



Crossroads Medieval Co-operative Limited ABN 71 099 126 961

# Your Project at Crossroads

If you, your household or your group would like to undertake a project at Crossroads, the following guidelines will be of assistance.

## General

The Crossroads property is owned by the members of the Crossroads Co-op, a non-profit group which aims to build an ecologically sustainable community with excellent facilities for medieval activities.

Crossroads welcomes proposals which will help to develop the site in this way, if your ideas will contribute to the medieval ambience of the site and not detract from other intended uses of the property.

Treeplanting and landscaping is also encouraged on the same basis, providing that the plants and locations are suitable (see below).

There are some projects which do not require approval. For **major** and **minor** projects, Crossroads has specific approval processes.

**Remember there is no guarantee that Rowany Festival will continue to allocate your group the same campsite in future years.**

## Activities not requiring approval

The following activities do not require approval from Crossroads.

Anywhere on the site

- Watering trees
- Spreading mulch

In a specific campsite:

- Digging fire pits (and making safe afterwards)
- Digging compost pits (and filling them in)
- Planting trees, shrubs, grass - providing plants are
  - not impinging on general area
  - of medieval European appearance, or local native species
  - not a fire hazard
  - not noxious weeds, and are unlikely to spread to the nature reserve, and
  - non-toxic to stock and children.
  - not prone to dropping branches

## Minor Projects

Minor projects include earthworks, fireplaces, small constructions and landscaping within or adjacent to your campsite. Extensions to existing terraces count as minor projects. Buildings are *not* minor projects but a footbridge is.

Minor projects can be approved by the Crossroads Site Coordinator. It is helpful if you can email a request to the Site Coordinator or the Crossroads Board as this can clarify the request and speed up the approval.

Minor projects which are approved are subject to the following conditions: if the final result **detracts from the medieval ambience** of the site, is **left incomplete** for a long period, or **interferes** with a current or future development of the site, Crossroads can remove it. In the case of incomplete or un-medieval works, Crossroads may charge you any costs incurred in doing so.

**Exemption:** if your project is entirely within your campsite and can be easily disassembled, eg a fireplace built without cement, no approval is required. Crossroads reserves the right to remove it as described above

## Major Projects

Major projects include buildings, new terraces, car bridges and roads. These must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Crossroads Board, and there must be a Crossroads Co-op member involved with the proposal. Crossroads consults with the Rowany Festival organisers before major projects are endorsed.

Buildings will usually require Council approval, although small (10m<sup>2</sup>) structures can be built as Exempt structures under Yass Council regulation. Contact the Crossroads Site Coordinator. for more details.

Crossroads has some existing overall Council development approval for cabins, a hall, a barn and an amenities block. Other developments will require further Council paperwork which can be expensive and time-consuming, and the Board will need to consider issues of timing and priority.

Any buildings will need to fit in with the existing buildings, and have a generally medieval appearance. They have to be safe in bushfires and be of reasonably ecological construction (eg orientation, insulation, materials).

Where groups would like to sponsor or contribute to particular buildings, the Board will be pleased to consider any proposals. Crossroads has developed a set of guidelines that outline some possible ways this could work – they are available by email.

## Contacts

The Crossroads Site Coordinator can be contacted via email at: [crossroads@crossroads.org.au](mailto:crossroads@crossroads.org.au) or via the current Crossroads postal address.

The current postal address is available at the Crossroads Website: [www.crossroads.org.au](http://www.crossroads.org.au), specifically <http://www.crossroads.org.au/email.html>

Any projects will be brought to the attention of the Crossroads Site Coordinator. Please note the identity of the current Crossroads Site Coordinator is also specified at the Crossroads Website: [www.crossroads.org.au](http://www.crossroads.org.au), specifically <http://www.crossroads.org.au/board/board.html>