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Quote for Design and Construction

2 steel plinths - 1500 x 500 x 500mm

Plasma cut artwork

Secure mounting system for plinth

Design and install of box to play "Welcome to Country" audio (solar powered)

Total \$6600 (includes GST)

Please note

Ali Wass is the partner with Karim Haddad, owners of both Cuppacumabalong and Tharwa Valley Forge

From: [McNamara, Brett](#)
To: [Spoelder, Penny](#)
Cc: [Sweaney, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: MRC - Lanyon to Cuppacumbalong/DeSalis Cemetery Walking Track [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED, DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Date: Friday, 4 May 2018 8:33:10 AM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.jpg](#)

Hi Penny

Wonderful to hear from you, trust life is treating you kindly.

From a Parks Service perspective we would be keen to support this given the obvious heritage linkages as [REDACTED]

I'll flag this with Mark Sweaney who is the A/Manager for the MRC given area geographic responsibilities.

In the interim I'd suggest you progress this as an exciting nature tourism based project.

Talk soon,

Brett McNamara

Manager | Namadgi National Park |
ACT Parks and Conservation Service | Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate |

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From: Spoelder, Penny

Sent: Thursday, 3 May 2018 5:20 PM

To: McNamara, Brett <Brett.McNamara@act.gov.au>

Cc: Brown, Bernadette <Bernadette.Brown@act.gov.au>

Subject: MRC - Lanyon to Cuppacumbalong/DeSalis Cemetery Walking Track

Dear Brett

I hope you are well. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I am writing to you to seek your support for a walking route through the MRC from Lanyon Homestead to Cuppacumbalong and De Salis Cemetery. As you know Lanyon Homestead and Cuppacumbalong are linked in history through James Wright. Ali Wass from Cuppacumbalong is keen to partner with ACT Historic Places and potentially PCS to develop a walking route along the Murrumbidgee Corridor to connect the two homesteads and the De Salis Cemetery. She is applying for an ACT Heritage Grant to support the elements of the trail that require funding. ACT Historic Places supports the concept.

The concept of the trail is simple. The trail will have a Ngunawal focus as the two homesteads already tell the story of European settlement. The homesteads would act as the “bookends” to the trail – with interpretation and services located at these places. The route would commence at Lanyon Homestead following a slashed path past the Canoe Trees and then along the river to the edge of the historic precinct. Lanyon is working with Ngunawal to develop art work and interpretation for the section of trail located in the historic precinct.

The trail would then join the MRC and travel approximately 1 km to the Tharwa Bridge. Walkers will then have to foot it over the bridge and pick up the existing trail to Cuppa and the cemetery or return to the homestead. It is this section of trail between Lanyon and the Tharwa bridge that we are seeking your support to enable public access. We understand that this part of the trail is routinely slashed for fire protection and the public can currently access the area via the Tharwa Road at the bridge (an indeed via Lanyon Homestead Historic precinct).

The trail within MRC would have minimal infrastructure with the exception of approximately 3 trail markers and perhaps signage at Tharwa Bridge. Subject to your agreement and Ngunawal input - we are thinking up to two resting areas - under the shade of a tree by the river - bush logs etc for contemplation and reflection. The trail would require seasonal slashing as your program currently allows. In terms of resource implications - the trail markers we can include in the grant application, as well as the bush seating. The slashing would be part of your recurrent program.

We have discussed the concept with Bernie Brown recognising that the proposed route falls partly within the MRC and now seek your support for the concept that we can include in the heritage grant application. I understand the MRC PoM provides for the concept s does the Tharwa Master Plan.

We are discussing the concept with Ngunawal (Supportive) and other RAOs (currently underway). I have mentioned the concept to our neighbour [REDACTED] and he is not supportive as this stage. Ali has discussed the concept with Tharwa community group – who have indicated support.

Happy to chat further as needed. The application is due on May 11 so an indication of your initial support would be great and I will follow up with a draft letter for you to sign.

Best wishes

Penny Spoelder | Director ACT Historic Places

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**Support for ACT Heritage Application – The Ngunawal Trail
Cuppacumbalong to Lanyon Homestead**

Lanyon Homestead is listed on the ACT Heritage Register and is one of three historic places managed by ACT Historic Places as part of the Cultural Facilities Corporation.

Lanyon Homestead is linked to Cuppacumbalong Homestead at Tharwa. Englishmen James Wright and a friend John Lanyon were amongst the first squatters to established sheep runs in the Queanbeyan region, building the Lanyon Homestead. In 1835 they acquired several adjoining blocks on the Murrumbidgee River. Wright established Cuppacumbalong located on the southern side of the Murrumbidgee River in 1839. When Wright sold Lanyon to Andrew Cunningham he shift his operations to Cuppacumbalong. Wright sold 'Cuppacumbalong' to the de Salis family in 1855.

ACT Historic Places supports the opportunity to establish the link between the homesteads and therefore is pleased to support the grant application submitted by Cuppacumbalong to develop the walking trail to Lanyon Homestead in partnership with ACT Parks and Conservation Service and the Ngunawal people.

The importance of the landscape to the Ngunawal community within which Lanyon Homestead is well documented and is evidenced by significant artefacts in the Lanyon historic precent precinct (LHA3 and LHA4, Gregson 1985). ACT Historic Places is developing a range of programs that feature stories about the significance of the site to the Aboriginal community and ongoing connection with country.

As part of this program ACT Historic Places has been developing a concept plan for an interpretive walk that provides visitors access to the canoe tree in the historic precinct and along the Murrumbidgee River adjacent to the homestead.

ACT Historic Places will continue to work with ACT Parks and Wildlife Conservation Service to extend the walk along the Murrumbidgee Corridor to Tharwa. An extension to Cuppacumbalong Homestead would link the two homesteads and establish the historical link between these two ACT heritage listed places. A preliminary concept of the proposed route is attached (Attachment A).

Ali Wass and staff from ACT Historic Places have been working up the concept and obtaining quotes for the various components and the appropriate split in costs. ACT Historic Places is a willing partner and will contribute \$20,000 toward audio and interpretive signage associated with that part of the proposed trail that is located within the in the historic precinct of Lanyon Homestead.

The details of the quoted costs for trail design and infrastructure are presented in Attachment B. Quotes have been received from Armsign (Interpretative signage), Wally Bell (sotry telling) and Myles Gostelow (design/sculptural).

Consultation with the registered Aboriginal Organisations has commenced on the concept of the walk along the Murrumbidgee and three of the groups have indicated support at this stage. Little Gudgenby River Tribal Council is yet to confirm. Details of consultation to date include:



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- Buru Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation - Wally Bell (March 2018)
- King Browns Tribal Group - Carl Brown (February 2018)
- Little Gudgenby River Tribal Council - Matilda House (February 2018)
- Ngarigu Currawong Clan - Mr James Mundy (February 2018)

If you require any further information, please contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

Penny Spoelder
Director ACT Historic Places
CULTURAL FACILITIES CORPORATION

From: [McNamara, Brett](#)
To: [Red Gadget Films](#); [Gleeson, Mary](#)
Subject: Support for ACT Heritage grant application [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED, DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Date: Tuesday, 22 May 2018 10:58:17 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Mary

I would like to enthusiastically support this proposal linking as it does with the Parks Service *Ngunnawal* to NASSA interpretative concept plan.

Having spoken with the project proponent and having worked with members of their team, as a Park Service we can see real opportunities to maximise the heritage grant process in terms of leveraging digital media.

Happy to support as a high priority.

Regards,

Brett McNamara

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From: Red Gadget Films [<mailto:redgadgetfilms@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, 22 May 2018 10:29 AM
To: McNamara, Brett <Brett.McNamara@act.gov.au>
Subject: Support for ACT Heritage grant application

Hi Brett,

As discussed over the phone, I am writing to you to seek the support of ACT Parks and Conservation Service for our ACT Heritage grant application. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Regards

Adrian Muscat
Co-Producer
Red Gadget Films
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1 February 2018

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This is to certify that the policy detailed below has been placed until 16 November 2018.

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Insurer:	Vero Insurance
Policy Number:	LCL020078982
Policy Type:	Public & Products Liability
Sum Insured	Public Liability - \$20,000,000 Products Liability - \$20,000,000
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Civic Insurance Brokers



Ben Connelly

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From: [Ali Wass](#)
To: [Gleeson, Mary](#)
Cc: [Spoelder, Penny](#)
Subject: Re: ACT Heritage Grant application [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, 29 May 2018 4:20:08 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Mary

I have left a message with Penny about the map. I will also contact Bernie Brown if she has one available.

In regards to other property owners, the new proposed walk is only on the Lanyon Homestead side of the river. On the opposite side (Tharwa Village) is river corridor for the majority of the walk.

I will endeavour to get a map to you before the end of the week.

Thanks
Ali

On Tue, 29 May 2018 at 3:42 pm, Gleeson, Mary <Mary.Gleeson@act.gov.au> wrote:

Dear Ali

With regard to your grant application, you stated your [REDACTED] 'is not supportive at this stage'.

To assist with the assessment of your application, would you please provide a map of the proposed trails, indicating any properties that may be affected by the trail and also whether they are in agreement.

Best regards

Mary Gleeson||Grants Officer

Phone: 02 6207 2160 | mary.gleeson@act.gov.au

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From: [Gleeson, Mary](#)
To: ali@cuppacumbalong.com.au; [Spoelder, Penny](#)
Cc: [Roberts, Linda](#)
Subject: ACT Heritage Grant application [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, 10 May 2018 11:23:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Dear Ali and Penny

Thank you for your grant application. As stated in the grant application, all significant items must be substantiated with quotes. Therefore, before assessment can be done would you please provide the following information:

- A detailed breakdown including quotes for the Government partnership amount, materials, design and ICT, for the total expenditure of \$41,000;
- Details of 'other installations' and existing 'interpretation at Lanyon (trail head)' mentioned in "Expenditure notes" and whether the intention is for them to be included on the Canberra Tracks network?; and
- Evidence of consultation with the Representative Aboriginal Organisations (RAOs) with regard to the concept of the project (as detailed in the guidelines);

Please also note that in any printed matter including interpretation funded under the ACT Heritage Grants Program, the word 'Ngunnawal' is spelt with a double 'n', the officially recognised spelling of the ACT Government. This should be confirmed with Wally Bell.

Best regards

Mary Gleeson | Grants Officer

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From: [Gleeson, Mary](#)
To: [Moore, FionaE](#)
Subject: [REDACTED] - urgent [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, 17 September 2018 9:43:27 AM
Attachments: [Cuppacumbalong Homestead to Lanyon Homestead Walk.docx](#)
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[image001.png](#)
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From: Spoelder, Penny
Sent: Sunday, 16 September 2018 8:42 PM
To: Gleeson, Mary <Mary.Gleeson@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] - urgent

Hi Mary

Cuppacumbalong owners had a call from [REDACTED] on the weekend a little concerned about the Cuppacumbalong/Lanyon Walk. He advised that he would be phoning the Minister on Monday. I am not too sure if he will phone your Minister or ours - I have attached a draft Briefing Note for you and relevant staff in the event [REDACTED] phones your Minister on Monday.

Please let me know if you need further information.

Regards

Penny Spoelder | Director ACT Historic Places

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From: Spoelder, Penny

Sent: Sunday, 16 September 2018 8:38 PM

To: Breynard, Shane <Shane.Breynard@act.gov.au>

Cc: Wallace, Maria (CFC) <Maria.Wallace@act.gov.au>

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] - urgent

Dear Shane

Please find attached a briefing note regarding Cuppacumbalong to Lanyon Walk.

Please let me know if you require further information.

Regards

Penny Spoelder | Director ACT Historic Places
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From: Breynard, Shane
Sent: Sunday, 16 September 2018 3:40 PM
To: Spoelder, Penny <Penny.Spoelder@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] - urgent

Thank you Penny.

I will pass on to Brooke.

A key points brief would be appreciated. Particularly regarding any consultation any parties have undertaken prior with adjoining land holders - and any reference to past or planned consultation that may be in application.

With thanks

Shane

Shane Breynard
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On 16 Sep 2018, at 10:10 am, Spoelder, Penny <Penny.Spoelder@act.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Shane

Just a quick heads up that [REDACTED] phoned Cuppacumbalong owners last night expressing his anger about the grant they have been given for the walk. He has advised that the land goes through private property and is concerned about rubbish, illegal activity etc.

The walk currently exists along the Murrumbidgee River Corridor as a fire trail and does not involve private property. It is included in the plan of management for the Corridor and is also mentioned in the draft Tharwa master plan - I will need to check the final which was recently released.

He said he will Call the Ministers office on Monday . I am not sure if it will be Minister Ramsay or Minister Gentleman.

Thought I best let you know. I will prepare a quick brief for you for Monday in case the Ministers office gets a call.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ali Wass](#)
To: [Gleeson, Mary](#)
Subject: Certificate of Currency
Date: Monday, 6 August 2018 11:34:36 AM
Attachments: [03 CPL 3706192 CoI 310718.pdf](#)

Hi Mary

Hope you are well and had a lovely weekend.

Apologies for my slow reply. I needed to speak with our [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Attached is the Cuppacumbalong insurance for the grant application.

Regards
ALI



Ali Wass
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From: [Gleeson, Mary](#)
To: [Gilbert, Euroka](#); [Russell, Meaghan](#); [Spoelder, Penny](#); [Ali Wass](#); [Roberts, Linda](#); [Sweaney, Mark](#)
Subject: Cuppacumbalong "Ngunnawal Trail" Heritage Grant Special Conditions for Deed of Grant [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, 3 October 2018 2:37:00 PM
Attachments: [SCHEDULE 3 Special Conditions.docx](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi everyone

Attached are the draft Special Conditions for the above deed which I am preparing in the hope that the issues regarding [REDACTED] are soon resolved.

Would you please review and amend in track changes, any points that are relevant to your area, and return to me.

Best regards

Mary Gleeson | Grants Officer

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From: [Gleeson, Mary](#)
To: [Ali Wass](#); [Spoelder, Penny](#)
Subject: Cuppacumbalong Ngunnawal Trail heritage grant [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, 3 October 2018 2:05:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Dear Ali and Penny

As we are not sure what the outcome of the above will be, I am still going to prepare the deed of grant, in the hope that the project will proceed and not further delayed. Would you please check the following wording for accuracy and change if necessary. I have taken it from the grant application but not sure if no (ii) is correct.

Funded Activity

To develop a 2km walking trail along the Murrumbidgee River Corridor from Lanyon Homestead to Cuppacumbalong and De Salis Cemetery. Funding is for:

- (i) Planning, consultation and approval of the trail route;
- (ii) Design and installation of interpretation at the start and finish of the walk at Cuppacumbalong/De Salis Cemetery including an audio installation at each end of the track to welcome visitors to Country in Ngunnawal language;
- (iii) Design and installation of two resting points along the river and trail makers for orientation.

Best regards

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From: [Spoelder, Penny](#)
To: [Gleeson, Mary](#)
Subject: FW: Walk support
Date: Friday, 11 May 2018 3:19:16 PM

From: Ali Wass [mailto:ali@cuppacumbalong.com.au]

Sent: Monday, 30 April 2018 5:17 PM

To: Spoelder, Penny <Penny.Spoelder@act.gov.au>

Subject: Walk support

Hi

I saw Caroline Hughes today

Then reason for no response from the Council is that there has been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - she loved the idea so I think pretty good with their support;.

Ali



Ali Wass

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From: [Ali Wass](#)
To: [Gleeson, Mary](#)
Subject: Fwd: FW: Map of Canoe to Cuppa
Date: Tuesday, 29 May 2018 7:53:27 PM
Attachments: [Canoe to Cuppa.pdf](#)

Hi Mary

Attached is an aerial view of the full length of the walk.

Currently the southern end , from De Salis Cemetery to Tharwa Bridge is signed and formalised.

The northern stretch, on the Lanyon side of the river is a path slashed by MRC and is already informally utilised by walkers that know it exists. The path starts at the car pull in point on the northern side of the bridge. The blue path on this map is slightly out

Penny did speak with [REDACTED], (in blue from Penny)

he was not supportive due to the perceived risks of visitors using the public reserve. His concerns relate to potential impacts of shooting, fire, and vandalism on his adjoining paddock which backs on to the Murrumbidgee River Corridor. The adjacent paddock is managed under a rural lease to [REDACTED] and is used for pasture as per the map. Interestingly this part of the MRC is slashed to reduce fire hazard and is part of PCS's HR strategy. The proposed walking route will follow the slashed fire trail.

It is important to note that visitors currently use this part of the Murrumbidgee River Corridor (MRC) to access the river and Lanyon Homestead, albeit informally with no clear track. There have been no reported issues to date.

I hope this helps

Ali



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From: **Spoelder, Penny** <Penny.Spoelder@act.gov.au>
Date: Tue, May 29, 2018 at 6:58 PM
Subject: FW: Map of Canoe to Cuppa
To: "ali@cuppacumbalong.com.au" <ali@cuppacumbalong.com.au>

Hi Ali

Attached is the map – it was submitted with the grant application - but may be got lost along the way.

Let me know if you need more info.

Talk soon

Penny

From: Roberts, Greg
Sent: Thursday, 10 May 2018 12:41 PM
To: Spoelder, Penny <Penny.Spoelder@act.gov.au>
Subject: Map of Canoe to Cuppa

Can tidy this up some more, this is the first draft, it may do.

Greg Roberts| Manager, Properties and Grounds

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From: [Ali Wass](#)
To: [Gleeson, Mary](#)
Subject: Grant acceptance
Date: Tuesday, 18 September 2018 12:34:10 PM

Hi Mary
Hope you are well and had a lovely weekend.

I am really excited that the grant applications I submitted were successful and I am accepting the offer to work with Heritage to fulfil our vision with both projects.

I just rang to discuss the next steps but am happy for you to advise me via email if that is easier for you.

Looking forward to working with Heritage, and the changes we will start to make, especially at Cuppa.

Have a great afternoon
Ali



Ali Wass
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Personal Interview <input type="checkbox"/>	Subject <i>Lanyon</i>	Time
Telephone Conversation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		12:20 <input checked="" type="radio"/> am / pm
Internal Minute <input type="checkbox"/>		
Conversation with <input checked="" type="radio"/> Mr Mrs Miss Ms	Department, Firm, Private Address	Telephone No.
(if applicable) Inquiry re:	Block	Section
		Suburb

Details

↳ DA application → Public? Lanyon
↳ 4-3 years ago → Green House
large excavation 30m² →
↳ Temp structure
↳ DA for large machinery
shed
↳ Coffee shop inappropriate (eye sore)

→ \$21,000 dollars for trail →
moved to consultancy

Action taken (if applicable)

↳ Repeatable about walking
trail → 2km along boundary
↳ Tharwa Village Plan
never mentioned that
↳ No Aboriginal sites
↳ Block surrounding Lanyon
↳ worried about it being
snuck in

Signature	Officer's Name	Designation
	Euroka Gilbert	ALO

From: [Walker, IanS](#)
To: [Moore, FionaF](#)
Subject: Please call [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, 17 September 2018 9:41:57 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Fiona

I just received a call from [REDACTED] – he was alarmed by the grant for the Ngunnawal Trail and connection with Lanyon Homestead

Concern over impact to his business etc he is also concerned re the Tharwa Plan.
Can we have a chat please.

Thanks Ian

Ian Walker
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We acknowledge and celebrate the Ngunnawal peoples whose traditional lands we work on and pay our respect to elders past and present

From: [Gleeson, Mary](#)
To: [Cotsell, Peter](#)
Subject: QON re Cuppacumbalong grant for Ngunnawal Trail [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
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Hi Pete

As PCS is a partner in this project, I would like you to check our draft responses to see if you have any input. If you do please put them in with track changes.

Best regards

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MS LAWDER: *To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—*

- (1)** *Does the proposed walking track, the Ngunnawal Trail in the Cuppacumbalong Homestead, literally run from Lanyon Homestead, and where exactly or from the Lanyon Historic Precinct Boundary; if so where.*

An ACT Heritage Grant of \$21,000 was provided to the owners of Cuppacumbalong to develop the concept of a walking trail that links Cuppacumbalong and Lanyon Homestead along the Murrumbidgee River Corridor utilising an existing walking track and a fire break within the Murrumbidgee River Corridor.

Grant funding was provided specifically for (i) planning and consultation with key stakeholders (ii) design and installation of interpretation at Cuppacumbalong /De Salis Cemetery, and (iii) design and installation of two resting points along the river and trail markers for orientation within the Murrumbidgee River Corridor.

Planning of the trail linking the Murrumbidgee River Corridor to Lanyon Homestead Historic Precinct has not commenced and there is no defined route at this stage.

Planning will be subject to consultation with key stakeholders including Representative Aboriginal Organisations, the rural leaseholder, ACT Historic Places and the ACT Parks and Conservation Service.

- (2)** *Can the Minister provide a detailed map showing the proposed walking trail especially highlighting the route it takes within the Lanyon Homestead Historic Precinct.*

There is no detailed map showing the proposed walking trail as the route is subject to consultation and detailed planning. There is currently no defined route within the Lanyon Homestead Historic Precinct.

- (3)** *What consultation took place regarding this walking track – with who, what organisations, what form did the consultation take, what were the relevant dates of any letters, meetings, briefings, etc. and who was present at each.*

The concept of the trail was discussed as part of the grant application process as follows:

Organisation	Parties	Date
Tharwa Community Association	Secretary	Early April 2018
ACT Parks and Conservation Service (PCS)	Bernie Brown (PCS) Penny Spoelder (HP), Ali Wass (CH)	28 February 2018

ACT Historic Places, Director (HP)	Ali Wass, Cuppacumbalong Homestead (CH)	28 February 2018
Rural leaseholder	Penny Spoelder (HP)	1 March 2018
Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (ATSIA)	Email from Ali Wass (CH) Carolyn Hughes (ATSIA) – discussion with Ali Wass (CH)	March 2018
Buru Ngunnawal Traditional Custodian Group	Penny Spoelder (HP) - Wally Bell (elder)	February 2018
United Ngunnawal Elders Council	Email from Ali Wass	30 April 2018
Little Gudgenby River Tribal Council	Phone Message /text to Matilda House	February 2018
Ngarigu Currawong Clan	<i>Email and Phone – Anne Marie Jean</i>	February 2018
King Browns Tribal Group	<i>Email and Phone – Anne Marie Jean</i>	February 2018
Tharwa Community Council	Ali Wass and Penny ? Ali to confirm	March 2018

- (4) *Who receives the grant funds.*

The grant was awarded to the applicant, Ms Ali Wass, leaseholder of Cuppacumbalong Homestead, Tharwa.

(HERITAGE)

- (5) *What is the legal relationship between Cuppacumbalong and Murrumbidgee River Corridor.*

The only mention of the 'river' in the Crown leases granted over Blocks 177 & 186 Paddys River and Block 11 Section 10 Tharwa, known as Cuppacumbalong, are in relation to the purpose clause. The purpose clause for Blocks 177 & 186 Paddys River provides for, among other uses "...THAT the tourist facility operated on the land shall be directly related to the use of the river;...", while the purpose clause for Block 11 Section 10 Tharwa provides for, among other uses "...THAT farm tourism and tourist facility operating on the land shall be directly related to the use of the river...".

(LEASING)

- (6) *Why was the leaseholder at Lanyon not consulted (he has stated in writing that he has not been consulted).*

The rural leaseholder's property is located on the boundary of the Lanyon Historic Precinct and the Murrumbidgee River Corridor. The concept of the trail was discussed with the rural leaseholder and the Director of ACT

Historic Places on 1st March 2018. At the meeting the leaseholder expressed his concerns with the concept of the trail and does not support the concept. The concerns expressed were associated with use of the trail by walkers, trail bikes, the potential risk of fire, rubbish, bikes, dogs, security, privacy and camping and other illegal activities.

The rural leaseholder's concerns were communicated via the Director of ACT Historic Places to the grant applicant and Parks and Conservation Service on 2nd March 2018. ACT Heritage was also advised as part of the grant application.

Grant funding has been provided specifically for further consultation and detailed planning with key stakeholders including the rural leaseholder.

(ACT HISTORIC PLACES)

- (7) *Where in either draft 1 or 2 of the Tharwa Draft Master Plan does this walking track appear.*

Page 30 of the Tharwa Draft Village Plan (Background and Analysis) highlights the existing heritage and recreational walking networks in the area. (incomplete - Strategic Planning still working on this one)

(STRATEGIC PLANNING)

- (8) *How does the walking track become fact in the final Tharwa Master Plan, without consultation with the main affected leaseholder, let alone public consultation, given it is a Considered Master Plan not a Development Application.*

Community engagement on the Tharwa Draft Village Plan found strong support for the upgrade of the Tharwa Explorer Track and the development of wider regional path connections (such as with the Namadgi Visitor's Centre, the Gigerline Nature Reserve and Lanyon Homestead) including improved equestrian connections through Tharwa incorporating the Bicentennial National Trail. The final Tharwa Village Plan recommends the upgrade of the Tharwa Explorer Track, including the consideration of improved regional path connections and equestrian routes incorporating the Bicentennial National Trail.

- (9) *Can the Minister provide a copy of the risk analysis for this walking track, including specific information about fire hazard/risk (within Bushfire Abatement Zone) threat to livestock from dogs both on and off lead, biosecurity safeguards, provisions for litter, emergency vehicle access, increased pedestrian access/egress across Tharwa Bridge, parking/pedestrian facilities (eastern bank Murrumbidgee) and animal welfare along track, security and privacy to residents living immediately adjacent to the proposed track.*

Grant funding has been provided specifically for further consultation and detailed planning with key stakeholders. The risks associated with proposed walking trail will be considered as part of the consultation process.

- (10) *What redress does the major affected leaseholder have in terms of detriment to their farming operation, deprivation of income, devaluation of his asset and compromise of his family's security and privacy.*

The risk of the proposed trail impacting on the rural leaseholder's farming operation and the likelihood of deprivation of income, devaluation of assets and compromise of his family's security and privacy is considered low. The funding will be used to assist with further consultation and detailed planning with key stakeholders to identify risks of the trail.

- (11) *Was there any reference in the application for a grant to any existing walking track being upgraded, or is this a new walking track.*

The proposed trail links Cuppacumbalong and Lanyon Homestead along the Murrumbidgee River Corridor following an existing walking trail (Tharwa Explorer Track) and an existing fire break within the Murrumbidgee River Corridor that is currently publicly accessible. There are several walking tracks within the Lanyon Homestead Historic Precinct and the potential to utilise an existing trail to access the Murrumbidgee River Corridor will also be investigated.

- (12) *Given that the walking track development installation, maintenance inspection and policing along the river is the core business to the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate on a day to day operational basis, why was this grant approved in reference to page 8 of the ACT Heritage Grants Guides 2018/19.*

With the start and finish of an existing walking track being at the heritage listed Lanyon Homestead and Cuppacumbalong/De Salis Cemetery, and by including a Welcome to Country in Ngunnawal language and some resting points along the way, the project involves three ACT Government directorates – ACT Heritage, ACT Parks & Conservation Service, and ACT Historic Places within the Cultural Facilities Corporation - and thereby meets three of the 2018-2019 ACT Heritage Grants Program funding priorities;

- Community projects that increase the utilisation, awareness and engagement in heritage places through education (of all ages), oral histories, tourism, interpretation and events;
- Aboriginal projects initiated by or involving the local Aboriginal community in local heritage activities; and
- Projects that provide partnership opportunities between community organisations and act government agencies.

What due diligence of the application did the Directorate undertake to ensure consultation with all affected parties and ensuring that animal

welfare, protection of income, and fire hazards were considered.

Evidence of consultation with and by the relevant parties as required under ACT Heritage Grants Program “Guidelines for Applications 2018-2019” (the Guidelines) was provided in writing by the applicant either with the grant application or during the assessment process i.e. the rural leaseholder of Cuppacumbalong (the applicant), ACT Parks & Conservation Service and ACT Historic Places as land managers.

- (13) *Did the application state that all affected parties had been consulted; if so, what evidence was provided and what checking of claims did the Directorate undertake.*

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In accordance with the Guidelines’ requirement “that projects with Aboriginal heritage content must include evidence of consultation with the Representative Aboriginal Organisations (RAOs)”, a record of such consultation was provided to ACT Heritage, as detailed in the response to Q3.

Additional information from Penny.

Lanyon Homestead received 50,000 visitors last year – this is a record for visitation. As you know the boundaries of the Lanyon Historic Precinct are surrounded by the rural leasehold. The suggestion that the walking trail will impact on security and privacy of the rural leaseholder, is in my view, questionable given that 50,000 visitors to Lanyon have created no such issues for the leaseholder to date. Notwithstanding, the issues of privacy and security will be discussed to ensure all potential issues and risks to Lanyon and its tenants are assessed.