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Walker Swamp

Restoring the Wannon River floodplain in the southern Grampians, western Victoria

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Walker Swamp has been drained and farmed for decades, leaving it in a compromised state.

Adjacent to the Grampians National Park, this 1000 acre floodplain property retains all the necessary ingredients for successful restoration.

Project partners:
**Walker Swamp Restoration Reserve**

**Introduction**

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

Walker Swamp is situated a short, 20 minute drive from Dunkeld, Victoria, near the south-eastern corner of the Grampians National Park. It also forms the headwaters and a wide range of plants and animals. It forms the headwaters and a wide range of plants and animals.

**Background**

The Grampians National Park is one of southern Australia’s most iconic and biodiverse protected areas, home to magnificent mountain ranges and a wide range of plants and animals. It also forms the headwaters of a number of western Victoria’s most important or iconic species, such as: the Wimmera Bottlebrush (plant), Little Galaxias (fish), Growling Grass Frog (above left), Western Swamp Crayfish and Australasian Bittern (bird), as well as a range of other important or iconic species, such as the Brogla and the White-bellied Sea Eagle (above right).

The Grampians National Park forming a complex inland delta of 13 km² of wetlands - including Walker Swamp and surrounds.

**Outcomes**

The Walker Swamp Restoration Reserve provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate what sustainable water management, threatened species recovery and large-scale habitat regeneration looks like on the ground, while providing the chance for the community to actively participate in the exciting journey that lies ahead.

The site will enable us to restore habitat for a wide range of threatened species such as: the Wimmera Bottlebrush (plant), Little Galaxias (fish), Growling Grass Frog (above left), Western Swamp Crayfish and Australasian Bittern (bird), as well as a range of other important or iconic species, such as the Brogla and the White-bellied Sea Eagle (above right).

**About the Project Area**

A partnership between NGT, the Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority and the Hamilton Field Naturalists Club has enabled NGT to purchase the first 500 acres of the reserve, and initiate Stage 1 of the project (see map far right). We also have the ability to immediately double the project area to 1000 acres, by securing Stage 2 with your support.

Stage 2 will enable us to fully restore the Walker Swamp floodplain and physically link the entire project area with the Wannon River and the Grampians National Park.

Carefully planned restoration works will return natural inundation patterns across the site for the first time in several decades, which in turn will bring back the missing wildlife of Walker Swamp.

Get on board

This is your chance to contribute to something truly worthwhile - because this project is of a scale that will make a tangible difference to wetland conservation in Victoria.

Project supporters will be kept up-to-date on the progress of the restoration story, over the years ahead, and informed about the different ways to get involved with NGT’s restoration projects. You will also be welcome to visit Walker Swamp and experience exactly what 1000 acres of re-enshrined wetlands looks like - up close.

With your help, we can give nature the chance it needs to bounce back!

**Our Target**

To secure this extra land we have a funding shortfall of $150,000

**If you choose to donate**

You have our commitment that all donated money will contribute directly towards the project and the future management of the site.

Please note that all donations over $2 are tax-deductible, and every donation counts.

**For more information**

Please visit our website: www.ngt.org.au/donate or call (08) 8797 8596

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**Walker Swamp Restoration Reserve Project Area**

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**Walker Swamp Restoration Trial 2014**

**Walker Swamp Restoration Reserve Project Area**