

SCOTSBURN PHOENIX PROJECT



**THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS FUNDING TO
RESTORE AND ENHANCE ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES ON YOUR PROPERTY.**

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT?

To protect, and provide fire affected landholders the opportunity to enhance and rehabilitate the natural environment on properties within the Scotsburn fire zone.



THE LEIGH CATCHMENT GROUP

The Leigh Catchment Group (LCG) will manage the Scotsburn Phoenix Project. The LCG is a network of eight Landcare groups. For over 20 years the LCG have been bringing all members of the community together to maintain, protect and repair the fragile environment in our landscape.

Our Landcare Groups and landowners have and continue to deliver numerous projects on farmland, urban, public land, and small semi-rural properties to deliver significant environmental outcomes.

We have always encouraged all members of the community to become involved in our groups activities, to help us reach our vision of "Working together to achieve sustainable ecosystems, agriculture and communities".

WHERE IS THE MONEY TO FUND THIS COMING FROM?

The Victorian Government provided support for the Scotsburn community's recovery from the bushfire that occurred on the 19th of December 2015, with a \$624,000 funding boost for landscape rehabilitation to the Corangamite CMA. The Corangamite CMA has partnered with the Leigh Catchment Group to deliver the *Scotsburn Phoenix Project* into the community.

The Leigh Catchment Group want to ensure these funds are delivered in a fair and considered way to landholders according to the regional environmental strategies and priorities and that all fire-affected residents take advantage of this opportunity to access funds to help them and the environment recover and rebuild.

We aim to appropriately allocate the resources to ensure we can spend this funding as efficiently as possible with on-ground activities being the priority.





WHAT WILL BE FUNDED?

Properties that were partially or fully burnt by the fire can be funded in this project.

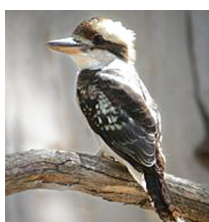
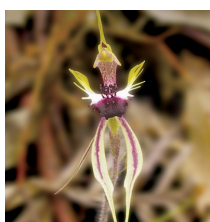
Examples of some of the activities that may be funded are:

- Environmental assessments
- Revegetation of indigenous plants
- Weed spraying
- Rabbit control
- Fencing of environmental features
- Protecting remnant vegetation
- Erosion control
- Pasture redevelopment

We will consider any ideas as long as they enhance and protect the environment. An independent panel will assess large projects and projects that don't fit the more common environmental restoration works, like the examples above.

TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS

We want to make sure everyone in the Scotsburn fire zone has the chance to access this money so please let your neighbours know and have a chat about your priorities together.



WHAT IF I'M NOT READY TO COMPLETE WORKS ON MY PROPERTY?

The project will be delivered over a period of four years

We realise everyone is not in a position to commence work immediately, this time of the year, or even for the next year or two.

We **do need to know** if you are interested - so we can plan, prepare and set aside funding to ensure everyone has access to this offer.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO ACCESS THESE FUNDS?

You need to tell us as soon as possible, if you are interested in accessing this funding. There are two ways to contact us if you are interested in accessing the funding:

- 1 Complete and return the enclosed expression of interest form & return to:

Leigh Catchment Group
PO Box 167
Buninyong VIC 3357

OR,

- 2 Contact the Leigh Catchment Group staff:

Nick McKinley – Landcare Coordinator
TEL: 0455 147 398
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