

Stream Frontage Management Program

ASSISTANCE FOR RIVER HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



"I know I'm caring for the creek" The shade and shelter benefits of fencing off and revegetating his creek frontage "have been great", but it's knowing that he's caring for the creek that is Owen Shaw's biggest motivator.

Maribyrnong River

About the program

Melbourne Water's Stream Frontage Management Program provides assistance to private landholders to carry out work that will help improve the condition of a river or creek. This is important to Melbourne Water as the caretaker of river health for the Port Phillip and Westernport region and also offers a range of benefits to landholders.

If you own land adjacent to a river or a creek in the area managed by Melbourne Water, you may be eligible for assistance through the program.

About us

Rivers, estuaries and wetlands are central to many aspects of daily life. Melbourne Water works in partnership with the community, our customers and stakeholders, in managing waterways to ensure their value to the community is protected and improved. As well as offering assistance to private landholders through the Stream Frontage Management Program, we also help community groups and public land managers. Please see our website for more information (www.melbournewater.com.au).

The projects we support are helping to achieve our goals for the improvement of waterway health.

Program benefits

The benefits of being involved in the Stream Frontage Management Program can include:

- Support in achieving your goals for the land you manage through technical advice and financial assistance
- Site assessment – one of our professional site assessors will provide expert advice tailored to your property
- Improved productivity by contributing to better management practices on your property
- Reduced expenditure by introducing best management practices
- Improved aesthetic of the property and the opportunity to see positive change in the environment. For example, reduced weed cover and return of birds.





How we can assist you

The Stream Frontage Management Program can provide:

- Technical assistance for improving waterways. This may include advice on best management practices; property planning and staging works; weed and vegetation management; fencing and stock management; pest animal control
- Financial assistance for on-ground works that improve the environmental condition of rivers and creeks
Funds are allocated to successful applicants on a cost-share basis, with Melbourne Water and the applicant sharing the total cost.

Eligible materials and works include:

- streamside fencing
- weed control
- new planting / revegetation
- off-stream stock watering points
- minor stream bank stabilisation
- some ongoing maintenance
- educational needs (e.g. chemical use certification)

If proposed works are complex (e.g. erosion control requiring rock work), we may refer them to a Melbourne Water work team to do.

Contact us if you would like to discuss:

- your project idea
- ideas for works or materials not listed here.

Your role

Depending on what materials or works are funded, landowners who receive assistance through the program are required to:

- organise contractors, if required, to carry out funded works
- complete the agreed works within an agreed period of time (usually 12 months)
- where applicable fence the waterway along the agreed alignment (a minimum setback of 10m is usually required) and maintain fences and gates in good order
- maintain new plantings
- organise initial and follow-up weed control
- keep stock out of revegetated / regenerated areas
- use sympathetic farm and land management practices
- manage their frontage in the long term for improved river health outcomes
- undertake works in a safe manner.

How to apply

1. Complete the Stream Frontage Management Program Application form
2. Email or post the application form to:
River Health Incentives Program, Melbourne Water,
Reply Paid 4342, Melbourne VIC 8060
Phone: (03) 9679 7431
Email: river.health@melbournewater.com.au

Assessment and notification

We will send you an acknowledgement when we receive your application. Eligible applicants will be contacted to arrange a site assessment. The site assessment enables the project to be further developed in collaboration so that the works meet your and our objectives. Once a suitable project has been decided upon by both parties, you will be asked to enter into an agreement with Melbourne Water to undertake the works as per the agreed project, funding and timelines.

Privacy Statement: Melbourne Water respects the privacy of your personal information. We collect and handle personal information responsibly and in conformity with the Information Privacy Act 2000 (Vic). Personal information collected as part of the River Health Incentives Program will be collected and handled in accordance with that Act. Your personal information will only be used for the purpose of assessing and administering your application and any future applications. To process your application, Melbourne Water may need to check with your local council and/or state government departments regarding the title status of your waterway frontage, and/or whether there is an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage site within your waterway frontage. You may seek access to your personal information by contacting Melbourne Water. If you have any questions about our privacy policy, visit our website, melbournewater.com.au, or call us on 131 722. Contact details River Health Incentives Program, Waterways Group, Melbourne Water. Phone: (03) 9679 7431. Website: melbournewater.com.au

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APPLICATION FORM

I am a private landowner/land manager with waterway frontage
I am interested in improving the health of my river/creek
waterway frontage

PROJECT LOCATION

PROPERTY ADDRESS

NAME OF RIVER/CREEK

MELWAY/ESMAP/VICMAP REFERENCE

CONTACT DETAILS

NAME OF LANDOWNER/LAND MANAGER

Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Other

FIRST NAME

SURNAME

GROUP/ORGANISATION NAME (ONLY IF THE APPLICANT)

POSTAL ADDRESS

POSTCODE

PREFERRED CONTACT NUMBER

EMAIL

LAND USE (PLEASE TICK)

Dairy	Grazing
Hobby farm	Horticulture/Orchard/Vineyard
Development site	Industrial
Residential	Golf course/Sporting club
School	Public open space
Conservation reserve	Other (please specify)



LAND OWNERSHIP (TICK THE CATEGORY WHICH BEST DESCRIBES THE CREEK FRONTAGE LAND)

Private freehold

Leased Crown land

(if crown land please provide your licence no. & specify type of licence)

CROWN LAND WATER FRONTAGE LICENSE NUMBER

Grazing

Riparian Management

Grazing & Riparian Management

Other (please specify)

Unsure

LENGTH OF WATERWAY FRONTAGE*

* Preference will be given to properties with river/creek frontage greater than 50m and/or works involving groups of neighbours. (If your property has short river/creek frontage, we encourage you to develop a project which involves your neighbours).

WHAT ISSUES DO YOU HAVE ON YOUR PROPERTY THAT YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH?

WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE WILL HELP YOU TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES?

Fencing

Revegetation

Exotic tree/willow control

Education

Technical advice

Off-stream stock watering

Channel stabilisation

Weed control

Property or frontage

management planning

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT MELBOURNE WATER GRANTS (PLEASE TICK)?

Press advertisement

Landcare group

Council

Field day

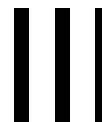
Direct mailing

Website

Social media

Other

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Please provide a sketch map of property project site/location

Draw map below indicating:

- the approximate position of major features (e.g. waterways, boundaries, roads, bridges, buildings)
- the approximate location of your proposed works (fence lines, weed control, revegetation areas), and
- approximate dimensions of project site (in metres or hectares).

Key

 North	 Waterway	 Road
 Dam	 Fence	 Weeds
 Remnant Vegetation	 Proposed Revegetation	

