



Grassy Eucalypt Woodlands Stewardship Program

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

As a caretaker of land and water, it is the Corangamite CMA's obligation to implement its programs, taking into account the values of the Traditional Owners of the land. All CCMA funded programs must be done in a way that respects and benefits these important values.

The Wadawurrung People call this region home and continue to maintain strong connections to their traditional lands. The land and waters hold both tangible and intangible values for the Wadawurrung and this continues their intrinsic and sacred connection to Country. Tangible values include burial sites, artefact scatters, shell middens, stone structures and scarred trees. Intangible values include stories, songs, artistic expressions, travel and trade routes, and other cultural practices and customs. Particular places, plant or animal species, or natural phenomena all hold important cultural, economic and spiritual significance for Traditional Owners.

Landscapes and waterways are areas of cultural heritage significance. In Victoria, any area within 200m of a waterway is declared culturally sensitive. Within these areas of sensitivity, only certain actions or works are permitted. This is to protect against harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage places or items.

For more information on what your responsibilities are on private land under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2007 (which gives effect to 'the Act'), please visit: <https://www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/fact-sheet-aboriginal-places-private-property>

For more information about Aboriginal Cultural Heritage on the Victorian Volcanic Plains, please visit: <https://ccma.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/VVP-FACT-SHEET-8.pdf>