



Enhancing Shade and Shelter through Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network

Funding Source: Energy Australia

Available funding 2023-2025 - \$75,000 (2023 Round I \$25,000)

Round I Applications Closed – Your application will be added to our list for future rounds

Funding is available to support projects on private land that provide shade and shelter for your stock. Shelter belts, paddock trees and native vegetation provide enormous benefits in extreme hot and cold weather events to livestock productivity, as well as being valuable assets for biodiversity and carbon sequestration.

Minimum property size 5 acres (2 Ha)

Objectives

The goal of this project is to engage landholders within the Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network area to fence off remnant vegetation and / or to create native shelterbelts across their property. LCLN staff will conduct site visits and assessments would be conducted using the standard LCLN assessment in which a project ranking system has been developed. These assessment sheets assist to prioritise projects based on 3 basic criteria:

- Economic Value (Cost / Ha)
- Ecological Value (environmental outcomes)
- Landholder motivation / reputation

The objectives of this project are:

1. Protect our valuable soils from erosion by providing shelter in open areas
2. Improve water quality and reduce nutrient runoff across the catchment area
3. Educate landholders and community on the importance of shade and shelter

Application Process

1. **Apply** – Complete the accompanying application form, including a map (google map ok) and include any extra information to explain what you would like to achieve on your property.
2. **Ranking of projects** – Depending on the number of applications we receive, we may not be able to fund all projects in the first year. Proposed sites will be assessed and we will do what we can to assist as many members as possible, as fairly as possible. We will advise you if we can/can't fund your site.
3. **Site inspections** – A LCLN Project Officer will be out to assess your site pre-Christmas to finalise the site plan, allowing us to order plants with the nurseries and issuing contracts so that you can prepare sites over summer and autumn.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelsey Tong on 0484 000 614 or email: kelsey.tong@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Successful Round 1 projects for 2023 will need to be completed by October 2023

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Contact Details

Landholder name			
Business Name			
Postal Address			
Email			
Contact Number			
Preferred contact method (circle)	Email	Phone	
Do you Have an ABN?	YES	NO	
ABN Number if applicable			
Are you registered for GST?	YES	NO	

Other Details

Are you a member of Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network? (you must be a member to be eligible for funding)	YES	NO
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To join a Landcare Group or become an Independent member of the LCLN Network [JOIN HERE](#) or contact the Network on 0472 503 088.

Project Details

Project Site Address			
Who Owns the site? (pls circle)	Private	Public	Other
Is any of the project area located on Crown Land?	YES		NO
Approximate size of property?	Ha		
What is the site currently used for?	e.g., Beef, sheep, Lifestyle etc		

Project Site Map

Please include a map. You can use Google maps (or something similar) or draw a simple map of the project site that includes distances, length and width of works, a north arrow, nearby remnant vegetation, weeds infestations, waterways and the nearest road.

Project Aim

What is the main aim of your project? Please describe what you would like to achieve at the site.

Work Details

Which of the following statements best describes the nature of the works proposed for your site?

- Protect/enhance a waterway
 - Protect/enhance a gully
 - Protect/enhance remnant vegetation
 - Improve habitat for wildlife
 - Link existing remnant vegetation patches
 - Create a shelterbelt/wind break
 - Control invasive plants or animals
 - Improve soil health
 - Salinity management
 - Other, please specify:
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Please detail the types of works you are interested in receiving financial assistance for:

- Weed control
The weeds to be controlled are

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- Fencing materials (corridors need to be 10 metres wide minimum)
The approximate length of fencing is _____metres

Please note if there is already a fence in place, Landcare will not provide funding to renew it.

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- Native tube stock
The approximate area of revegetation is _____hectares
(1ha = 100m x 100m)

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- Other

Please specify

Have you had a project completed on your property before? If so, please provide detail and what year?

How does your project engage or involve an environmental group or volunteers?

Briefly describe how your project will benefit the landscape and address key climate issues.

Can you explain how your project will benefit the surrounding Landscape.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____