea country. The project duration is 24 months.</p>	Dampier Archipelago (including Burrup Peninsula)	WA	\$381,928	\$420,121
Ancient Flora Stories: The rich heritage of Yea's Flora Fossil Site.	University of Melbourne	<p>The University of Melbourne is an Australian Public Research University. The proposed project will be based at the University's Centre for Advancing Journalism, which exists to foster journalism that is useful and engages citizens.</p> <p>This project will celebrate the heritage significance of the Yea Flora Fossil site and will make its discoveries accessible to the general public through an interactive website, including promoting the importance of the Yea Flora Fossil site, which contains the best and oldest examples of vascular land plants, and other important early plants of the late Silurian era and interpreting the extensive archives of eminent Australian palaeobotanist, Dr Isabel Cookson, who made pioneering discoveries of the Yea Flora Fossil site.</p> <p>The project is expected to foster a sense of curiosity, while raising awareness of the complex, but accessible science surrounding it, as well as the responsibilities and challenges of maintaining it for future generations. The project duration is 16 months.</p>	Flora Fossil Site - Yea	VIC	\$41,786	\$41,786
K'Gari Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy	Fraser Coast Regional Council	<p>The Fraser Coast Region is a local government area in the Wide Bay–Burnett region of Queensland. The elected council is made up of ten Councillors and the Mayor. The Council manages the services for a population of more than 96,000 residents.</p> <p>This project will develop a holistic and coordinated waste management and resource recovery strategy for K'gari. The strategy will provide direction to ensure waste is managed in a sustainable way, minimising environmental impact and protecting natural assets of K'gari. The project will assess environmental risks associated with current waste management practices; identify strategic and operational shortfalls and set a clear vision for waste management on the island; outline objectives; identify outcomes and list key actions. The project duration is 32 months.</p>	Fraser Island	QLD	\$400,000	\$400,000

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Fremantle Prison Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan	Department of Planning Lands and Heritage	<p>Formed in 2017, the Western Australian state government Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is responsible for state level land use planning and management, and oversight of Aboriginal cultural heritage and built heritage matters, the department supports three Ministers and administers a wide range of legislation.</p> <p>This project will deliver the Fremantle Prison Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan, a document that identifies cultural and historic heritage values and provides policies to guide culturally appropriate interpretation. The key activities of this project include: Historic research; Stakeholder engagement; Recording and documenting oral histories; Drafting of the Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan. The project duration is 27 months.</p>	Fremantle Prison	WA	\$320,000	\$320,000
Fremantle Prison Accessibility and Inclusion Plan	Department of Planning Lands and Heritage	<p>The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is responsible for planning and managing land and heritage in Western Australia. The Department undertakes key activities relating to land use planning, land supply chain, and land administration.</p> <p>This project will develop a comprehensive Accessibility Inclusion Plan that addresses the needs and requirements of people with disabilities and will improve accessibility to services and buildings at the Fremantle Prison. The duration of the project is 15 months.</p>	Fremantle Prison	WA	\$91,000	\$91,000
Gariwerd Rock Art Management Forum	Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	<p>Barengi Gadjin Land Council is a Registered Aboriginal Party (appointed by the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council, under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006) that represents Traditional Owners from south-eastern Australia.</p> <p>The project will bring together Indigenous rangers from across Australia to discuss best practice rock art conservation and cultural heritage management. The forum will focus on National Heritage Site management and listings, including rock art and cultural heritage management specialists, knowledge/practices sharing, a photographic exhibition and the development of practitioner resources. This is a joint application with Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, The University of Notre Dame Australia and Parks Victoria. The project duration is 21 months.</p>	Grampians National Park	VIC	\$175,000	\$192,500
Documenting the health the Wannon River in the Grampians National Park	Nature Glenelg Pty Ltd	<p>Nature Glenelg Trust is a not-for-profit environmental organisation in South Australia and Victoria. The Trust works within the community to protect and enhance the natural environment in natural resource management. The organisation has a particular focus on wetland conservation and restoration activities.</p> <p>The project will undertake ecological and hydrological assessments along the Upper Wannon River in the Grampians National Park to identify the impacts associated with the past 50 years of artificial diversions of the upper Wannon River tributaries. This will aid sustainable management of Wannon River. Project activities include literature review, field inspections, ecological/hydrological monitoring and assessment, data analyses and reporting, and stakeholder engagement to inform site management. The project duration is 32 months.</p>	Grampian's National Park	VIC	\$180,000	\$198,000

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In the steps of Arrgutja (the Rainmaker), protecting the springs	Department for Environment and Water	<p>The Department for Environment and Water plays a significant role in managing the state's unique natural environment for the prosperity and wellbeing of current and future generations of South Australians.</p> <p>The project will conserve and preserve the Witjira-Dalhouse Great Artesian Basin Springs and provide protection to Aboriginal and European cultural sites within them by removing invasive date palms to stop threats to the biodiversity and health of the springs; installing fences to control ingress of feral herbivores into springs and off-track driving into sensitive environmental and cultural areas; and improving interpretation and visitor experience to control visitor impacts on sensitive areas. The project duration is 31 months.</p>	Great Artesian Basin Springs: Witjira-Dalhouse	SA	\$144,000	\$144,000
Aboard the Cerberus: a virtual reality reconstruction of HMVS Cerberus	Liminal VR Pty Ltd	<p>Liminal VR Pty Ltd is an Australian Proprietary Company, Limited By Shares software design and development studio specialising in augmented, mixed and virtual reality productions, based in Melbourne. This is a joint application with: Friends of the Cerberus Inc, and Museum of HMVS Cerberus.</p> <p>The project will develop a virtual reality and 360-degree video experience of HMVS Cerberus, digitally reconstructing the vessel and providing the ability for the public to tour and interact with the vessel, raising awareness of the historical values of the site. Project activities include the researching the story of HMVS Cerberus and the vessel's involvement in historical events; developing storyboards and scripts for the virtual reality and video experience; developing an interactive 3D model of the internal and external areas of the vessel; developing and launching the virtual reality and video experiences both on-line , and raise awareness of historical values of the site. The project duration is 15 months.</p>	HMVS Cerberus	VIC	\$202,080	\$222,288
Interpreting the values of Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park	Office of Environment and Heritage	<p>The Office of Environment and Heritage cares for and protects NSW's environment and heritage, which includes the natural environment, Aboriginal country, culture and heritage, and built heritage.</p> <p>The project will develop interpretation for Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park to improve key visitor precincts. A Visitor Interpretation Strategy will be developed with the aim of providing interpretative material that engages visitors from diverse backgrounds and implemented for at least two high visitation areas of the park within Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. Interpretative material, whether digital or physical, will showcase the biodiversity, aboriginal heritage and geological landforms to assist visitors to better understand and connect to Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.</p> <p>The project will make use of innovative technologies in order to engage with visitors with limited mobility to provide options for virtually accessing parts of the reserve that may not be accessible to people with a physical disability. Interpretative material could take the form of physical signage, artwork, app technologies, interactive tours, or a combination of these forms. The duration of the project is 18 months.</p>	Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Lion, Long and Spectacle Island Nature Reserves	NSW	\$175,000	\$175,000

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Great Melbourne Telescope House Telescope Pillar Reinstallation Project	Royal Botanic Gardens Board	<p>The Royal Botanic Gardens Board Victoria is a statutory authority established by the Royal Botanic Gardens Act 1991. The Board has seven members, appointed by the Governor-in-Council.</p> <p>The project will reinstate telescope support pillars within the Great Melbourne Telescope House to facilitate the return of the iconic Great Melbourne Telescope to its original home. The third stage of a multi-staged project, the works consist of the recreation and reinstallation of the telescope support structure, including provision for electrical and data infrastructure. Works will be informed by specifications supplied by Museums Victoria, who are restoring the telescope, and designed in reference to historical images with support from relevant architectural and engineering expertise. This project will allow the Great Melbourne Telescope to fully function once again, ensuring the applicant can honour the heritage of this precinct. The project duration is 18 months.</p>	Melbourne's Domain Parkland and Memorial Precinct	VIC	\$334,397	\$334,397
Redevelopment of Visitor Information and Amenities Building (VIAB)	Murtoa Stick Shed Committee of Management	<p>The Stick Shed Committee of Management strives to achieve the basic goal of opening the National Heritage site to the public.</p> <p>The project involves the refurbishment of the Murtoa Stick Shed Visitor Information and Amenities Building to improve accessibility and habitability for tour groups and the community at the site, leading to improved awareness of the site and the historical values for which it has been listed. The project duration is 10 months.</p>	Murtoa No1. Grainstore	VIC	\$187,000	\$187,000
Digital Modelling for Climate Resilience	University of Canberra	<p>The University of Canberra has strong ties to the community, business and government. It aims to be amongst Australia's most innovative tertiary institutions, continue their ascent in world rankings, and extend their regional, national and international reach.</p> <p>The project will produce a detailed digital model of the Old Great North Road cultural landscape that will record the current status of the place, be used to adapt conservation strategies for the site in response to climate change, and provide a platform for future documentation and monitoring. Project activities will include a vulnerability assessment, digital modelling, hydrological modelling, and development of a climate-wise resilience and adaptation plan, public and community engagement and preparation of a project report. The project duration is 24 months.</p>	Old Great North Road	NSW	\$296,384	\$296,384
Trees for Life	National Trust of Australia (Victoria)	<p>The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) is a community-based, non-government organisation committed to promoting and conserving Australia's indigenous, natural and historic heritage places of cultural significance in Victoria.</p> <p>The project will undertake specialist tree care works and develop a public awareness campaign to raise awareness of the role of trees in the environment. Project activities include the formation of a specialist tree care control group to manage the project plan, permit applications and procurement processes; undertake specialist tree care works and upgrade irrigation infrastructure; and research, develop and implement a public awareness program of the trees within Rippon Lea and their contribution to the heritage value of the site. The project duration is for 18 months.</p>	Rippon Lea House and Garden	VIC	\$156,680	\$172,348

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Urgent restoration and safety works to the ballroom, bathrooms and terrace	National Trust of Australia (Victoria)	<p>The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) is a community-based, non-government organisation committed to promoting and conserving Australia's indigenous, natural and historic heritage places of cultural significance in Victoria, Australia.</p> <p>The project involves the repair and restoration of sections of the ballroom and terrace areas of the Rippon Lea main building, conserving and restoring the heritage values of the listed site. Project activities include the repair and restoration of the ballroom floor and windows and conducting safety modifications at the terrace and pool areas. The project duration is 12 months.</p>	Rippon Lea House and Garden	Vic	\$337,208	\$370,929
Protecting Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage values from bushfire	Department of Primary Industries Parks Water and Environment	<p>The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment is responsible for the sustainable management and protection of Tasmania's natural and cultural assets for the benefit of Tasmanian communities and the economy.</p> <p>This project will assist fire managers within the Parks and Wildlife Service to protect fire-sensitive landscapes of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area from deleterious impacts of bushfire. A three-year comprehensive prescribed burning program will be developed that comprises: identification of burn units within all areas of treatable vegetation across the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, to be entered into an established computational fire regime research simulation model, the 'Firescape SW-TAS'; transformation of Firescape SW-TAS into an operational decision support tool to explore future fire regime scenarios; development of Reserve Value Fire Protection Plans for high-value catastrophic consequence sites in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area that includes Mount Anne, Walls of Jerusalem, Cradle Mountain, and Mount Field. The project duration is 19 months.</p>	Tasmanian Wilderness	TAS	\$395,000	\$395,000
Australian Heritage Grant 2021 Cairns Aquarium and the Great Barrier Reef	Cairns Aquarium & Reef Research Centre Pty Ltd	<p>Cairns Aquarium and Reef Research Centre Pty Ltd is a private incorporated company dedicated to the conservation of the animals and plants that live in two adjoining National Heritage listed areas, the Great Barrier Reef and The Wet Tropics, in addition to the Gulf Savannah and Cape York.</p> <p>The project will design, fabricate, install and showcase a new interpretive display project, highlighting the Natural Heritage and Outstanding Values of the Great Barrier Reef, to upward of 450,000 visitors each year. A large section of the interior of the aquarium space will be redesigned to house multiple interpretive displays that will provide information, infographics, digital displays, 3D models and interactive displays on the natural values for which the site is listed. The project duration is 12 months.</p>	The Great Barrier Reef	QLD	\$168,000	\$184,800

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A new plan to manage Dambimangari Country within The West Kimberley listing	Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation	<p>Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation is an Indigenous owned and controlled organisation and the site and landowner of Dambimangari country within the West Kimberley. It manages health, education and social support programs for the Dambimangari people who live in the Kimberley town of Derby or the nearby settlement of Mowanjum.</p> <p>The project will develop a new management plan for Dambimangari traditional country within the West Kimberley heritage listing. The new management plan will cover rock art as a physical manifestation of culture on country; threatened endemic species; Indigenous knowledge transfer; and education of the values of country. The project will involve running workshops to review the current plan (due to expire in 2022) in order to determine the directions of the new plan, and finalising the new management plan as well as establishing a Monitoring Evaluation Reporting and Improvement Plan and Operational Plan for the rangers to implement over the next 3-5 years. The project duration is 20 months.</p>	The West Kimberley	WA	\$312,496	\$343,746
Collaborative pig control on the Mitchell, Moran and King Edward Rivers.	Dunkeld Pastoral Co. Pty. Ltd	<p>Located in the Western District of Victoria, Dunkeld Pastoral Company farms cover a total of 8,800 ha over 16 parcels of land. The company has been in operation since 1976 with a focus on two main areas, conservation work and farming of cattle.</p> <p>The project will reduce pig numbers and impacts across significant river catchments of the highly biodiverse northern parts of the West Kimberley. The project strengthens collaboration between Indigenous rangers and pastoralists and will target pigs on the Mitchell, Moran and King Edward Rivers, an area in which pigs are currently expanding their range. This is a joint application with Wilinggin Aboriginal Corporation. The project duration is 32 months.</p>	The West Kimberley	WA	\$156,900	\$156,900
Dinosaur Coast Management Plan	Dinosaur Coast Management Group Inc	<p>The Dinosaur Coast Management Group is a not-for-profit organisation, formed in 2015 to protect and promote the dinosaur tracks of the Dampier Peninsula and educate the public about the cultural and scientific importance.</p> <p>The project will produce a management plan to protect and manage dinosaur tracks in Broome. A cultural heritage process will run in parallel, for Traditional Owners to discuss and arrive at a consensus about what cultural connections to the dinosaur tracks can be recognised where and who has the authority to speak. It is proposed to provide the support for such discussions at a time and place and way that respects cultural practice and protocols. The project duration is 15 months.</p>	The West Kimberley	WA	\$400,000	\$440,000

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Western Tasmanian Aboriginal Cultural Landscape Fire Management Plan	Department of Primary Industries Parks Water and Environment	<p>The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment is responsible for the sustainable management and protection of Tasmania's natural and cultural assets for the benefit of Tasmanian communities and the economy.</p> <p>The project will develop a Fire Management Plan to protect the National Heritage Listed Western Tasmanian Aboriginal Cultural Landscape to mitigate the threat of bushfires impacting the values of the site and to maintain ecological processes. The report will prioritise burning for heritage protection and collaborate with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community to identify strategies and opportunities for cultural burning. Project activities include preparing a scope for the report with collaborators, research and information gathering, review of the draft plans with collaborators, and endorsement of the final report. The project duration is 31 months.</p>	Western Tasmanian Aboriginal Cultural Landscape	TAS	\$111,680	\$111,680
Vegetation Management and Estate Fire Protection	Woolmers Foundation Inc	<p>The Woolmers Foundation Inc is a not for profit foundation that owns and manages the Woolmers Estate. Woolmers, together with the neighbouring Archer property, Brickendon, is one of eleven Australian convict sites awarded World Heritage status by UNESCO in 2010.</p> <p>The project will review/assess landscaping and vegetation and update landscape plans, particularly around the main homestead and riverbank areas, with specific guidance to improve longevity of mature trees, better maintenance scheduling related to limited resources, vegetation/ground fire suppression to enable better long term protection of buildings and gardens, and to develop a fire plan for the whole estate and implement a recommended fire suppression system. The project duration is 24 months.</p>	Woolmers Estate	TAS	\$276,000	\$303,600