

Grant Application Summary

Required information	Applicant provided response
Project name	Queen Mary Gardens Tree Project
Project location	Queen Mary Gardens, St Arnaud
Name of organisation applying for a grant	Friends of the St Arnaud Queen Mary Gardens Inc.
Brief description of the organisation applying for a grant	The Friends of the Queen Mary Gardens were formed to raise funds for the gardens, to carry out restoration work, and to promote awareness of the gardens.
Brief project summary (max 100 words)	The Queen Mary Gardens Tree Project aims to transform an area recently acquired by the gardens into a sheltered and shady location by planting a selection of advanced trees and shrubs. The space will be available to both locals and visitors as a space which can be used for community and family gatherings, or a stopping off point for travelling groups
Maximum amount applied for	\$3,050
Expected date of project completion	1/09/2019

Project Details

Include in this section information about the project and how it will help to contribute to achieving the goals of the grant program. Reference to the “*CBWF Community Grant Program Guidelines*” is important. Make sure to also include information on the following details:

- A summary of what the project is, including where it is
- An indication of the objectives of the project, what the planned outcomes are and how they can be measured
- An explanation of how the community will benefit
- An estimation of how many people will benefit
- What contribution/in kind support your organisation will make towards the project
- Who will manage the project
- What the overall cost of the project is
- What the timeline of the project is

(please attach additional pages if required)

The Queen Mary Gardens are situated on Napier St, St Arnaud. They were created in 1884 and have provided a green and pleasant place over many decades for local residents and visitors alike.

The Friends of the Queen Mary Gardens was formed in 1988 to promote awareness of the gardens, to raise funds for the gardens and to carry out restoration work.

Recently an area adjacent to the Gardens, which had previously been used as a bowling green, was returned to the gardens.

A plan has been drawn up by a landscape designer to redevelop this site into a space which can be used for family gatherings, weddings and similar community events, as well as a picnic spot for smaller groups.

The Friends of the Gardens are seeking funding to enable them to plant 17 advanced and semi-advanced trees and shrubs in this area. By planting advanced trees, the Friends believe that the area will be transformed into a shady and sheltered location in the shortest possible time.

The population of St Arnaud and surrounds is about 2,000, this includes the community of Coonooer Bridge. Everyone in the district would benefit from improvements to the Gardens which are accessible to all.

As the Gardens are on the main thoroughfare between Ballarat and the Mallee, and Adelaide and north eastern Victoria, they are a very popular stopping-off point for travellers. Any improvement to the Gardens would increase the number of visitors to St Arnaud and bring improved prosperity to the town.

The Friends of the Gardens would source and plant the trees and shrubs.

The project would be managed by Jo Hamilton, a member of the Friends, former Curator of the Queen Mary Gardens, and Chair of the Committee of Management of the Queen Mary Gardens.

The overall cost of the project would be \$4,410, comprising

9 advanced trees @ \$250	\$2,250
8 semi-advanced trees/shrubs @ \$100	\$800
Labour, 34 hours @ \$40 (provided by the Friends of the Gardens)	\$1,360

The Project should be completed by 1st September 2019.