



DEPARTMENT OF
THE ENVIRONMENT,
CLIMATE CHANGE,
ENERGY AND WATER

2009–2010 ACT ENVIRONMENT GRANTS

APPLICATION FORM

Section 1 Applicant Details

- 1. Project title:** Explaining Change in the Mount Majura Nature Reserve
- 2. Applicant:** Molonglo Catchment Group Inc. on behalf of Friends of Mount Majura (FoMM) ParkCare Group
- 3. Amount of funding requested:** \$3,455.00

4. Information about you/your organisation or group

(Please tick the relevant box and complete business number details as appropriate.)

- Incorporated organisation Community group Individual Other legal entity

Australian Business Number: 78 210 867 987

GST Registered: Yes No

If you are an incorporated organisation please attach the following documents to this application form:

1. A copy of your organisation's incorporation certificate **or** articles of association **or** constitution.
2. A copy of your organisation's ABN registration.
3. A Taxation Status Form.

If you are an individual applicant or non-incorporated group or organisation you are strongly encouraged to seek sponsorship of your application by an incorporated not-for-profit organisation.

The Deed of Grant for funding a successful application would then be between the sponsoring incorporated group and the Territory. If you or your organisation is sponsored by an incorporated organisation, please attach a letter indicating the support from the organisation.

4. Insurance

Applicants **may** need to demonstrate they have adequate public liability, professional indemnity or worker's compensation insurance. The need for and level of insurance will be dependent on the nature of the proposed project.

5. Information about your organisation or group

(Please provide below or attach a short statement outlining the principle aims and objectives of your organisation or group.)

The objectives of **Molonglo Catchment Group Inc.** are:

To encourage and assist the community of the Molonglo Catchment to furthering understanding, skills, motivation and capacity in achieving sustainable use and management of our natural and cultural resources.

The objectives of **Friends of Mount Majura ParkCare Group** are (www.majura.org):

1. To promote the wellbeing of the natural and cultural heritage protected within the Mount Majura Nature Reserve (MMNR) through
2. Encouraging greater awareness and understanding of the heritage values of the MMNR among FoMM and the wider community;
3. Encouraging the use and enjoyment of the reserve by the community in ways which are consistent with the maintenance and enhancement of the heritage values of MMNR;
4. Cooperating with Territory Government and other agencies (authorities) and interested groups in the sustainable management of MMNR;
5. Identifying threats to the integrity of the heritage values of MMNR, to raise community awareness of, and to seek remedies for these threats;
6. Organising activities to promote the wellbeing of MMNR including, among other things, working parties, and public talks and walks; and
7. Using any other means thought appropriate by FoMM from time to time to achieve the first objective.

SECTION 2 PROJECT DETAILS

1. Project objectives

What are the main objectives or vision for your project? Provide a brief description.

By erecting two small fenced areas and photographically recording the change within them, **demonstrate the relative influence of climate variability, and kangaroos and rabbits on the diversity and abundance of the ground vegetation layer.**

The fencing will be temporary: established and recorded for 5 years, then removed and the subsequent change monitored for a further 3 years.

2. Project outcomes

What will be the intended results of your project activities?

1. Two fenced areas in the Mt Majura nature reserve, joined with a common side, each of 12 x 12 m in size (see attached Figure for the project location). The fencing for both plots will exclude kangaroos, and for one plot, will exclude rabbits as well. Thus, there will be 48 m of kangaroo and rabbit exclusion fencing, and 36 m of kangaroo only; total length is 84 m. Each fenced area will include a man gate. The fencing will be according to safety and animal welfare standard.
2. The interested public using the Mount Majura Nature Reserve will be provided with an informative and dynamic demonstration of how and why the vegetated landscape changes.
3. The increased understanding that can develop from this simple demonstration project will enhance public appreciation of the value of Mount Majura Nature Reserve, and of all other ACT Parks and Reserves.

3. Addressing the selection criteria

Does your project:

(please tick the boxes)

X align with government environment priorities, particularly in relation to the *Canberra Plan: Towards our Second Century*

X deliver a result that benefits the ACT environment;

X demonstrate a sound project plan that outlines achievable milestones, timelines, and project outcomes;

X have a realistic, value for money budget that clearly indicates financial expenses and matching in-kind and/or cash contributions made by the applicant and others;

X involve consultation with relevant stakeholders; and

X have community support and involvement?

4. Statements against assessment criteria

(a) How will your project address the ACT Government's priorities?

The Canberra Plan outlines the protection of endangered species and ecological communities as a high priority. The endangered grassy ecosystems of Canberra are threatened by various processes including by overgrazing. The Project site is located on endangered yellow box-red gum grassy woodland within the Mt Majura nature park. The Project encompasses information and education on one of the key threatening processes of endangered grassy ecosystems in Canberra.

(b) How will the project deliver a result that benefits the ACT's environment?

FoMM conducted extensive conservation work in the surround of the Project site including removal of woody and herbaceous weeds, planting trees and a wildlife corridor along an adjacent drainage line. In the long term however FoMM considers the promotion and protection of ground cover the only measure to reverse the observed decline of the grassy woodland and to reduce current weed spread and erosion. Bare ground and other signs of decline observed on the Project site and surrounds indicate evidence of a high density of herbivores that prevent natural regeneration and ecosystem functioning. The Project aims to demonstrate to the wider community the role of herbivory pressure on endangered grassy ecosystems and to raise public awareness of this threat. Thus the Project will contribute to a rational debate on focused programs to manage herbivores within threatened grassy ecological communities, within nature reserves and more general on public land.

(c) How will the project benefit the ACT community?

The Project will increase the public understanding of a key threatening process that lead to the decline of grassy ecosystems, contribute to a rational debate on management programs, and inform the public and land management on the best use of scarce resources to achieve CNP management and NRM objectives.

SECTION 2 — PROJECT DETAILS (CONTINUED)

PROJECT PLAN

Milestones	Activities	Key Dates
Establishing the fenced exclosures.	Engaging and assisting a fencing contractor.	Within 2 months from receipt of funding.
Establishing the monitoring technique.	Field-testing commonly used techniques to determine the most effective and efficient.	Within 3 months from receipt of funding.
Communicating the story – explaining the observable vegetation changes. [Continued for 5 years]	Printing, laminating, and displaying informative signage at the exclosures, as well as on the FoMM website. [Continued for 5 years]	Within 4 months from receipt of funding.
Testing the developed understanding by removing the fencing.	Complete removal of fencing material, but maintaining the photographic monitoring and reporting regime. [Continued for 3 years]	About 5 years from receipt of funding.

SECTION 3— BUDGET

Please provide an itemised budget of ALL expenses and a justification of how the items of expenditure are calculated. This table should include all sources of income including government, non-government and private, as well as any in-kind contributions.			
EXPENSES (e.g. cost of printing, venue hire, catering, communication, materials, equipment hire, administration costs)	ACT ENVIRONMENT GRANTS (GST exclusive) \$	OTHER RESOURCES (GST exclusive) \$	TOTAL (GST exclusive) \$
Fencing: including materials, and contractor services. Fencing to be constructed to meet safety and animal welfare requirements and to include a man gate for each fenced area.	\$3,455		\$3,455
Fencing maintenance and repair: additional fencing materials for maintenance and repairs (from vandalism) over the life of the project.		\$200 PCL in kind	\$200
Production of laminated photographs for notice board to illustrate change.		\$30/year PCL in kind	\$30 first year \$150 project life
Monitoring change photographic; step transect method* <small>*Sharp S, Dorrrough J, Rehwinkel R, Eddy D (2005) Grassy Ecosystems Management Kit. Environment ACT, Canberra</small>		\$900 30 hours/year FoMM	\$900 first year \$4,500 project life
Fence maintenance		\$150 5 hours/year FoMM	\$150 first year \$750 project life
Explanatory sign to be fixed on fence Aluminium panel 600mm x 900mm, printed		\$200 North Canberra Community Council (NCCC)	\$200
Promotion website, notice board, fence sign, Hackett Newsletter		\$450 15 hours/year FoMM	\$450 first year \$2,250 project life
Website maintenance and fees part contribution		\$40 FoMM	\$40 first year \$200 project life
Total	\$3,455	\$1,970	\$5,425 first year \$11,705 project life

SECTION 3 — INFORMATION ON OTHER GRANTS RECEIVED FROM THE ACT GOVERNMENT

If applicable, please provide details of any other grant monies received from the ACT Government over the past three years, including the funding program, the project title and the purpose of the project.

- (1) ACT Environment Grant Project “Dragonfly”: Rehabilitation of two dams. Variation of Grant 2007: Implementation of erosion control in the dam surrounds.
- (2) Small Project Grant 2008: Hilltop to Backfence Lecture Series on biodiversity and conservation issues.

SECTION FOUR — CERTIFICATION

Authorisation by applicant/organisation/group:

(This section should be signed by the chair or president of the organisation or group.)

IWaltraud Pix.....of ...9 Selwyn Street, Hackett.....
State ACT Postcode 2602 certify that the information given in this application is
true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Date: ... / ... /

Name (please print): Waltraud Pix

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CHECKLIST

Before submitting your application please ensure the following:

- You are eligible to apply (refer to the *Application Guidelines*).
- You have completed all sections of the application form.
- You have answered the relevant questions that apply to you.
- The application is signed by the appropriate person (see page 9).
- You have clearly marked and securely attached copies of the following documentation, if appropriate:
 - a copy of your organisation's incorporation certificate, OR articles of association OR constitution, and ABN registration; and
 - a copy of your organisation's Taxation Status Form.
- You have securely attached letters of support from stakeholders, project partners and other relevant material to your application to demonstrate consultation and community support and involvement.
- You have taken a copy of the completed application form for your own records.

Please secure applications with a staple.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:

30 June 2009

Please forward applications to:

ACT Environment Grants
Department of Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

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