

PROJECT BRIEF

Title: **Shire of Murray Partnership Funding Project \$5000**

Date/s: 5 years – 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024

Background

The Shire of Murray and the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) recognise that they have common and complementary objectives and roles in improving community engagement and onground actions to protect and improve the regions cultural and natural resources within the geographical scope of the Shire.

Due to this, the Shire and PHCC have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding where the PHCC will receive a minimum of \$5000 for five years, to support and deliver components of the PHCC’s Bindjareb Boodja Landscapes 2025 (NRM Strategy) and the Shire of Murray’s Strategic Community Plan to “protect and be effective stewards of our environment” through community engagement and onground activities.

Years 1 & 2:

The first two years of funding will focus on maintenance of the Pinjarra Massacre site, supporting previous investment by both the PHCC and Shire, by continuing the ongoing removal of weeds, including Blackberry.

The PHCC understands that the funding provided by the Shire will only be used for the onground activities within the Pinjarra massacre site for years 1 and 2, and for negotiated activities and location for years 3 to 5.

At the end of each financial year, the PHCC commits to providing the Shire with an annual report outlining the outcomes relating to the agreed activities and the Shires investment.

Activity Partners

Partner	Name	Position	Phone	Email
Shire of Murray	Tom Lerner	Coordinator Environmental Services	9531 7747	tom.lerner@murray.wa.gov.au
Murray Districts Aboriginal Association	Karrie-Anne Kearing	Director/Traditi onal Owner	0422 818 403	mdaa@iinet.net.au
Bridging the Gap	Katrina Hill	Teacher	0401 257 759	Katrina.hill@bridgingthegap.org.au
Fairbridge College	John Bodycoat	Teacher	0411 984 271	

Activities (roles and responsibilities)

Name	Task	Comment/s
Jo Garvey	Under direction from MDAA, organise project partners and other interested stakeholders, to meet and discuss future onground opportunities and ongoing maintenance for the site.	Facilitating between project partners and bringing people together.
Jesse Rowley	Provide support to Jo when required	
Tom Lerner	Coordinate onground activities with the appropriate partners. Organise and undertake community events	

	where applicable for example: Massacre Site Cultural Walk and Talk – Wetlands Weekender	
Karrie-Anne Kearing	Provide cultural advice and share local knowledge (including stories and special site identification)	
Katrina Hill	Coordinate students to maintain massacre site (as part of obtaining Cert 3 in land conservation/management) through Bridging the Gap	Students are regularly visiting the site
John Bodycoat	Through Fairbridge College education, coordinate students to maintain massacre site through cert 2 and 3 conservation land management course	Students are regularly visiting the site

Progress:

Jo Garvey has coordinated and been present at site visits and face-to-face meetings with the MDAA, Shire of Murray, Fairbridge College and Bridging the Gap to gain further understanding of potential onground activities for the Pinjarra Massacre site including planning for future maintenance of the site for example, ongoing weed control.

Currently awaiting quote from Martins Environmental Services to conduct weed control at Massacre Site before Wetlands Weekender Guided Tour.

30/08/2019:

- Cultural consultation with Karrie-Anne (local MDAA representative) at Bindjareb Park, Pinjarra
- Meeting with Tom Lerner at the Shire office to plan future onground activities

5/09/2019:

- Site visit to Massacre Site with Tom Lerner

11/09/2019:

- Meeting with Katrina from Bridging the Gap in regards to future training opportunities

13/09/2019:

- Massacre site visit with all three interested stakeholders (MDAA, Fairbridge College & Bridging the Gap representatives)

27/09/2019

- Weed control undertaken by Martins Environmental

13/10/2019:

- Wetlands Weekender – Guided Tour Pinjarra Massacre Site
 - 11am- 12.30pm & 12.30pm – 2pm

Outcome:

The Pinjarra Massacre site to be maintained and used as a training site for students undertaking university and/or Tafe courses in land/conservation management