



Wirra-lo Wetlands

Wirra-Lo Wetlands are a complex of swamps, creeks, and depressions located on a 180-hectare covenanted private property in northern Victoria, nestled between the Loddon and Murray River..

Wirra-Lo is one of the last strongholds of the nationally vulnerable Growling Grass Frog in northern Victoria and its wetlands support breeding habitat for the nationally endangered Australasian Bittern.



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Wetlands Master Plan (Draft) ^{v1}



VISION: A Place for Learning and Restoration

Wirra-Lo is aligned with the Wetland Revival Trust's mission of Restoring and protecting wetlands to support resilient wildlife populations, people and planet.

Wirra-Lo will serve as an off-grid, low-impact destination, inviting visitors to engage in exploration and learning. This sanctuary will play a crucial role as a community hub, bringing people together to discover and understand restoration practices and the significance of wetlands.

Short Term Objectives

- Open up the reserve to welcome the community in, and make accessible
- Engage community in wetland and restoration education through training
- Activate space through activities (i.e. walking tracks, bird hides)

Long Term Objectives

- Continuously restoring the reserve over time.
- Strengthening connections with the surrounding area (landscape scale restoration)
- Incorporating Traditional Owner history and spaces.
- Implementing new structures to support these goals.



1. Protect and Restore

Ongoing restoration works build on works date



2. Off-grid Bathroom Facility

Enables education, training and overnight camping to take place without impact on the environment

Source: Freerangingdesigns.com



3. Camp Kitchen

Provides multi-purpose space for meeting and eating and protection from the elements for visitors

Source: parks.des.qld.gov.au



4. Walking Tracks

Dedicated walking tracks to guide visitors around the reserve to places of interest safely without impacting environmentally.

Source: Parks Vic



5. Bird hides

Offer visitors a peaceful, protected space to view wildlife, without impacting on wildlife or flora.

Source: landmarkpro.com.au



6. Informative Signage

Variety of signage that will welcome, guide and inform visitors on self-guided tours. Including EVC, ecology, history, flora and fauna, restoration works

Source: mkskstudios.com



8. Educational Facility

A multi-functional, low impact space to host educational training and community events. Serves as a meeting space, viewing, element protection, and storage of key infrastructure

Source: www.dezeen.com/2022/10/10/grampians-peaks-trail-hiking-shelters-australia/



7. Low-impact Accommodation

A small number of accommodation provide access to reserve, revenue source to support ongoing restoration works, offers guests to disconnect from the noise of the world and rediscover true relaxation



9. Wetland Boardwalk

Board walks to guide visitors, increase viewing opportunities while reducing environmental impact



10. Off-Grid Solar

Solar panels combined with an off-grid battery provides electricity, day and night, powering educational courses, fans, internet, and fauna monitoring

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Wetland Revival Trust is a non-profit landscape-scale restoration organisation working with Traditional Owners and the broader community to protect and restore high value wetlands, waterways and their catchments.