

Successful Grassroots Grants Applications: 2021-22



Project Title	Organisation	Description of the project	Amount Funded
Entering the Significant Environmental Benefit Offset market	Nature Foundation	There are numerous unrealised opportunities for Eyre Peninsula land managers to enter the Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) Offset market and gain improved natural resource management outcomes and diversified income streams. Through this project, the Nature Foundation will develop and publicise a case study explaining the practical details of establishing an SEB offset site including financial implications which have, to date, proven to be a significant barrier to entry into this market. This information will provide impetus for Eyre Peninsula land managers to investigate these opportunities on their land.	\$10,000
Growing for coastal ecosystem restoration	Lower Eyre Coastcare	Lower Eyre Coastcare and Lake Wangary School have been working together for over a decade undertaking revegetation work around the coastline of Lower Eyre Peninsula including at the annual Greenly Tree Planting Day. Students have been growing all the local native plants in a nursery at the school. The nursery irrigation water has been sourced from groundwater, but in the 2020 & 2021 growing seasons the water quality has declined due to increasing salinity with subsequent retarded growth and loss of plants. The school has a large roof catchment area from which rainwater could be harvested. Proposed works will install a tank, pump and new irrigation design to improve water use efficiency and expand plant growing capability.	\$8,000
Microplastics training for national data collection	Sleaford Progress Association	This project will see training provided for up to 20 community members to conduct surveys on lower Eyre Peninsula beaches. Training includes identification of types of microplastics, sorting and recording methodology and digital entry to a national data base. Training includes theory and practical components. Landscape Officers will be available to guide and support the community following the training; and store and administer the kits of equipment. The project aims to achieve broadening of the capacity of community members to coordinate localised coastal surveys and monitoring of the impact of plastics on our coastal environment.	\$4,100

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Caring for your soil crop walks at Cummins and Cleve	WoTL Ltd (Women Together Learning)	EP agricultural women are geographically isolated and often lack confidence to attend mainstream crop walks and field days, yet women are partners in farming businesses and can positively influence on-farm decision making if better informed about sustainable agricultural issues. This project will result in crop walks at Cummins and Cleve, providing opportunities for women to connect; whilst building their capacity and understanding of regional cropping issues, including soil nutrition, weed management, soil cover and soil biology. Many women attending are new to farming and the crop walk will expose them to innovative technologies being utilized to manage climatic variability whilst providing an opportunity to connect with local technical experts.	\$8,000
Cultural Education Environmental Centre / Aleppo Pine & Polygala removal	Yangi Pty Ltd	This project will remove large infestations of invasive weeds – namely Aleppo Pines & Polygala – in what is regarded as the last remaining high quality vegetation community of <i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i> (Drooping Sheoak) Grassy Low Woodland in South Australia and on Eyre Peninsula. This funding will ensure the vegetation remains in pristine condition enabling endemic and threatened species survival. This clearing work will contribute to the plan of Yangi Pty Ltd at Coffin Bay to establish a Cultural Education Environmental Centre where educational programs, informative walking trails & workshops will take place.	\$4,400
Site care at Riding for disability SA – Port Lincoln site	Riding for Disabled Association SA	Riding for the Disabled Association SA Inc is a voluntary, not for profit, organisation providing horse riding and related activities as sport, active recreation and basic therapy for people with disabilities. Port Lincoln Centre volunteers provide horse riding lessons with clients, and are part of a daily horse care team and ground maintenance team including an experienced, qualified agronomist & horticulturist. Site care is needed to remove pest vegetation; create areas to control and care for animals for both the horses we use to provide our services to community and local wildlife; re-vegetate with appropriate plants, control erosion and remove old tyres.	\$10,000

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Big Swamp monitoring and management	Big Swamp Community Centre Inc for the Big Swamp Conservation Group	This project aims to expand community knowledge and understanding of Big Swamp as a dynamic ecosystem; to assess the condition of the swamp; and to identify issues that may be affecting the health of this important wetland. It involves education, monitoring of water quality, investigating methods for controlling Couch grass, monitoring of waterbirds and other research.	\$10,000
Point Lowly and Santos escape road – irrigation and vegetation protection	Whyalla City Council	This project will see drip irrigation systems installed to water the newly planted trees at the Point Lowly campground surrounds. Vegetation will be protected by installing post and chain barrier fencing to block off unauthorised camping access along Wilsonia Drive, while ripping those tracks, to promote rapid natural revegetation. Further delineation / fencing, track closure, campground closure and ripping of unauthorised tracks to occur at various locations from Point Lowly to Fitzgerald Bay, along the Santos Escape Road. Large rocks and signage (no camping) will also be used, as required, for a more defined and robust outcome.	\$10,000
Restoring Eyre Peninsula (E.P) Blue Gum Woodlands and managing saline soil (Cleve)	MR & AC Hannemann	The endemic and threatened E.P Blue Gum woodland on this farm at Cleve is hugely ecologically important, supporting rich biodiversity and providing essential ecosystem services. The area has deteriorated in health over time predominantly from dry conditions and stock damage, and has developed saline patches with an estimated 10 hectares now unproductive for farming. To aid woodland recovery, 300 EP Blue Gums have already been planted with plans for fencing made. With this grant, the further aim is to direct-seed and plant a variety of Blue Gum community natives, including salt tolerant species, over~12km of land to re-establish biodiversity and combat salinity.	\$9,913

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Coast access and revegetation of Venus Bay foreshore	Kenny Venus Progress Association	With an increased number of visitors in recent times, protecting the fragile coastal area of Venus Bay is seen as a high priority for the local community. This project aims to rationalize the access without further damaging the fragile coast vegetation. Revegetation work will take place which will increase plant biodiversity and fencing will be undertaken to protect the coastal area. The project will also provide a safe parking area and defined access to prevent further erosion.	\$6,000
Protecting our soils through improved grazing management – workshops at Poochera & Rudall	WoTL Ltd (Women Together Learning)	The Eyre Peninsula has more than 1.5 million head of sheep and whilst the occurrence of wind erosion across parts of EP has been lower for cropping enterprises, there is room to improve management practises of livestock enterprises to further reduce wind erosion, particularly under extremely dry seasonal conditions. This project will deliver two workshops (at Poochera and Rudall) to increase women’s understanding of the nutritional requirements of ewes throughout the production year and how to best meet these needs whilst protecting fragile soils using strategies like confinement feeding. The project will also provide an opportunity for women to connect, whilst building their capacity and understanding of regional livestock management issues.	\$9,600
Paddock revegetation at Kyancutta	Veronica Skipworth	This project aims to undertake revegetation of one hectare paddock previously used for cropping at Kyancutta, with local indigenous species, to support biodiversity. The paddock sits between remnant vegetation on most sides. The revegetation areas will not be used as livestock fodder or shelter and is already fenced on all sides. The revegetation work will comprise a variety of 10-15 indigenous species of ground cover, shrubs and trees. The work will also further assist dust suppression and provide competition to weeds. The site will also be available for inclusion in a local ‘sticky beak field day’ and for a local nature group to visit.	\$1,972

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Re-invigorating the Minnipa Women's Pioneer Park with waterwise natives	Minnipa Progress Association	The Minnipa Women's Pioneer Park is located on the eastern end of the Minnipa township near the community oval facilities. It has previously been maintained by volunteer retirees within the Minnipa community, however this level of support has decreased in the last few years. The Women's Pioneer Park needs replanting with sustainable waterwise native plants with lower water requirements, lower maintenance and a watering system, rather than the current flowering plants. Renewing this garden area with native plants will provide ecosystems support for native fauna while increasing the visual appeal of the town for locals and tourists.	\$5,000
Revegetation of Fowlers Bay sand dunes	Fowlers Bay Progress Association	The Fowlers Bay area is home to an impressive dune system, spanning Scott Bay and reaching to the Fowlers Bay township. Following settlement in the late 1800's, rabbits reached the area and are the suspected primary cause of the loss of natural vegetation. As a result, the predominant southerly winds are moving the dunes ever closer to the township and threaten to cut-off one of the major access roads (Coorabie Road). This project proposes to undertake extensive planting of native sand dune species, in an attempt to slow the dune movement as well as improve the biodiversity of the area. The project aims to involve the community in the collection, propagation and replanting of native seeds.	\$4,500