WOODY YALOAK CATCHMENT PROJECT

ANNUAL REPORT
JAN TO DEC 2000

Features activities undertaken by neighbourhood groups
The desired outcome of the Woady Yaloak Catchment Project:

- Viable businesses
  - A strong community capable of managing change
    - A natural environment that nurtures business viability which works within the capacity of the catchment
- Protection of remaining natural flora and fauna.

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It is nice to reflect on the year 2000 after having an improvement in some commodity prices. The upper parts of the catchment have also had a good season however around Werneth low rainfall has made it another tough year.

The Neighbourhood group concept that we started 18 months ago is now starting to gain momentum. We now have 20 neighbourhood groups involving 104 people and are starting to get landholders with smaller holdings involved.

Even more pleasing is the diversity of activities being undertaken by these groups. They range from pasture improvement, waterway protection and revegetation, creek crossings, extensive tree planting, wetland creation, vermin and erosion control as well as supporting community projects such as the Willowvale dam re-development and the Clarkesdale Bird sanctuary. The 2000 annual report features the efforts of these neighbourhood groups.

The level of activity is impressive for a voluntary group. In 2000 we had seven funding bodies contributing $125,000 with a further $86,000 promised. More than $199,000 was distributed to neighbourhood groups and for group support.

The Catchment project has allocated $250,000 worth of grants to support current neighbourhood group projects. Considering this money is more than matched by $345,000 of cash and in kind contributions from the farmers involved, the scale of our achievement becomes clear.

Implementation of these projects is being supported by a number of part time people and it is with great pleasure to report most of these people come from within our community. Justin continues to undertake rabbit control duties, Ross Hadler and Troy Missen are working with neighbourhood groups, Pam Holding is managing the accounts and Suzie Ellis is supporting the geographic information system (GIS). This highlights the young talent we have in our area.

The GIS program in Woady Yaloak that has been pioneered by Rick Pope, Lester Welton and the Pittong Landcare Group has move a lot closer to full scale operation. Training has been conducted for many landholders, with the information available for all those interested on CD-Rom. Next year we will be developing a Woady Yaloak website to further promote the project, as it is imperative we sell our achievements to others.

Despite these positive results the project faces some major challenges. The introduction of the GST has created a significant amount of additional paperwork and cost to meet compliance requirements. It seems unfair that volunteer groups have to be burdened with this. In our case we have employed others to undertake this task, but at a cost to our group. Nobody wants to foot the bill.

We also need to be actively involved in the debates that are likely to impact on how we farm in the future. The draft native vegetation plan has implications for tree planting in the catchment and the farm dams discussion could influence what right we have to harvest water. Other Government strategies are encouraging a regional approach to solving local problems by integrating environmental, social and economic issues. This places an increasing reliance on community participation.

On a landcare front we need ongoing vigilance to control threat of weeds like serrated tussock, gorse and Pattersons Curse.
Central to all this involvement is the need to keep Woady Yaloak a community led project. As people become busier and our volunteer time is being drawn on for so many causes, we have to strike a balance between getting people to help us but still retaining community ownership.

As Chair of the group I would like to applaud the members of the executive committee and sub committees for their ongoing contribution to the project. Thanks to our Woady Yaloak team of Cam Nicholson, Jen Clarke, Pam Holding, Justin Liddy, Troy Missen, Ross Hadler and Suzie Ellis.

Thanks also to the numerous partners, Joan McGovern from Alcoa, Peter Codd from the Corangamite CMA, Claire Dennis from Greening Australia Victoria, the Golden Plains Shire, Rick Pope and tester Welton and the NRE staff of Frank Carland, Bill Whiteside, Christine Bales and Stephen Guy.

Finally I’d like to make special mention of Ted Rowley, from Alcoa Landcare in Western Australia. Ted has been instrumental in reshaping the Woady Yaloak Catchment Project, by challenging our thinking, supporting new initiatives and helping us describe our future. These attributes, along with his political understanding have been a great asset to this project.

This has been a challenging year but we now have the structure in place to learn and adopt more sustainable land and water practices.

Alice Knight
Chairman
The 'Alcoa Landcare Project' was launched in the wheatbelt of Western Australia in 1990 and extended to Victoria in 1991.

Landcare activities are designed to:

- Raise the awareness of the solutions to land, water and biodiversity degradation;
- Demonstrate the results of sustainable land use practices;
- Help facilitate and co-ordinate the efforts of landholders, community groups, government agencies and industry;
- Support the storage, transfer and management of information/knowledge to help land managers learn from each other.

Emphasising on-ground works and knowledge sharing, Alcoa World Alumina's support for Landcare has accelerated the adoption of land and water rehabilitation principles among Landcare groups and encouraged individuals to plan with their neighbours within water catchments.

The focus of the Alcoa Landcare Project is on four main activities:

- Education, communication and demonstration eg Footprints Project-Wetland remnant vegetation and streamline conservation; Catchment management; Increasing community group capacity to set and achieve their own goals.

Alcoa World Alumina has worked co-operatively to develop, source and help disseminate knowledge of Landcare issues and solutions.

Corangamite and Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority regions are priority areas for the Alcoa Landcare Project.

The Partnership

The Alcoa Landcare Project is a partnership with the Victorian community and government agencies, Department of Natural Resources & Environment, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority, Golden Plain Shire.

Alcoa World Alumina will have contributed over $16 million to the Landcare movement in Australia, in a partnership which is being used by Landcare Australia to encourage other corporations to adopt the Landcare ethic.

Alcoa World Alumina remains committed to the Landcare movement. It will strive to ensure the Alcoa Landcare Project continues to support communities in developing sustainable land, water and biodiversity management plans, implementing the plans and sharing the knowledge gained with all community members.
2000 IN REVIEW

Neighbourhood group projects continued to gain momentum in 2000. Eight new groups formed adding to the 10 groups already established in late 1999. Some of these new groups include landholders already in existing group but who are managing land in a different part of the catchment. Total participation increased from 84 to 104 individuals or, farm in a, 

The total cost of neighbourhood group projects completed or in progress exceeded $595,000, with more than 55 per cent contributed from landholders through cash and in kind support. Landholder contributions are slightly less than previous years.

Funding allocated to each group varied depending on the number of activities undertaken and the length of time the group has been operating (Table 1).

Table 1: Allocation of funding to Neighbourhood Groups since inception

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Eleven groups began implementing the first year of their long-term plans, with seven groups having started on second year activities. Many neighbourhood groups are actively involved in a range of integrated activities (Table 2).

The works undertaken by these groups highlight the 'foundation' activities that need to be completed before lasting revegetation can take place. These include weed management, erosion and rabbit control.

Significant resources (1,450 hrs) were invested into machinery hire for wetland creation (32%), weed control (27%), rabbit warren destruction (17%), erosion control (19%) and drainage works (5%). This level of activity is a four-fold increase on 1999.

Chemical use for weed control increased dramatically from 300 litres in 1999 to 2,100 litres in 2000. Target weeds included serrated tussock, gorse and spiny rush.

Landclass fencing also gained momentum, with 29.6 km used for soil type subdivision, fencing of rock barriers, saline areas, wetlands, eroded areas and waterway frontages. A further 20.2 km was erected for tree plantations (Figure 1).

More than 50,000 trees were planted, primarily in windbreak plantations (65%), but also along watercourses (21%), wetlands (10%), rock barriers (3%) and eroded areas (1%). Two areas of remnant vegetation were also protected, using 920 metres of fencing.

Support was provided to nine landholders for the establishment of perennial pastures. These pastures were sown to stabilise erosion prone or saline areas and to prevent weed invasion.

Neighbourhood group support staff conducted 36 group site walks, inspections and planning meetings and 102 individual visits.

Despite all the activity only 68 claims were made to the Woady Yaloak project totalling $83,572 to the end of 2000. Many landholders had completed works towards the end of 2000 but have not lodged claims for re-imbursement.

Financial contributions were received from six funding sources. The proportion contributed by each group is illustrated (figure 2 - see overleaf).
Table 2: Activities undertaken by members of each neighbourhood group.

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Figure 1. Proportion of fencing expended on various activities

- Tree plantations: 50%
- Wetlands: 3%
- Waterways: 21%
- Soil type subdivision: 18%
- Eroded areas: 1%
- Rock barrier: 6%
- Saline areas: 1%
Other highlights

Major developments with the geographic information system (GIS) including the development of computer software, the establishment of a GIS office at Linton and the training of landholders in the use of the GIS program. Ongoing publicity of the Woady Yaloak project. This includes a presentation at the International Landcare Conference in March, development of local ‘facts sheets’, three articles in the Victorian Landcare magazine and four local newsletters. Seven tours with groups from the Corangamite CMA, WA landcare, an overseas delegation (Vietnam), Watershed 2000, Victoria University and Melbourne University students. Several field days and farm walks including a ground preparation for tree planting day, seed collection day, inspection of Clarkesdales reserve, four RLEM control pasture walks, native grasslands visits and a direct tree seeding field day. A Prograze pasture course conducted by NRE in the Rokewood area.

Involvement with several research projects such as the environmental management system (EMS) program being developed by DNRE and investigations of waterway health through the studies commissioned by the Corangamite CMA.

Committee comments on various draft plans and strategies including rabbits, salinity, regional forest agreement, native vegetation, farm dams and Managing Natural Resources in Rural Australia for a Sustainable Future. Agreement between landholders and Parks Victoria on the future management of the Corindhap Flora Reserve and a Good Neighbour project at Corindhap.

Major changes to the administrative operation of the project. These include employing all staff on employment contracts, establishing a project database and becoming GST compliant. Employment of five local staff to assist with neighbourhood group support.

Figure 2. Financial contributions of partners to the Woady Yaloak Catchment Project 2000.
(excluding $87,200 of NHT monies not received by Dec 31, 2000).
FINANCIAL POSITION

The Woady Yaloak Catchment group Inc. made a net loss of $73,595.29 for the year ending December 31, 2000. This loss is consistent with expectations as significant grant monies were received in late 1999 with expenditure in 2000.

The introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) resulted in liability to the Australian Taxation Office of $5,728.01 for grants received between July 8, 1999 and July 1, 2000 that had not been fully expended¹.

Profit and loss and balance sheet statements are presented (appendix 1).

¹ Any monies remaining in grant contracts after July 1, 2000 that were entered into after July 8, 1999 is deemed subject to GST. Woady Yaloak had four grants that were liable to GST that could not be renegotiated with the supplier.
NEIGHBOURHOOD
GROUP ACTIVITY
AND PROGRESS

Lower Naringhil Creek Group
(between Glenfine & Wilgul)

Landholders
Nev Keating  Max Kerr
Peter Mathews

Aims
Integrated farm planning in an area along the Naringhil Creek is the focus of this group. The emphasis is a healthy waterway and a productive catchment. The group has developed and is implementing an integrated whole farm plan for the area. This involves streamside fencing and revegetation, tree planting in the landscape, establishment of a creek crossing and the development of productive pastures on land adjoining the creek. Most of the planned fencing and tree planting is now complete, with only a few small areas to go. Some pasture improvement has been undertaken, and plans are well underway for the construction of an access laneway and creek crossing.

Activities in progress or completed
- Creek crossing
- Landclass fencing
- Pasture improvement
- Planning
- Revegetation
- Fencing
- Tree planting
- Waterways protection

Funding
Allocated: $11,101 Claimed to date: $2,200.10
Little Woady Group (Werneth)

Landholders
- Greg Stewart
- Troy Missen Brett
- Missen Sandy
- Jelbart Evan
- Lewis

Aims
This group is working to improve the Little Woady Creek and Woady Yaloak River environments. Visible results include reduced weed burden along the waterways, establishment of tree plantations along the waterway and in the landscape, and establishment of productive pastures on adjacent farmland. The pasture component involves the trialling of lucerne varieties as a productive feed source that utilises ground water and competes with invasive weed species on the river/creek floodplain. To date the feedback from landholders that have trialed lucerne has been very positive.

Activities in progress or completed
- Creek crossing
- Pasture improvement
- Planning
  - Rabbit Control (excluding poisoning program)
  - Revegetation fencing
- Tree planting
- Waterways protection
- Weed control

Funding
Allocated: $21,919 Claimed to date: $11,591.49

Draffin - Fraser Wetland Project (Linton & Willowvale)

Landholders
- James Draffin
- Peter Fraser

Aims
These landholders have converted unproductive, weed infested areas into wetlands that will encourage wildlife and aquatic life, and provide useful water storage. The wetland structures are complete and the associated tree planting has begun. Spring rains turned these areas from construction sites to active wetlands.

Activities in progress or completed
- Planning
- Revegetation fencing
- Tree planting
- Weed control
- Wetland creation

Funding
Allocated: $15,655 Claimed to date: $15,303.99
Italian Gully Creek Catchment Group  
(Staffordshire Reef - Berringa)

Activities in progress or completed

- Erosion control
- Pasture improvement
- Planning
- Waterway protection
- Weed control
- Wetland creation

Funding:
Allocated: $14,556  Claimed to date: $4,275.78

Landholders
Patricia, John, Stephen and David Guy,
Errol Shepherd,
Dianne Dempsey,
Terry & Sheila Guy,
Elsie Crothwaite
Craig Kellet,
Don Guy,
Ian Hutchinson,
Colin Fields,
Annette Haycock,
Richard & Val McRoberts

Aims
The Italian Gully Neighbourhood Group formed when a group of concerned landholders got together with the aim of controlling gorse in their local area.

Their prime concern is controlling gorse along the creekline to stop the spread of the weed via the waterway. In the past twelve months they have tried a number of control strategies: burning and physical removal, chemical treatment, cultivation, and flooding associated with wetland development. Revegetation of weed infested areas with pastures, trees and shrubs has begun on a small scale and will continue as the bulk of gorse and huge seedbank are reduced.
Ferrars Creek Group (Rokewood)

Landholders
Bill, Marion & Adam Walton
Paul & Bruce Walton
Tim Bingley
Phil & John Chatham
Nigel Long
Viv Bath
Max lay lor

Aims
Water management is the focus of this group. The main priorities are to reducing waterlogging to improve pasture and crop yields, and make productive use of run-off water. It is planned that careful management of run-off will provide a valuable source of stock water and enable the development of wetland areas. Last year saw significant tree planting along the waterway and in the landscape, as well as a start to the comprehensive mapping process that it required to plan the drainage works.

Activities in progress or completed
Drainage Planning
Revegetation fencing
• Tree planting
• Waterways protection

Funding
Allocated: $24,862 Claimed to date: $6,872.13

Misery Moonlight Creeks Group (Rokewood Junction)

Landholders
Lex Hadler Bill
Dawkins George
McKenzie Col
McKenzie Robert
Everett Geoff Holmes
Gordon Smith Bernie
Scully Les Caldow John
Bryan Robert Thyer

Aims
The Misery and Moonlight Creeks were in a poor state when this group formed in 1998. Weeds, rabbits and erosion have proven to be a significant challenge for group members, but their progress is very visible. The weed burden (gorse, serrated tussock, blackberry and cape tulip) is reducing and the scars of erosion are diminishing. Pasture establishment on adjacent land is replacing weeds with productive pastures, and tree planting is planned for the future. The group's activities are now being expanded to incorporate tributaries to the main streams.

Activities in progress or completed
Erosion control
Rabbit Control (excluding poisoning program)
Revegetation fencing Tree planting • Waterway protection Weed control

Funding
Allocated: $33,045 Claimed to date:
$25,643.72
**Willow vale Dam Project**
*(Willowvale Dam)*

**Landholders**
John & Cath Kavanagh
Peter & Judy Fraser
Stan Blackmore
Terry Cahill

**Aims**
The past twelve months have seen a real change in the landscape at the Willowvale Dam site. The dam has been expanded, an island added, weeds reduced and trees planted. This is a crown land site that has been adopted by enthusiastic local residents, whose efforts have achieved a transformation. Future works will involve a few finishing touches and maintenance to ensure that the newly established wetland continues to thrive.

**Activities in progress or completed**
- Tree planting
- Wetland creation

**Funding**
Allocated: $9,450  Claimed to date: $5,714.10

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**Draffin - Chenery Tree Project (Linton)**

**Landholders**
James Draffin
Anthony Chenery

**Aims**
These two landholders began their tree-planting project in winter-spring 2000, between them planting a total of 2490 trees. Their desire to plant trees is twofold, combining stock and pasture shelter with the creation of a valuable habitat for birds and wildlife. Further plantings are planned for 2001.

**Activities in progress or completed**
- Revegetation fencing
- Tree planting

**Funding**
Allocated: $3,648  Claimed to date: $4,962.98
Corindhap Gorse Control Group  
(Corindhap)

Landholders
- Tim & Jane Archer
- Tony & Marie Curtis
- Roy Hall
- Geoff Griffith
- Beryl Young
- Geoff & Noelene Cahill
- Neil Wells
- Reno & Tina Bugeja
- Miriam & Darren Bastin
- Neta Cookson
- Lloyd Laidlaw

Aims
This group has been working hard for a number of years to reduce the heavy burden of gorse in their local area. Control strategies tried by this group include burning, spraying, cultivation and physical remove using earthworking equipment. Last year, a new strategy was trialled. A biological control agent: gorse spidermite was introduced at a trial site on the property of one of the group members. Progress on private land has been significant and now group members are focusing their efforts on the Corindhap Creek (public land) which runs through many of their properties. The group is also planning a tree corridor that will link adjoining properties.

Activities in progress or completed

- Erosion control
- Planning
- Rabbit Control (excluding poisoning program)
- Revegetation fencing
- Tree planting
- Waterways protection
- Weed control
- Wetland creation

Funding
Allocated: $11,930 Claimed to date: $3,563.97
Grenville Pastures Group  
(Grenville/Mt Mercer)  

Landholders  
Daniel Laffan  
Graeme Fagg  
Steve Fagg  
Don & Jill McKenzie  
Alan Smith  
Don Fagg  
Less Fagg  
Keith Fagg  

Aims  
The focus for this group has been improving winter feed availability. Members of the group have trialed different strategies for improving feed availability over winter. Strategies include fodder crops, winter active pasture species and surface drainage. Positive results from their trials have generated a lot of interest. In association with drainage works, two landholders are also working on gully erosion and salt affected sites.  

Activities in progress or completed  
Drainage Erosion control  
• Pasture improvement  
  Revegetation fencing  
• Tree planting  
• Waterways protection  

Funding  
Allocated: $10,077 Claimed to date: $8,425.87  

Werneth Pastures Group (Werneth)  

Landholders  
Peter Hirth Nev  
Keating Max  
Stephens Evan  
Lewis Brad  
Marshall Troy  
Missen Tim  
Bingley Ken  
Caldow  

Aims  
This group has trialed a range of rates and varieties of lime in an attempt to improve pasture performance. The group has been monitoring pasture performance, but has been frustrated by very dry conditions that have restricted pasture growth.  

Activities in progress or completed  
• Pasture improvement  
  Landclass fencing  

Funding  
Allocated: $4,278 Claimed to date: $4,007.92
Top End of the Western Creek Group
(Cape Clear)

Landholders
Doug & Judy Mucker
Bill & Iris Callaghan
Des Phelan
Fred DeJong
Ted & Emily Jones

Aims
The top end of the Western Creek is plagued by weed problems: gorse and spiny rush, and a lack of native plant cover. Improving the creekline and adjoining farmland environments is the main aim of this small, but growing group of local landholders. Their first year of work focused on weed control and tree planting, with more to follow in 2001.

Activities in progress or completed
Revegetation fencing
Tree planting

Funding
Allocated: $13,429  Claimed to date: $2,589.68

Happy Valley Gorse Control Group
(Linton/Happy Valley/Piggoreet)

Landholders
Ivan Ken-Tim Cooke Andy DeBoeck Rob Crosier
Clarkesdale Sanctuary Trust (David Coutts)

Aims
This group of landholders is concerned with the level of gorse infestation in their local area. A small core of landholders has taken the initiative and hope to encourage more landholders to become involved. In their first 6-months of activity, group members have been spraying, and burning to reduce the weed bulk. Cultivation will also be used as part of some landholders'control programs. Follow-up revegetation and associated erosion control activities will be undertaken where required.

Activities in progress or completed
Weed control

Funding
Allocated: $1,318  Claimed to date: $500.00
Yellowglen Group (Smythesdale)

Landholders

Mike & Sandra Herbert
Rae & Peter Moxon Alan
Heyward

Aims

This area has a significant gorse problem. The landholders in this group have come together with a common desire to reduce the weed burden, and to share ideas for controlling the problem. The group has started work employing the strategies of slashing, burning, physical removal and spraying. In the longer term the group wants to replace gorse with more desirable pasture, native grasses/plants or native tree species.

Activities in progress or completed

Revegetation fencing
Tree planting Weed control

Funding
Allocated: $554  Claimed to date: $122.30

Pittong Tree Group (Pittong/ Mannibadar)

Landholders

Don Phillips Glenn
Phillips Rex Braddy
Holding Brothers Ken Sharpe

Aims

This project is about landholders improving the local environment through planting trees. One of their reasons for planting is to provide shelter for stock and pasture, and generally improve the environment. Trees will also be used strategically to treat salt affected and wind eroded sites. The group began planting in spring 2000, with 2610 trees planted along waterways and in the landscape. Work will continue over the next few years.

Activities in progress or completed

Revegetation fencing
Tree planting

Funding
Allocated: $6,542  Claimed to date: $524.18
Reed - Daffey Tree Project  
(Cape Clear/Pitfield Plains)

Landholders  
Gillian & Robert Reed  
Athol & Joyce Daffey

Aims
The two landholders involved in this project have properties that border the Woady Yaloak River. The land rises steeply from the river to a flat, exposed plain. The aim is to plant trees and shrubs on the plain above the river to create a habitat for wildlife and generate valuable shelter for stock and pasture. The first stage of fencing and planting began in spring 2000.

Activities in progress or completed
Revegetation fencing  
Tree planting

Funding
Allocated: $4,699  Claimed to date: $0.00

Pittong Pasture Rehabilitation Group  
(Pittong)

Landholders
Don, Joan, Robert Phillips  
Harry Kennedy  
Michael Collins

Aims
This group is working to rehabilitate areas damaged by salinity, over-grazing and wind erosion. The plan is to address these issues by improving grazing management and planting suitable pasture species. In some cases, the rehabilitation strategy will also involve landclass fencing to assist with grazing management. One of the wind-eroded sites was successfully resown last spring, with the other landholders opting for an autumn planting in 2001.

Activities in progress or completed
Landclass fencing  
Pasture improvement

Funding
Allocated: $2,047  Claimed to date: $0.00
Illabrook Landclass Fencing Project (Illabrook)

Landholders

Ross Hadler George
McKenzie Doug Hucker
Col McKenzie

Alms

Significant wind erosion damage in the summer of 2000 prompted this group to take preventative action, to reduce the risk of future damage. The plan is to fence out light textured soils that are at risk of overgrazing, giving landholders greater control of grazing stock at critical times of year. Associated pasture improvement and upgrading of stock water supply will be undertaken by Landholders. One member of the group is trialling a small area of landclass fencing and tree planting, as a comparison to the pasture improvement approach. The tree trial was the first activity to be undertaken, with 300 trees planted on the eroded crest of a hill. Fencing at the other sites will proceed over the next six months.

Activities in progress or completed

Landclass fencing
Revegetation fencing
Tree planting

Funding
Allocated: $9,386 Claimed to date: $383.68

Rokewood Tree Group (Rokewood)

Landholders

Jim Boyle
John & Neilson Carr
Dale & Basil Woods

Aims

The common interest of this group is establishing trees on the windswept plains around Rokewood. In this low rainfall area, the critical issues are species selection, careful ground preparation and good weed control. Planting for this group began in spring 2000, with two landholders establishing blocks of 470 and 300 trees respectively.

Activities in progress or completed

Revegetation fencing
Tree planting

Funding
Allocated: $4075 Claimed to date: $1678.77
**Illabrook Pattersons Curse Control Group**  
*Illabrook*

**Landholders**
- Colin McKenzie
- Jacqie & David McGeary
- Debbie & Ashley Cookson

**Aims**
The identification of a Patterson's Curse problem on a number of properties at Illabrook has lead to the formation of this group. Their aim is to stop the spread of the weed from its current location and eradicate that which is present. This will require a program of spraying and pasture improvement.

The chemical treatment program began with spot spraying last spring, and will be repeated in 2001 before pasture improvement work begins.

**Activities in progress or completed**
- Weed control

**Funding**
Allocated: $173  
Claimed to date: $74.25

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**Upper Naringhil Creek Group**  
*Wallinduc*

**Landholders**
- Michael Rowe
- Robert Featherston
- Ian Trewavis

**Aims**
This project is an extension of earlier rabbit control works along an upper section of the Naringhil Creek. The aim is to establish a corridor of trees and shrubs along as much of the creekline as possible. This program whilst providing shelter and wildlife habitat, will also assist in the control of stream-bank erosion. An associated issue is the provision of off-stream stock watering points along the stream. The group is currently preparing for planting in spring 2001, this will include a significant amount of direct seeding, as well as tubestock plantings.

**Activities in progress or completed**
- Planning
- Rabbit Control (excluding poisoning program)
- Revegetation fencing
- Tree planting
- Waterways protection

**Funding**
Allocated: $12,406  
Claimed to date: $0.00
Individual Tree Projects (Rokewood, Ross Creek, Cape Clear, & Werneth)

Landholders

Len & Lisa Clark
Nev & Anne Keating
Neil & Shirley Shiells
Sam Traynor
Max & Janet Kerr

Activities in progress or completed

Remnant vegetation protection
Revegetation fencing
Tree planting

Funding

Allocated: $2,847  Claimed to date: $1151.75

Aims

Individuals have undertaken four separate tree projects, and two remnant fencing projects, over the past 12 months. The total number of trees planted by these landholders in 2000 was 2580, plus an additional 932 metres of remnant fencing.
APPENDIX 1

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE WOADY YALOAK
CATCHMENT GROUP INC.

Woady Yaloak Catchment Group Inc.
ABN: 86 543 641 340

Profit & Loss Account
For the year ending 31 December 2000

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**NET PROFIT**

- $73,595.29

**ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR**

**ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**

* = includes tax, superannuation, workcover, travel and all secretarial expenses (postage, travel, telephone). NB:

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THE WOADY YALOAK
CATCHMENT GROUP INC

Woady Yaloak Catchment Group Inc.
ABN: 86 543 641 340

Balance sheet
For the year ending 31 December 2000

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### Equipment Schedule

**For the year ending 31 December 2000**

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**TOTAL EQUIPMENT** $25,950.00

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NB: Values are deemed to be ‘fair market prices’ as of 31 Dec 2000. In subsequent years asset will be depreciated.
### APPENDIX 2

#### RECIPIENTS OF FUNDING (2000)

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