



# Rural Environment Tree Planting Program

Grant Application Form



The aim of the program is to provide community groups and individuals with funds for tree planting projects. Native plantings will help landowners enhance the biodiversity and sustainability of their properties and contribute to the rural environment in Baw Baw Shire.

Council will provide grants for purchase of native plants indigenous to the area to be planted and/or tree guards to protect them. Applicants will be expected to supply labour for site preparation, planting, weed control and on-going maintenance of the site. Funding will not be provided for garden plants or amenity planting. Successful applicants will be notified by telephone or mail. It will be the applicant's responsibility to collect plants from nurseries.

## Funding Guidelines

- One grant per property per financial year (maximum of two grants per property). Properties must be over .5ha to be eligible (excluding community plantings).
- Properties between 0.5ha and 2ha are eligible for a \$50 grant.
- Properties between 2ha and 5ha are eligible for a \$100 grant.
- Properties over 5ha are eligible for a \$200 grant.
- Properties which have been directly impacted fire events will be eligible for a \$300 grant.
- Properties that require repairs to landslips will be eligible for a \$300 grant.
- Properties over 50ha may be eligible for further grants. Applicants can select either:
  - Plants and guards
  - Plants only
  - Guards only
- Plant species will be determined by the Ecological Vegetation Class (EVC) and the availability from nominated nursery.
- Where trees are to be planted on land that is not owned by the applicant written permission must be given from Council or the landowner before planting.
- Plant crates and tubes to be returned to the nursery for reuse. Nurseries may ask for a small deposit for crates at the time of collection.
- Grants will not be given for proposals linked to planning permit conditions or where alternative funds may be obtained.
- There is a limit to funding available each year; late applicants may have to wait for the following year.

## Planning your project

Draw up a plan for your planting.

Remember to check for:

- The location of services such as overhead powerlines.
- Traffic and pedestrian visibility.
- Access for future weed control and maintenance.
- Is permission needed from the land manager.

Work out the area and number of plants – trees are usually planted at 1.5 m intervals, shrubs and understorey can be planted closer. Smaller trees / shrubs are best planted near fences. Plan how the area is to be maintained into the future.

Site preparation is important and may include weed control for blackberries or environmental weeds, spot spraying of areas with roundup, or loosening of ground if area is compacted.

Tree planters are available from local Landcare groups or may be borrowed from Council to assist with planting.

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Applicant / Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Property size (Ha): \_\_\_\_\_

A diagram showing location of plants must be included with application (see reverse side).

Benefits of the project: Wildlife Corridor Waterway Protection Soil Stabilisation  
Rehabilitation of existing native vegetation

Other \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for: Trees & Tree Guards Trees Only Tree Guards Only  
Property directly fire affected Planting for landslip repair  
Community planting only (Plant numbers required)

Preferred Nursery: Blue Gum Forest Nursery  
Grand Ridge Propagation  
Habitat Creations Gippsland  
Strzelecki Plant Farm  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

It is the applicants responsibility to contact the nursery to arrange a time to pick up the plants after the grant application has been approved

Timing: Spring 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Autumn 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Partners in project eg. Landcare, WGCMA, Melbourne Water: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Baw Baw Shire, PO Box 304 Warragul 3820 or email bawbaw@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

## Nursery contact details

**Blue Gum Forest Nursery** 285 Warragul Rd, Korumburra (Contact Fenny and Trevor on 5655 2765)

**Grand Ridge Propagation** 38 Post Office Rd, Seaview (Contact Rob and Kristy on 0419 006 176)

**Habitat Creations Gippsland** Lot 2/11 Old Sale Rd, Moe (Phone 1800 44 22 48)

**Strzelecki Plant Farm** 974 Mirboo Yarragon Rd, Allambee (Contact Ian and Gay on 5668 7209)

Council use only

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Application Approved: / / Order No: \_\_\_\_\_

Nursery: \_\_\_\_\_

EVC: \_\_\_\_\_

Order value: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Plan of project

Sketch location of planting site on property, existing native vegetation and waterways.

