

# REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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# KEY TERMS USED

**Biodiversity** the variety of life forms: the different plants, animals and micro-organisms, the genes they contain and the ecosystems they form. It is usually considered at three levels: genetic diversity, species diversity and ecosystem diversity.

**Catchment** the land area drained by a river and its tributaries.

**Conservation** the protection, maintenance, management, restoration and enhancement of the natural environment while allowing for its sustainable use.

**Covenant** a form of management agreement, developed through negotiation with individual landholders. It is registered on the title of the land and binds subsequent owners. A covenant provides the greatest legal protection to achieve conservation objectives on private land.

**Evaluation** allows for review of the effectiveness of conservation or incentive programs, whether outcomes are positive or negative, and re-examination of the appropriateness of decisions.

**Habitat** the living space of a species or community, providing a particular set of environmental conditions.

**Incentive** an instrument, either financial or non-financial, that has a positive influence on the way people behave. In this guide, financial incentives are primarily those introduced by local government that increase the money either received by or rebated to private landholders.

**Indigenous** a species that occurs at a place within its historically known natural range and that forms part of the natural biological diversity of a place.

**Monitoring** repeated observation and recording of conditions and changes over time.

**Native Vegetation** any local indigenous plant community containing throughout its growth the complement of native species and habitats normally associated with that vegetation type or having the potential to develop these characteristics. It includes vegetation, with these characteristics, regenerated with human assistance following disturbance. It excludes plantations and vegetation established for commercial purposes.

**Remnant Vegetation** a fragmented portion of the former dominant native vegetation which once covered the area before being cleared for human use.

**Sustainable** able to keep going over time.

**Sustainability** the ability to “meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.

**Threatening Process** a physical process, such as land clearing, that increases the probability that biodiversity values at either the local, regional, national or global level will decline.

## APPENDIX 1

### POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

#### National programs

- **Indigenous Protected Area Program** – assists indigenous people to establish and manage protected areas on the estates to which they hold title, as well as the development of models for joint and cooperative management – contact Indigenous Protected Areas Unit, Environment Australia phone (02) 6274 2735 website [www.ea.gov.au](http://www.ea.gov.au)
- **Natural Heritage Trust**, various programs under the One-Stop-Shop, including Bushcare component – details toll free 1800 065 823 website [www.nht.gov.au](http://www.nht.gov.au) or phone:

New South Wales	(02) 9228 6223
Northern Territory	(08) 8999 4845
Queensland	(07) 3224 2149
South Australia	(08) 8303 9644
Tasmania	(03) 6233 3915
Victoria	(03) 5430 4471
Western Australia	(08) 9325 0000
ACT	(06) 6207 5584
- **Threatened Grassy Ecosystem Grants and Threatened Species Network Community Grants** are available to local government and community groups – details from:  
World Wide Fund for Nature – phone (02) 9281 5515 email [wgodden@wwf.org.au](mailto:wgodden@wwf.org.au)  
Threatened Species Network – phone (03) 9650 8296 e-mail [tsnvc@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tsnvc@ozemail.com.au)
- **Australian Bush Heritage Fund** – potential for acquisition (and conservation) of land of outstanding ecological significance beyond the financial means of councils  
phone (03) 6223 2670  
website [www.bushheritage.asn.au](http://www.bushheritage.asn.au)
- **Corporate philanthropy** – including  
Philanthropy Australia Inc  
[www.philanthropy.org.au](http://www.philanthropy.org.au) phone (03) 9620 0200 e-mail [pa@philanthropy.org.au](mailto:pa@philanthropy.org.au) or in NSW phone (02) 9362 3264 and the Ian Potter Foundation phone (03) 9650 3188 website [www.ianpotter.org.au](http://www.ianpotter.org.au)
- **Green Corps** – a Commonwealth program to provide assistance to land managers and community

groups with priority environmental projects and gives young Australians the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to the environment while being provided with quality accredited on the job training – contact Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers phone (02) 9686 5554 or toll-free 1800 032 501 website [www.atcv.com.au](http://www.atcv.com.au)

- **Easy Grants Information Service, Strategic Australia** – phone (03) 9419 1833  
e-mail [strategicaustralia@bigpond.com](mailto:strategicaustralia@bigpond.com) – there is a yearly subscription fee that includes lists each month of available grants and opportunities.
- **Commonwealth Assistance for Local Projects 1999-2000**, Directory for Local Government and its Communities – for a copy phone toll-free 1800 065 113 or website [www.nolg.gov.au](http://www.nolg.gov.au)

#### State & regional programs

- **Victorian Department of Natural Resources & Environment** has incentives programs under Control of Land Degradation including Community Catchment Management Grants, Junior Landcare, Landcare Partnership Initiatives, Weeds Incentives and Tree Victoria, and also the Land Protection Incentives Scheme and Rabbit Buster – phone 13 61 86 website [www.nre.vic.gov.au/grants/index.htm](http://www.nre.vic.gov.au/grants/index.htm)
- **Replanting Victoria 2020**, a new re-vegetation initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance our greenhouse sinks, and manage the risk of climate change – phone (03) 9637 8341.
- In Victoria and NSW, **Murray Catchment Native Vegetation Incentives Program** – phone (03) 5881 2122 or (03) 5766 2759.
- **Greening Australia** Remnant Fencing Incentives Scheme –  
**Victoria** phone (03) 9457 3024  
e-mail [jhortlock@gavic.org.au](mailto:jhortlock@gavic.org.au) (also contact Trust for Nature who run part of this scheme – website [www.tfn.org.au](http://www.tfn.org.au) phone 03-9670 9933)  
**Tasmania** phone (03) 6223 6377  
e-mail [sebastianb@tas.greeningaustralia.org.au](mailto:sebastianb@tas.greeningaustralia.org.au)  
**NSW** phone (02) 6332 6914  
e-mail [greenw@ix.net.au](mailto:greenw@ix.net.au)

- **NSW Department of Land Water Conservation** – Registered & Unregistered Property Agreements and Property Management Program – Native Vegetation Management Fund – phone (02) 9895 6131 e-mail [btthompson@dlwc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:btthompson@dlwc.nsw.gov.au)
  - **NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service** – Land for Wildlife, Ramsar, Voluntary Conservation Agreements – phone (02) 9585 6517 e-mail [linda.bell@npws.nsw.gov.au](mailto:linda.bell@npws.nsw.gov.au)
- (Under the above two programs, grants and other support may be available for fencing of remnant vegetation, re-vegetation and other conservation works with opportunities for councils to play a partnership role.)*
- **Melbourne Water Stream Frontage Management Program** (for landholders only) phone (03) 9235 2100 e-mail [gregbain@melbwater.com.au](mailto:gregbain@melbwater.com.au) or contact your regional CMA or Regional Drainage Authority for details.
  - **Melbourne Water Works Program for Western Port Catchment** (opportunities for integration of Council initiatives and works programs with those of Melbourne Water) phone (03) 9703 3301 e-mail [col.reiter@melbwater.com.au](mailto:col.reiter@melbwater.com.au)
  - **Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria's Farmbiz** (potential funding source for initial education of landholders for Whole Farm Approach as part of criteria for incentives) phone (03) 9243 2600 website [www.ruralfinance.com.au](http://www.ruralfinance.com.au)
  - **Tasmanian RFA Private Land Program** – negotiations occur between landowners, local government and the Committee to either purchase the land (forest community), enter into a management agreement or establish a covenant over the land, with opportunities for councils to offer rate rebates paid for by the program – phone (03) 6233 8011 e-mail [sjsmith@dpive.tas.gov.au](mailto:sjsmith@dpive.tas.gov.au)
  - **Western Australian Remnant Vegetation Protection Scheme** – local government can be eligible if they have an appropriate area of vegetation under their care – phone (08) 9368 3950 e-mail [mholland@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:mholland@agric.wa.gov.au)
  - **Western Australian Rural Towns Program** – related to the Salinity Action Plan, this provide technical and financial assistance to councils within the agricultural areas to tackle salinity and ground water problems affecting their towns – phone (08) 9368 3919 e-mail [mpridham@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:mpridham@agric.wa.gov.au)
  - **Western Australian Gordon Reid Foundation** – funding program through the Lotteries Commission to help the community, including councils, conserve indigenous plants, animals and the natural environment (big focus on on-ground activities) – phone (08) 9340 5270 e-mail [community\\_funding@lottery.wa.gov.au](mailto:community_funding@lottery.wa.gov.au) website [www.lottery.wa.gov.au](http://www.lottery.wa.gov.au)
  - **Queensland Environmental Protection Authority and Parks & Wildlife Service** – phone toll free 1800 501 087 website [www.env.qld.gov.au/environment/environment/grants](http://www.env.qld.gov.au/environment/environment/grants) – very useful lists of funding programs, contacts and Calender including Environment Assistance Grants – Links & Entry (EAGLE) and Environmental Grant News.
  - **Queensland Department of Natural Resources** – grants through Community Program Development including River Improvement Trust, External Funds and R & D Projects. phone (07) 3224 2149 website [www.dnr.gov.au/resourceenet/community/pf/index.html](http://www.dnr.gov.au/resourceenet/community/pf/index.html)
  - **South Australian Department for Environment & Heritage** – Agreement Scheme includes assistance to landholders via rate and tax relief, fencing and grants – phone (08) 8204 1910 website [www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/heritage\\_education.html](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/heritage_education.html)
  - **South Australian Urban Forest Biodiversity Program** – includes community grants and advice on sourcing funds – phone (08) 8372 0180 website [www.urbanforest.on.net](http://www.urbanforest.on.net)

## APPENDIX 2

### LOCAL INCENTIVE SCHEMES & ENVIRONMENTAL LEVIES

#### **Rate Rebate Schemes**

Brisbane City Council (Qld)  
Voluntary Conservation Agreements  
Cardwell Shire (Qld)  
Vegetation Retention  
Logan City Council (Qld)  
Residential Conservation Zone  
Johnstone Shire (Qld)  
Voluntary Conservation Agreements  
Ipswich City Council (Qld)  
Environmental Weed Control Rebate & Voluntary  
Conservation Agreements  
Cooloola Shire (Qld)  
Nature Conservation Areas & Farm Forestry  
Caboolture, Maroochy & Noosa Shires (Qld)  
Voluntary Conservation Agreements  
Cairns City Council (Qld)  
Land Management Agreements  
Northern Midlands (Tas)  
Bushweb  
Brusselton Shire (WA)  
Biodiversity Incentives  
City of Greater Bendigo (Vic)  
Biodiversity Rate Incentive Scheme  
Melton Shire (Vic)  
Environmental Enhancement  
Mount Alexander Shire (Vic)  
Biodiversity Conservation  
Buloke Shire (Vic)  
Native Vegetation Enhancement  
Cardinia Shire (Vic)  
Biodiversity Incentives  
Hindmarsh Shire (Vic)  
Biodiversity Conservation  
Maroondah City Council (Vic)  
Enhancement Incentive Scheme  
Mitchell Shire (Vic)  
Environmental Enhancement  
Wellington Shire (Vic)  
Conservation Covenants  
Nillumbik (Vic)  
Sustainable Agriculture  
Yass Shire (NSW)  
Vegetation Conservation & Enhancement

#### **Differential Rates**

Shire of Strathbogie (Vic)  
Land Management Works  
Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale (WA)  
Conservation Zone  
Break O'Day (Tas)  
Voluntary Special Rate for landowners in catchment

#### **Incentive Payments & Grants**

Coorong District (SA)  
Local Action Plan priority areas  
Augusta-Margaret River Shire (WA)  
Conservation Incentive  
Shire of Denmark (WA)  
Creekline Fencing  
Perth Biodiversity Project (WA)  
Surf Coast Shire (Vic)  
Biodiversity Incentives  
Gippsland Coastal Board & five councils (Vic)  
Native Vegetation Protection Program  
City of Greater Bendigo (Vic)  
Environmental Grants Scheme  
Cairns City Council (Qld)  
Land Management Agreements  
Brisbane City Council (Qld)  
Voluntary Conservation Agreements  
Maitland City Council (NSW)  
Incentives Strategies  
GreenWeb Sydney (NSW)  
Devolved grants  
City of Dubbo (NSW)  
Fencing Assistance  
Wingecarribee Shire (NSW)  
Community Grants  
City of Bathurst (NSW)  
Rivercare  
Bega Shire (NSW)  
Protection Remnant Vegetation  
Clarence & Sorrell Councils (Tas)  
Devolved grants

### **Subsidies & Reimbursements**

City of Greater Geelong (Vic)

Landcare works

City of Manningham (Vic)

Local Environmental Assistance Fund

Shire of Nillumbik (Vic)

Landcare works

### **Environmental Levies**

Brisbane City Council (Qld)

Bushland Acquisition and Local Incentives Program

Warringah Shire (NSW)

Natural Resource and Vegetation Management

Coffs Harbour Council (NSW)

Natural Resource and Vegetation Management

Hornsby Shire Council (NSW)

Catchment Remediation

Manly Council (NSW)

Environment

Eurobodalla (NSW)

Environment & Landcare

Tweed Shire (NSW)

Local Agenda 21 Program

Logan City Council (Qld)

Environmental Initiatives

Redland Council (Qld)

Environment

Caloundra Council (Qld)

Environment

Ipswich City Council (Qld)

Bushland Acquisition, Management, Education and Awareness

Albert Council (Qld)

Open Space Preservation

Shires of Katanning, Tammin and Cunderdin (WA)

Voluntary levies to employ Landcare facilitators

**NOTE:** This list was updated as of March 2001.

## APPENDIX 3

### LINK UP: USEFUL CONTACTS AND SUPPORT NETWORKS

- **Natural Heritage Trust and Bushcare** at [www.nht.gov.au](http://www.nht.gov.au) or phone toll-free 1800 065 823
- **State and Territory Bushcare Coordinators and Regional Bushcare Facilitators** – for contact details phone toll-free 1800 803 772 or visit [www.environment.gov.au/bg/bushcare/contacts/index.htm](http://www.environment.gov.au/bg/bushcare/contacts/index.htm)
- **State and Regional Indigenous Land Management Facilitators** – for contacts phone (02) 6274 2332 or visit [www.nht.gov.au/ilmfcont.html](http://www.nht.gov.au/ilmfcont.html)
- **Environment Resource Officers** in Local Government Associations of each State plus ALGA – for details contact the Intergovernmental Unit on 1800 803 772 or visit [www.environment.gov.au/psg/igu/local.html#contacts](http://www.environment.gov.au/psg/igu/local.html#contacts)
- **Greening Australia Bushcare Support** in States and regions – for contact details phone (02) 6281 8585 or visit [www.greeningaustralia.org.au](http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au) or [www.environment.gov.au/bg/bushcare/contacts/nswcont.htm#supp](http://www.environment.gov.au/bg/bushcare/contacts/nswcont.htm#supp)
- **Landcare Regional Facilitators** in States and Territories – for contact details phone (02) 6272 4350 or visit [www.affa.gov.au/docs/nrm/landcare/nlp-contacts.html](http://www.affa.gov.au/docs/nrm/landcare/nlp-contacts.html)
- **Local Government Bushcare issues:**
  - Peter Creaser, Environment Australia  
phone (02) 6274 2732  
e-mail [peter.creaser@ea.gov.au](mailto:peter.creaser@ea.gov.au)
- **CSIRO Wildlife & Ecology**
  - Carl Binning,  
phone (02) 6242 1671  
e-mail [c.binning@dwe.csiro.au](mailto:c.binning@dwe.csiro.au)
- **Victoria Trust for Nature** at [www.tfn.org.au](http://www.tfn.org.au) or phone (03) 9670 9933
- **Local Government managing our Native Vegetation – Some Good Examples** by Rob Thorman at [www.alga.com.au/bio\\_examples.htm](http://www.alga.com.au/bio_examples.htm) or contact the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) phone (02) 6281 1211
- **Community Biodiversity Network** at [www.cbn.org.au](http://www.cbn.org.au) or phone (02) 9262 4743
- **Environs Australia: The Local Government Network** at [www.environs.org.au](http://www.environs.org.au)
  - National Local Government Bushcare Facilitator, Paul Bateson  
phone (02) 9265 9379  
e-mail [bushcare@environs.org.au](mailto:bushcare@environs.org.au)
  - National Local Agenda 21 Coordinator, Steve Ray  
phone (03) 9654 1322  
e-mail [steve.ray@environs.org.au](mailto:steve.ray@environs.org.au)
- **National Landcare Facilitator Project** at [www.rfg.com.au](http://www.rfg.com.au) phone (03) 5229 6050  
e-mail [nlfp@rfg.com.au](mailto:nlfp@rfg.com.au)
- **Conservation on Private Land Network (CONPLAN)** – to subscribe to this list server send an email message to [majordomo@erin.gov.au](mailto:majordomo@erin.gov.au) with the following in the body of the message (leaving the subject line clear): subscribe conplan