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New land purchase grows Fitz-Stirling 'conservation corridor', protecting Noongar cultural heritage and native vegetation

National conservation not-for-profit Bush Heritage Australia today announced the purchase of Ediegarrup, a new 1,067-hectare nature reserve on Noongar country in the Fitz-Stirling region of Western Australia that will see feeding areas and critical habitat restored for Malleefowl, Tammar and Black-gloved Wallabies, and the nationally threatened Carnaby's Black Cockatoo.

Approximately 140 kilometres northeast of Albany, the acquisition is Bush Heritage's fifth reserve in the region and is part of the organisation's local vision to create what's known as 'conservation corridors' between connecting nature reserves such as Bush Heritage's Red Moort Reserve, and nearby Corackerup Creek and Chingarrup Sanctuary.

Ediegarrup Reserve brings Bush Heritage's total area managed locally to 6,300 hectares and will protect native vegetation, cultural heritage and provide safe passage for animals between the Stirling Range and Fitzgerald River National Parks.

"The acquisition of Ediegarrup is exciting for Bush Heritage as it creates an opportunity to connect large and important bushland areas, to create a resilient and connective landscape," said Alex Hams, Bush Heritage's Healthy Landscape Manager for Southwest Western Australia.

The Fitz-Stirling landscape is one of the oldest on the planet. It is a global biodiversity hotspot with exceptionally high floristic diversity and no disturbance from glaciers or volcanoes for over 200 million years. It has also become heavily fragmented since widespread land clearing began in the 1960s.

Bush Heritage is committed to working alongside traditional owners to see the land restored, enhancing refuge for native species and, importantly, protecting cultural sites for Noongar people.

According to Alex, "Restoration activities such as revegetation and cultural heritage assessments on Ediegarrup will strengthen our partnerships with the Noongar community, support shared management of land and deepen connection to country that has existed here for thousands of years."

Bush Heritage has been working in the Fitz-Stirling since 2003 and has played a great role in delivering the vision of Gondwana Link to connect the forest of the Southwest capes across the south coast and up into the Great Western Woodlands of the Goldfields. The purchase of Ediegarrup continues this work and supports the organisation's broader mission.

CEO Heather Campbell said, *"We are incredibly excited about this purchase. We have a clear vision to return bush to good health and an ambitious 2030 strategy that will see us deepen and double our impact by the end of this decade. Ediegarrup is a really important purchase for us and for the incredible animals that call this area home."*

Bush Heritage owns and manages more than 1.2 million hectares of land nation-wide, a number that will grow to 2.4 million by 2030 and is only made possible by the support of generous donors

such as locals Annie and Ian Mayo.

“As long-term supporters of Bush Heritage, we are enthusiastic to be able to contribute to the purchase of this new property and see this important conservation work continue within the Fitz-Stirling area,” said Annie and Ian Mayo, who have volunteered for Bush Heritage for years and are proud financial supporters of the purchase.

Ediegarrup quick facts

- Spans 1,067 hectares
- Located 140 kilometres northeast of Albany on Noongar Country
- Forms a connective corridor between Stirling Range and Fitzgerald River National Parks
- First purchase in the region by Bush Heritage Australia since 2014
- Ediegarrup currently consists of 300 hectares of native vegetation and 600 plus of agricultural and forestry land
- Bush Heritage is committed to working alongside Noongar community to return Ediegarrup to good health

Bush Heritage Australia is an independent not-for-profit that buys and manages land, and partners with Aboriginal people to protect our irreplaceable landscapes and our magnificent native species forever.

There are close to 2,000 animals and plants on Australia’s threatened species list. Bush Heritage steps in where we’re needed most, protecting all species on our reserves

We respect, listen and learn from working side-by-side with Traditional Owners, and by working in partnerships with pastoralists and other organisations to have the most impact

Together, we’re returning the bush to good health.



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[Click here](#) for photos of Ediegarrup and the species it protects