

Stream Frontage Management Program

ASSISTANCE FOR RIVER HEALTH
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



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

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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: 131 722
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. An audit will be undertaken onsite at the completion of the project.

Privacy Statement: Melbourne Water respects the privacy of your personal information and we collect and handle it in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). We collect it to assess your River Health Incentives Program application, manage contractual agreements and communicate with you about them. To assist us to assess your application we may share your personal information with our contractors, the relevant council, other government agencies and community-based natural resource management organisations. Melbourne Water or our contractors may contact you to conduct customer research. Without the required and up to date personal information we are unable to process applications and enter agreements and may not be able to contact you about them. You may access your personal information at Melbourne Water. Contact our Privacy Advisor, Phone: 131 722, Email: enquiry@melbournewater.com.au Our Privacy Policy and our full River Health Incentives Program Privacy Statement are on our website and available on request.

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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)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy | <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby farm | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture/Orchard/Vineyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development site | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf course/Sporting club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Public open space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation reserve | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing & Riparian Management | |

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?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing | <input type="checkbox"/> Off-stream stock watering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Revegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> Channel stabilisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exotic tree/willow control | <input type="checkbox"/> Weed control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Property or frontage management planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technical advice | |

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

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Press advertisement | <input type="checkbox"/> Direct mailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landcare group | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field day | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

