

# Plains Wetland Tender

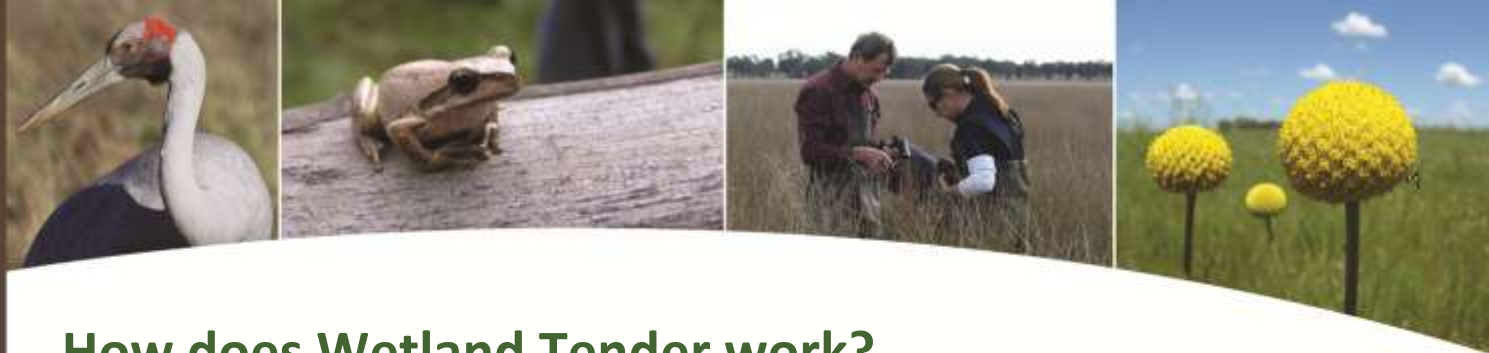
## Offering Money for Wetland Conservation

The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority is calling for Expressions of Interest from any private landholders that think they own a wetland (also known as a swamp, bog, billabong or marsh ) within the project area (see map).

Under Wetland Tender, the Goulburn Broken CMA offers financial payments to land managers to look after their wetlands through a competitive tender process. Landholders get to nominate their preferred management actions and price, and then successful bids are awarded to those offering the best conservation value for money.

Landholders who make a formal Expression of Interest will receive an obligation-free site assessment to determine the significance of the wetland, improvement opportunities and management advice. Expressions of Interest will close when the participation level is considered sufficient, so landholders need to register soon. Plains Wetland Tender is funded by the State Government.

For more information contact Kate Hill on 03 5820 1136 or email [kateh@gbcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:kateh@gbcma.vic.gov.au)



## How does Wetland Tender work?

### 1. Expressions of Interest

Register your Expression of Interest by contacting Kate Hill on 03 5820 1136 or email [kateh@gbcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:kateh@gbcma.vic.gov.au). Expressions of Interest will close when the participation level is considered sufficient, so landholders need to register soon.

### 2. Site Assessment

A Wetland Tender Project officer will ring to arrange a time to undertake an obligation-free site assessment to determine the significance of the wetland, improvement opportunities and management advice. Landholders get to nominate their preferred management actions.

### 3. Development of Management Plan

Following the site visit, a draft management plan will be prepared based on the attributes of the site, and the management actions that you are willing to undertake over the next five years. This will be sent to you for review, and when finalised, forms the basis of your funding bid. Depending on the site, management activities can include: weed control, managing stock access and planting, establishing a buffer, protecting and enhancing native vegetation.

### 4. Submission of a funding bid

After receiving your final management plan, you have 21 days to submit a bid that indicates the amount of funding you seek to undertake the agreed actions in the Management Plan.

### 5. Bid Assessment

All bids will be assessed objectively and ranked in priority order according to the:

- conservation value of the site;
- likely ecosystem benefits of your agreed management actions;
- size; and
- cost.

### 6. Management Agreements

Successful bids are awarded to sites that offer the best conservation value for money. Once signed, you enter into a five year Wetland Tender Management Agreement and receive your first payment.

### 7. Payments and Reporting

Payments will be paid upfront on signing the agreement, but the GBCMA reserves the right to reclaim funding if there is a major contract breach or unsatisfactory annual reports on works carried out each year as specified in the management plan, or if the property is sold. Sites will be monitored annually by a project officer.





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### Why a Tender process?

*Tender definition: a formal offer to supply specified of services at a stated cost.*

#### The benefits of a Wetland Tender are:

- You get to decide how much financial support you need to carry out works to improve the health of your wetlands.
- Successful bids are based on a range of criteria including the best ecological value for community benefit (after all it is the community that is paying you).
- Management incentives will help you achieve your objectives for the wetlands, and can provide an alternative source of income.
- Provides you with the opportunity to receive an alternative income to protect vulnerable ecosystems, flora, birds and frogs etc.

### When?

Expressions of Interest are now open, but will close when the participation level is considered sufficient, so landholders need to register soon or you may miss out.

### What do you need to do?

For further information or to register your Expression of Interest **contact Kate Hill** on **03 5820 1136** or email **kateh@gbcma.vic.gov.au** or go to **www.gbcma.vic.gov.au**



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