

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.

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 700,000 trees in the Werribee and Maribyrnong catchments.

Are all properties eligible for funding?

Properties who wish to plant indigenous vegetation that grow 2+ metres 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. New sites will require site preparation works to be undertaken in 2016 with the intention of tree planting in winter 2017.

How much money will I receive?

The project can fund up to \$4.50 per tree. This amount includes all site preparation works, tube stock, tree guard and planting labour. This may not cover all the establishment costs, hence you may need to subsidise the difference by financially contributing to the costs or undertaking some of the tasks yourself.

Who will manage the works on my land?

The project uses two delivery models: 1) PPWCMA staff assist with the coordination of contractors and manage the budget directly or 2) A grant is given to the landholders in 3 instalments to coordinate contractors. You will be given assistance throughout the implementation process if required.

What type of work will I have to coordinate?

To undertake a successful revegetation project you will need to undertake some or all of the tasks within the designated area. This is site dependant: Tree line ripping (if applicable), rabbit control works such as harbour removal

Who will order the trees and guards?

Upon agreement, PPWCMA will place an order on behalf of all landholders that partake in this project. This will enable greater buying power at competitive rates. The delivery or pick up of trees and guards from the suppliers will need to be organised by the landholder and may incur a fee.

Which contractors do we select to undertake works?

PPWCMA has a panel of competitively priced contractors which you have the option of engaging as a participant of this program.

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 you have completed an Expression of Interest Form 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.

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