
Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve

The Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve (TRRCR) provides a sanctuary of natural wetlands for native flora and fauna. Located on the south side of Traralgon, it attracts residents and visitors alike.

Established in 1844, the reservoir was originally used by the Victorian Railways to fill steam engines. Today it is home to a diverse number of trees, shrubs and grasses as well as migratory and local water birds.

Since 1996, a group of volunteers, the 'Friends of the TRRCR', has managed the reserve, undertaking maintenance and construction projects.

In 1999, Loy Yang B became involved, providing funding for the ongoing development of the reserve.

The reserve was given a significant financial boost in 2006, when Loy Yang B's parent company, ENGIE, provided \$95,000 under its Flagship Award Project to assist funding a major stage of the reserve's development plan - an interpretive education shelter.

The centrepiece of major investment between business, local government and the community, the shelter features educational and historical information about the reserve and its significance to the local environment.

In conjunction with ENGIE's extensive Landcare program, thousands of new trees, shrubs and native grasses have also been planted in the past decade.

As part of the Flagship Project, an ecological assessment was undertaken in 2006. A species of national significance, the Matted Flax-lily (*Dianella amoena*) - which is listed as endangered on the federal endangered species list - was recorded.

The Railway Reserve, open to visitors 365 days a year, is one of the area's marquee attractions.

