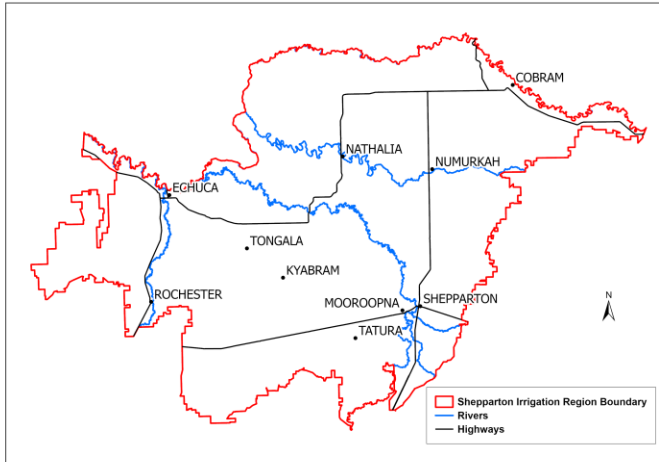


Eligibility

To be eligible for the incentive:

- An application must be made and approved by Agriculture Victoria BEFORE commencing a whole farm plan
- The property must have a Water Use Licence.
- The property must be within the Shepparton Irrigation Region.

Shepparton Irrigation Region



Who to contact

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Please refer to the **GBCMA** website for more information on other incentives:

www.gbcma.vic.gov.au



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Whole Farm Plan Incentive Scheme

The Whole Farm Plan Incentive provides financial assistance and advice to assist landowners to prepare a Whole Farm Plan in the Shepparton Irrigation Region. The Whole Farm Plan Incentive is administered by Agriculture Victoria on behalf of the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority.

Broadacre and new Horticulture Farms

Activity	Maximum level of Incentive (ex GST)
Survey	\$38/ha*
Design, computation	\$44/ha*
Financial assessment	\$800*
Shire approval	100% of cost

**This incentive is capped at 50% of net cost. The incentive is also capped at \$4,600 for survey component and \$10,000 for survey and design combined.*

Existing Horticulture

Activity	Level of Incentive
Survey	\$75/ha*
Design, computation	\$75/ha*
Financial assessment	\$800*
Shire approval	100% of cost

**This incentive is capped at 50% of net cost. The incentive is also capped at \$4,600 for survey component and \$10,000 for survey and design combined.*



What is a Whole Farm Plan?

A Whole Farm Plan is a blue print for any future farm development. It includes all aspects of the physical layout including channels, drains, pipelines, outlets, supply points, paddocks, drainage reuse, remnant vegetation, tree plantations, livestock management as well as a range of catchment features, including cultural heritage, soil and flood overlays.

Why prepare a Whole Farm Plan?

A Whole Farm Plan provides a guide for a landowner on the future development of their property. The whole farm plan may be implemented immediately or staged over a number of years, depending on the landowner's individual goals.

Through Whole Farm Planning, landowners are encouraged to consider protection and enhancement of natural features, achieve improved water management and increased water use efficiency leading to better production.

A Whole Farm Plan showing proposed works must be lodged with local government for comment and approval of planned works. This enables any approved earth works shown on the plan to be carried out subject to the conditions of that approval.

The Whole Farm Plan process

Step 1: Application

Before any survey or design is commenced contact the Agriculture Victoria Whole Farm Plan Coordinator, details over page.

Step 2: Meet and Concept Plan

Meet on farm with an Agriculture Victoria Officer to develop a Concept Plan which shows the existing features of your property and discuss what you hope to achieve through a Whole Farm Plan. The Officer will also assist you to complete an application form for the incentive.

Step 3: Approval to proceed

Your application will be assessed against current guidelines for approval to proceed. Once approval is granted you will receive notification by email.

Step 4: Engage Irrigation Surveyor and Designer

It is your responsibility to engage an Irrigation Surveyor and Designer that you feel comfortable working with. Quotes are recommended. A list of potential Irrigation Surveyors and Designers is available.

Step 5: Topographic Survey

The Irrigation Surveyor and Designer will complete the 'survey' component of the plan. This is a topographical map of the existing features and levels across the property.

Step 6: Preliminary design (Do not rush this step)

Meet with your Irrigation Surveyor and Designer and Agriculture Victoria Officer to discuss what you want to achieve and how this might be possible. You may consider a number of draft design options before you are satisfied. Earthmoving contractors, experienced neighbours and friends are good sources of information and comment.

Step 7: Final design

The Irrigation Surveyor and Designer will complete the final Whole Farm Plan design based on the preliminary design process. You will meet with your Agriculture Victoria Officer to make sure that the final plan meets with your expectations as well as program guidelines.

Step 8: Shire approval application

Your plan must be 'approved' by local government; submit your plan for shire approval and forward a receipt to Agriculture Victoria for reimbursement.

Step 9: Payment processing

Once you are happy with your final plan and have finalised payment, forward your original invoices and receipts to your Agriculture Victoria Officer to process the incentive, including shire approval costs.