



Waterway Protection Program 2016-2020

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

As a caretaker of waterways in the region, it is the Corangamite CMAs obligation to implement its works taking into account the values of the Traditional Owners of the land. All Corangamite CMA funded works must be done in a way to respect and to benefit these important values.

Waterways are areas of cultural heritage significance. Within **200m** of any waterway it is declared as an area of cultural heritage sensitivity. Within these areas of sensitivity, only certain actions or works are exempt of the **Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006**. This is in order to protect against harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage places or items. Damage to Aboriginal cultural heritage is a prosecutable offence and compliance is the responsibility of all people conducting works that they comply with the requirements of the **Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006**. This includes reporting possible Aboriginal cultural heritage items and/or places. If you suspect you have found an Aboriginal item or place stop works and report it to Aboriginal Victoria.

More information can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3bKQ8E2>

Should you wish to register a proposed waterways project with the CMA, a Catchment Officer will be able to provide additional advice during the site visit.

Further Reading

For more information on what your responsibilities are under **the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006**, and also the **Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2007** which give effect to 'the Act', please visit: <http://www.vic.gov.au/aboriginalvictoria/heritage/heritage-tools-and-publications/guides-forms-and-practice-notes-for-aboriginal-heritage-management.html>



Scar tree in the Corangamite CMA region.

For information on where known cultural heritage items or places exist the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register can be accessed. Refer to:

<https://applications.vic.gov.au/apps/achris/public/>

To see potential examples of what aboriginal cultural heritage please follow the link below:

<http://www.vic.gov.au/aboriginalvictoria/heritage/aboriginal-cultural-heritage-of-victoria/aboriginal-places-objects-and-land-management.html>



Stone footings in the Corangamite CMA region.

Further Information

For further information on the waterway protection program, please call the **Corangamite CMA** on **1800 002 262**.

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