



Hello, new rural land owners!

Welcome to Baw Baw Shire! This is a popular area for people looking for a tree-change to a rural or lifestyle property. We know that new rural land owners have various levels of experience in land management, so we've put together some information to help you out.

New Rural Land Owner Information Pack

To make your transition into Baw Baw Shire as seamless as possible, we'll be sending all new rural land owners, with properties over one hectare in size, an information pack with lots of useful information that is specific to this region. This information will help you manage local common weeds and vegetation on your property.

These information pack includes:

- A booklet titled "Common Weeds of Gippsland",
- A \$20 voucher to purchase native plants,
- A booklet titled "Managing Your Rural Property", and
- An offer for a visit to your property by our Natural Environment team.

This information pack is also available upon request.

Rural Weed Assistance Grant

Landowners who have purchased a property with existing Declared Noxious Weeds may be able to access a Rural Weed Assistance Grant to assist in tackling local priority weeds, including Blackberries, Ragwort, Thistles and Paterson's curse.

To see if you are eligible for the grant, you will need to fill in a Rural Weed Assistance Grant application form. You can access a copy of the application form on Council's Website or by calling 5624 2411.

Rural Tree Grant

Rural landowners and community groups may also be eligible for a Rural Tree Grant which provides funds for native tree planting projects, for rehabilitation of existing native vegetation, wildlife corridors, shelterbelts or waterways.

To see if you are eligible for the grant, you will need to fill in a Rural Tree Grant application form. You can access a copy of the application form on Council's Website or by calling 5624 2411.

Contact us

We're here to help!

For more information about weeds, rabbit control, rural property management, rural tree grants, Landcare groups, local native plants, community planting days, and the conservation of waterways and remnant native vegetation areas – please visit our website or contact our Natural Environment team on 5624 2411 or by email at natural.environment@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au