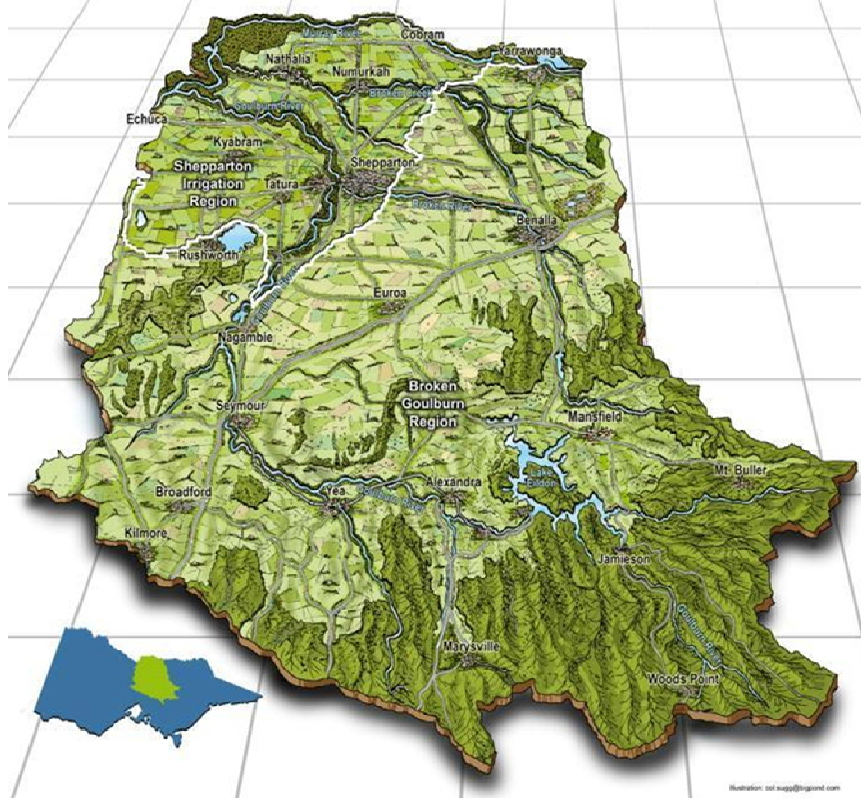


Goulburn Broken Catchment



For further information on Funding & Projects please contact the Regional Landcare Coordinator, your local Community Programs contact, or our website www.gbcma.vic.gov.au

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GRANTS & INCENTIVES to assist groups & landholders in the Goulburn Broken CMA Region. November 2009.





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 Australian Government Australian Government Drought Assistance	Centrelink is assisting people in communities that have been affected by the drought in a number of ways. This assistance includes payments and services for farmers, small businesses, farm hands, irrigators and industry, and the wider community. Grants & incentives between \$5,500 and \$150,000 are available.	See website www.centrelink.gov.au and follow the links to 'Payments' or call Centrelink on 132 316.	Apply ASAP. Many grants close June 2010 or earlier.
 Australia Post / FRRR Stretching the Envelope grants	The program offers small grants to fund projects in rural & regional communities in the areas of youth, education and arts and culture. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available to community groups in regional areas of Victoria, Tasmania & New South Wales.	See website www.frrr.org.au or call 1800 170 020	2010 round dates to be set soon.
 Bendigo Bank Sponsorship	Sponsorships deliver benefits through financial contributions, the utilisation of our network and alliances, contribution of our management's knowledge and staff participation. Sponsorship proposals should fit in with the bank's target audience, in particular youth and consumers who embrace their community and are keen to understand how they can gain maximum benefit from their involvement. As a condition, the Bank must be the only financial & telecommunication sponsor.	See the website www.bendigo.bank.com.au for more details and the one page sponsorship application form.	Application can be made anytime.
 Victoria The Place To Be Bush Guardians Scheme	The program aims to protect threatened flora and fauna from the threats of weeds and pests on specified public land parcels located across Victoria by engaging community groups to propose, manage and undertake on ground works.	See website www.dse.vic.gov.au and follow the links to 'Plants & Animals', 'Pest Plants', 'Initiatives'.	The 2009/10 round closed November 30 2009. See website.






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  Caring For Our Country (CFOC)	<p>CFOC is the new program which replaces NHT, NAP and NLP. It will invest in projects which match six national priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia's national reserve system • biodiversity and natural icons (including weeds, feral animals and threatened species) • coasts and aquatic habitats • sustainable farm practices & Landcare • natural resource management in remote and northern Australia and • community skills, knowledge and engagement. <p>Submitting an EOI in the GBCMA's annual round will access these funds, or your group can submit an application directly to the Commonwealth during the annual call for projects. Your project must align with the priorities set in the annual Business Plan, and funding of \$20,000 and above can be provided.</p>	<p>See websites www.nrm.gov.au for further information and application forms. and www.gbcma.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>The GBCMA 2010-11 EOI round opened mid October & closed Monday November 30 2009.</p> <p>Direct applications for the 2010-11 CFOC round close early 2010. Applications are available on the www.nrm.gov.au website</p>
 Community Education Grants (Upper & Mid)	<p>CEGs will fund up to \$4,000 for projects that contribute primarily to awareness & education of the catchment & related environmental issues. Projects that involve a number of groups & have wide community benefits with broad promotion of catchment issues will be given a higher priority. See 'Shepparton Irrigation Region Catchment Education & Awareness Grants' for similar funding available in the SIR.</p>	<p>Contact Rhiannon Apted on 5736 0108 or 0429 964 609.</p>	<p>Calls for projects are made around June/July and close August/September each year.</p>
 Victorian Community Support Grants	<p>This program aims to build stronger, more active & inclusive neighbourhoods and communities. These grants will support communities to build on their assets which range from local skills, knowledge and the strength of social connections and networks through to facilities, buildings and other infrastructure. Depending on the category up to or \$1,000,000 may be awarded.</p>	<p>See website www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au or call 1300 166 356</p>	<p>Applications can be made anytime.</p>

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 Sustainable Irrigated Landscapes	<p>Water Smart Farms Project, covers the North East and Goulburn Broken Dryland Regions Currently incentives are available for Irrigation Farm Plans at 50% of invoice costs up to \$4,000 per Farm. Implementation of Irrigation Management Information Days Case Manage G-MW New Water Developments.</p>	<p>Contact Sam Longley on 5833 5254 or 0429 403 266</p>	<p>Applications can be made anytime.</p>
 Volunteer Grants Program	<p>Commonwealth funding of up to \$5,000 or eligible not-for-profit organisations to support their volunteers & encourage volunteering by purchasing small equipment, sporting items and contributing towards fuel costs.</p>	<p>See website www.fahcsia.gov.au or call 1800 183 374</p>	<p>The 2009 round closed September 25.</p>
 Victorian Volunteer Small Grants	<p>Grants of up to \$5,000 aim to encourage local community organisations to attract new volunteers from diverse backgrounds & create new volunteering opportunities. Community organisations can apply for funding of projects which improve their capability to manage, develop & maintain programs.</p>	<p>See website www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au or call 1300 366 356</p>	<p>Applications can be made anytime and will be assessed within two months.</p>
 Waterway Grants	<p>Waterway Grants are available for Fencing, Revegetation and Off-stream watering points for stock. Works such as bed & bank stabilisation, exotic vegetation control and in-stream habitat enhancement may also be undertaken by the GBCMA in conjunction with waterway grants.</p>	<p>Contacts: Upper - Christine Glassford 5736 0100 Mid - Geoff Brennan 5761 1505 SIR - Gaye Sutherland 5820 1100</p>	<p>Applications can be made anytime.</p>
 Woolworths Sustainable Farming and Fresh Food Kids Grants	<p>The Sustainable Farming Program offers grants of up to \$10,000 for developing, improving and encouraging sustainable farming practices and to increase the capacity of farming businesses to manage and recover from droughts. Fresh Food Kids Community Grants offer grants of up to \$5,000 to help primary school aged children to lead healthier more active lives.</p>	<p>See www.landcareonline.com.au for further information or phone Landcare Australia on 1800 151 105.</p>	<p>Sustainable Farming Grants closed November 6 2009. Fresh Food Kids Grants closed April 6 2009</p>

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 <p>Shepparton Irrigation Region (SIR) Catchment Education & Awareness Grants</p>	<p>CEAG's (formerly known as Community Salinity Grants) provide funding of up to \$8,000 for projects undertaken within the SIR that contribute primarily to awareness and education of regional issues including salinity, water quality, biodiversity and pest plants & animals. Projects that involve a number of groups and have wide community benefits will be given a higher priority.</p>	<p>Contact Nickee Freeman - DPI Tatura 5833 5370.</p>	<p>Calls for projects are made in September/October and close November/December each year.</p>
  <p>Shepparton Irrigation Region (SIR) Environmental Grants & Catchment Works Incentives</p>	<p>In the SIR environmental & tree growing grants are available for biodiversity protection & enhancement, & tree planting for salinity & watertable management.</p> <p>Grants are also available for fencing & revegetation activities (including direct seeding), & Catchment Works such as Whole Farm Planning, Automatic Irrigation, Drainage Reuse (contact Chris Nicholson - DPI Tatura - 5833 5932); and Tile Drainage for Horticulture, Farm Exploratory Drilling Service (FEDS), and Groundwater Pumping (contact Goulburn Murray Water Tatura - 5833 5500). Grants for Drainage Nutrient Removal Systems are also available. Contact Kym Ockerby DPI Echuca - 5482 1922, for more information.</p>	<p>Environmental Grants Joel Pike - 5833 5222.</p> <p>Whole Farm Plans, Auto Irrigation & Drainage Reuse Grants Chris Nicholson 5833 5932.</p> <p>Tile Drainage, Groundwater Pumping & Exploratory Drilling Grants Goulburn Murray Water 5833 5500.</p>	<p>Applications can be made anytime.</p>
 <p>Sustainability Victoria</p>	<p>Sustainability Victoria offer a range of rebates and grants for home owners, businesses, schools and local councils to improve the way we use our resources and reduce our environmental impacts. Rebates are given for ceiling insulation, gas and solar hot water, and solar electricity systems. The major funding programs that are run include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sustainability Fund * Renewable Energy Support Fund * Infrastructure funding * Litter grants * ResourceSmart Business * Public Place Recycling Grants 	<p>For further information and timing of grant rounds see the website at www.sustainability.vic.gov.au, email info@sustainability.vic.gov.au or call (03) 8626 8700</p>	<p>The Sustainability Fund 2009 Climate Change and Victorian Households Funding Round closed September 30 2009. Further rounds to be announced on website.</p>

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 <p>Department of Planning and Community Development</p>	<p>The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) offers a range of grants from various interest areas including Community, Indigenous, Sport and Recreation, Local Government, Youth, Women, Senior, Multicultural, Veterans, and Employment. Over 40 different grants are offered throughout the year and funding from \$500 to \$500,000 is available. See the website to find the right grant for you or your group.</p>	<p>See website www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au or call 1300 166 356.</p> <p>Guidelines and applications also available online.</p>	<p>Various closing dates for different grants. See website.</p>
 <p>Environmental Management Incentives</p>	<p>Dryland Incentives are available to landholders to protect or enhance the natural environment. Incentives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Fencing remnant vegetation including native grasslands * Enhancing remnant vegetation with understorey planting * Establishing new areas of vegetation * Wetland Protection * Woodlot Plantations * Stabilising soil erosion * Land Class fencing for native pastures 	<p>Contact DPI Benalla - 5761 1611 DPI Seymour - 5735 1253 DPI Broadford - 5784 0600 DPI Alexandra - 5772 0200</p>	<p>Application can be made anytime.</p>
 <p>Foster's Community Grants</p>	<p>Aims to build positive corporate reputation within the communities in which Foster's operate. Sponsorship benefits typically include media exposure, tickets/hospitality, signage and advertising, merchandise/ Licensing and product placement. There are no funding minimum or maximum limits but only incorporated not-for-profit organisations & charities are eligible to apply for funding.</p>	<p>See website www.fosters.com.au, email inthecommunity@fostersgroup.com or call 03 9329 5677.</p>	<p>Application can be made anytime.</p>
 <p>FRRR Small Grants for Small Rural Communities</p>	<p>A small grants program to benefit people in rural & remote communities. Projects supporting the following areas will be given preference: Community hardship in drought effected areas, Retention of young people in Rural & Regional Australia; Resettlement of immigrants in rural Australia; Community Infrastructure. The FRRR also offer other grants for schools & not-for-profit organisations (see website)</p>	<p>See website www.frrr.org.au or call 1800 170 020</p>	<p>The 2009 rounds closed March 31 and September 30. Many other grants on website.</p>

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 <p>FRRR Victorian 2009 Bushfire Grants</p>	Grants from \$1,000 and up to \$30,000 will be provided to organisations that can clearly demonstrate (for example) that they are for a charitable purpose, contribute to community renewal and or rebuilding in the areas of social and community wellbeing, economic, environmental, health, education and cultural areas, & are identified as part of the community recovery plans and by Community Recovery Committees in bushfire affected communities.	See website for further guidelines and application forms www.frrr.org.au	Closing dates are 30 November 2009, 22 Feb 2010, 24 May 2010, 23 August 2010 & 22 November 2010.
 <p>Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO)</p>	Provides funding for not-for-profit groups (including Landcare) to help deliver services & projects that protect & conserve our natural environment & historic heritage. Funds may be used to assist with salaries & salary on-costs for staff; office rental; electricity, office supplies & equipment; training; photocopying costs; & travel costs incurred on behalf of the organisation. Grants of up to three years to a value of up to \$10,000 per year.	See website www.deh.gov.au/programs/gveho , email gveho@deh.gov.au or telephone 02 6274 2422.	The 2008-09 round closed November 28 2008. See website for details on future rounds.
 <p>Holden Community Support</p>	Supports areas involving: Environment, Community Safety, Technology, & Plants & Facilities. Support may consist of a partnership, cash donation, or a donation 'in kind' (eg. materials for fundraising like stickers & items for raffle prizes). It also includes one-off donations of larger objects that serve to assist education & technological innovation. Donation of new vehicles will only be considered if it is part of a major long-term partnership.	See website www.holden.com.au for guidelines and application forms, or email community.support.holden@gm.com	Applications can be made anytime.
 <p>Local History Grants Program</p>	Available for projects recording our history as it was experienced in local communities throughout Victoria. Projects might focus on specifically local themes, or on the local experience of broader national events and movements. Projects might cover topics like: * Local identities, industries, clubs, activities, and festivals * Disasters (eg. floods, droughts) * A Koorie community's local interaction with European cultures	See website www.prov.vic.gov.au/lhgp/welcome.asp call 1300 366 356, or email daniel.wilksch@dvc.vic.gov.au	The 2009-10 rounds closed November 30 2009. Dates for 2010 are still to be released.

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 <p>Junior Landcare Grants</p>	A grant scheme open to schools & other youth organisations Australia wide. It provides up to \$1,000 in funding to enable young people to participate in local Landcare projects.	See website www.landcareonline.com.au	2009 closing dates March 6, May 15 August 7, October 23.
 <p>The Myer Foundation — G4 Fund</p>	The G4 Fund supports dynamic community based projects in the priority areas of environmental education & youth health. Grants of up to \$5,000 may be awarded.	Call 9207 3040 or see www.myerfoundation.org.au	Closing dates for 2010 will be released on the website late 2009.
 <p>Nestle Community Environment Program</p>	Aims to have a positive impact in the communities the company operates by supporting projects that assist the environment in the local area. Over the past five years, more than 50 projects across Australia have been funded in the local communities where Nestle facilities operate including Broadford, Echuca and Tongala. Community projects that would benefit the local area are sought,	See website www.nestle.com.au or call 1800 025 361	Applications can be made anytime.
 <p>The Norman Wettenhall Foundation</p>	Norman Wettenhall Foundation supports projects that enhance or maintain the vitality and diversity of the Australian natural living environment. A maximum of \$10,000 per grant is available for projects such as maintaining or restoring habitat, the production of educational kits, or the publication of research information essential to species preservation.	See website www.nwf.org.au for application form and guidelines or call Beth Mellick on 03 5472 1316	The last round for 2009 closes Dec 17. Closing dates for 2010 will be released late 2009.
 <p>Second Generation Landcare (SGL)</p>	State funding for community group projects. Projects for SGL funding must demonstrate integration of at least two of the following: *Pest plant (weeds) management; *Pest animal (eg. rabbit) management; *Salinity management; *Native Vegetation protection, enhancement or establishment; *Landcare Support eg. facilitation, project management or coordination * Community Education; and/or * Junior Landcare. Submitting an EOI accesses SGL funding	See website www.gbcma.vic.gov.au .	The GBCMA 2010-11 EOI round opened mid October and closed Monday November 30 2009.