

## About the program

The Healthy Habitats program aims to encourage the voluntary establishment, enhancement and protection of bushland, wetlands, and wildlife habitat on private land to increase local biodiversity and canopy cover.

## The program offers:

- Ongoing information and advice about bushland management
- Site visit, property assessment and report
- Targeted management actions
- Assistance with funding to carry out management activities



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## Healthy Habitats Program

Bringing biodiversity home

Shire of  
Murray

## How to apply

Applications are submitted via the Shire website.

To participate in the program, private land must be zoned Rural, Special Rural or Rural Residential, be more than 1 hectare in size and located within the Shire of Murray.

Project proposals must address one or more of the program's desired outcomes.

## What comes next?

### If your application is approved:

- Shire's Environmental team will organise a site visit to your property
- Discuss project ideas and how they can be delivered
- Shire undertakes property assessment
- Receive property report containing possible management actions

### If you would like to obtain funding:

- Complete funding application form
- If approved, undertake works and keep all receipts
- Complete acquittal report and receive rebate from Shire

## Desired outcomes

- Protect threatened flora & fauna species
- Achieve a net gain of biodiversity
- Protect natural areas and significant habitat
- Increase urban canopy
- Rehabilitate natural areas on private land
- Control the spread of weeds and pest animals
- Protect existing nesting hollows or create more nesting opportunities
- Improve vegetation condition and diversity
- Enhances ecological connectivity
- Protect and enhance riparian vegetation, natural waterways and wetlands
- Protect and restore a Threatened or Priority Ecological Community and their associated buffers



## Funding available

Funding assistance is available year-round or until the annual allocation is exhausted. Applicants may apply for a maximum of \$1,000 (minimum of \$100) from the Shire.

Following project completion successful grant applicants will be paid via rebate.

Please ensure you have read the program guidelines regarding all requirements for funding.

### Activities eligible for funding:

- Fencing and access control
- Weed and animal pest control
- Revegetation of degraded areas
- Revegetation to create linkages
- Infill revegetation of remnant bushland
- Installation of habitat boxes/tubes

### Activities not eligible for funding:

- Activities that have already been undertaken
- Activities that involve the planting of non-native species
- Activities that are solely for beautifying or improving aesthetics
- Activities that are considered the statutory responsibility of the landowner
- Activities that impact on any Matter of Environmental Significance