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Mount Burr Swamp

Help us create a new Wetland Reserve
for the South East

MOUNT BURR SWAMP HAS BEEN
CLEARED, DRAINED AND FARMED FOR
OVER 50 YEARS.

THE PROPERTY LIES IN A CRITICAL
LOCATION IN THE SOUTH EASTERN
AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE, ADJOINING
THE MARSHES WETLAND COMPLEX
- HOME TO BIRDLIFE, BANDICOOTS,
BUSHLAND AND WETLANDS.

LET'S BRING IT BACK.

Project partners:



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Introduction

The Mount Burr Swamp Habitat Restoration Reserve is the vision of Nature Glenelg Trust (NGT), a charitable not-for-profit environmental organisation based in south-eastern Australia.

A partnership agreement between NGT, the Native Vegetation Council and OneFortyOne Plantations has secured over 90 per cent of the funds needed for NGT to establish the reserve and commence restoration works.

Now is the chance for the wider community to also become a partner, to help get the project over the line, as we aim to raise the remaining \$110,000 required before settlement.



Origins

Back in February 2012, only a few weeks after Nature Glenelg Trust began, we were alerted to a potential site for purchase and restoration, only half an hour from Mt Gambier in the Lower South East of South Australia.

The concept immediately looked like a great idea. After all, the site was situated next door to The Marshes (a nationally recognised wetland complex) and would enable the overall conservation area to be expanded by 50%. The property contains dozens of drained wetlands with excellent restoration potential.

One of these wetlands, Mt Burr Swamp, is a large, former deep freshwater marsh that forms a natural centrepiece for the site. With a secure water supply, all the ingredients for successful restoration are in place.

Outcomes

Mt Burr Swamp will provide a rare demonstration of what sustainable water management, threatened species recovery and large-scale native revegetation actually look like on the ground, while providing an opportunity for the community to actively participate in the exciting journey that lies ahead.

The site provides the opportunity to restore habitat for six nationally threatened species: little galaxias (fish),

growling grass frogs (below left), Australasian bitterns, southern brown bandicoots (above right), red-tailed black cockatoos (far right) and southern bent-wing bats, as well as a range of other important or iconic species, such as the brolga (above).

The biodiversity of the general area is best illustrated by the adjacent Marshes wetland reserve, known to support a total of 36 significant species of plants and animals, most of which will benefit from the long-term restoration of the Mount Burr Swamp property.



The facts

The property is 300 hectares (750 acres) in size, and is located adjacent to an existing 600 hectare wetland reserve.

The fundraising target is \$110,000 by settlement - the 30th September 2016 - providing an opportunity for the wider community to directly help get this project over the line.



Get on board

All project supporters (large and small) will be invited to an on-site celebration day in October 2016. This will be your chance to see for yourself what we have achieved together and you will be kept updated on the progress of the restoration story over the years ahead, with opportunities to get involved.

You also have our commitment and guarantee that 100% of your donated money will contribute to helping us purchase and restore the site.

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

