

Frequently Asked Questions



Why is this project happening?

Melbourne's western catchments are some of the fastest growing areas in Australia. They are also drier and often warmer than other parts of Melbourne. As the population increases so too does pollution, heat and pressure on the environment. Trees and vegetation are vital components for liveable, healthy suburbs and provide many social, environmental and economic benefits.

Trees and vegetation help to combat climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. As our cities warm they also contribute to reducing the 'urban heat island effect'. Cooler, shaded spaces in our parks, in streetscapes and alongside homes can reduce heat stress particularly for those in our community who are most vulnerable to high temperatures.

There is also evidence to suggest that people living in areas with quality 'green space' are more likely to be physically active and healthier than those living in areas with low levels of greenery.

Are all properties eligible for funding?

Properties who wish to plant indigenous vegetation within the Werribee and Maribyrnong Catchments are eligible for funding. The project team will assess a property's suitability and priority and we will provide feedback to all applicants.

How long is this offer open?

The project will run for two years, until the end of 2017.

If I participate, will a covenant be placed on my property?

No. Landholders who receive funding only need to enter into a 5 year written agreement with the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority to ensure the property improvements are maintained. These land management agreements do not affect the property title or infer any obligations on a new owner if the property is sold.

If I submit an Expression of Interest form, what happens next?

The project team will contact you shortly after the close of [Round 1 Expression of Interest Process](#) to discuss and assess the area for revegetation and the suitability to be part of the project. If the site meets the funding criteria, a proposal will be sent out to you about the works to be carried out and your contribution towards them. If you decide to go ahead, the works would be documented in an agreement and scheduled for 2016-2017 period.

Who is running this project?

Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority are a major delivery partner of the Greening the West – 1 Million Trees Project and will be establishing more than 400,000 trees in the Werribee and Maribyrnong catchments.

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