

Sandhill Pine Woodland Restoration Project

The project

Sandhill Pine Woodlands are listed as an Endangered Ecological Community in NSW.

Once common across Eastern Australia, these woodlands have been significantly cleared, fragmented and are now vulnerable to further decline.

These woodlands are critical to the health of our region, supporting a diversity of plants and animals and providing on-farm production benefits when integrated into farming systems.

Sandhill Pine Woodland occurs across the Local Government Areas of Hay, Carrathool, Murrumbidgee, Griffith, Narrandera and Leeton.

With funding from Catchment Action NSW and the National Landcare Programme, Riverina Local Land Services is offering funding for landholders to protect and enhance these native vegetation communities.



Sandhill Pine Woodland – Photo by Annabel Lugsdin, Hay Landcare

What is a Sandhill Pine Woodland?

Sandhill Pine Woodlands are open woodland, or derived grassland with scattered trees, dominated by White Cypress Pine (*Callitris glaucophylla*). It is characterised by an open tree canopy up to 15m high, although it may be shorter or even absent in sites where there has been past clearing or thinning. These woodlands generally extends from west of Narrandera through to Hay where sandhills and light texture soils occur.

Why is it important?

Prior to European settlement the area of Sandhill Pine Woodland was estimated at 76,200 hectares.

Approximately 25-60% remains of the original distribution of Sandhill Pine Woodland and most of this is in low condition.

A large proportion of the remainder of this community is threatened by small scale clearing, loss of large old trees due to logging, thinning or total loss of trees and shrubs through grazing by domestic livestock and feral herbivores (goats and rabbits), soil erosion and weed invasion.

What activities will be supported by the project?

Funding is available to landholders for a suite of on-ground works including:

- Protecting and enhancing areas of remnant Pine Sandhill Woodlands through the provision of standard fencing materials and revegetation activities.
- Undertaking coordinated rabbit control through up to a 50% discount on rabbit poison (in the revegetation area only).

Eligibility

To be eligible for this project:

Project Area – your project area must be greater than 5ha and must involve protection, revegetation or enhancement of Sandhill Pine Woodland remnants.

Existing Agreements - all previous works funded by Riverina Local Land Services or Catchment Management Authority must be completed.

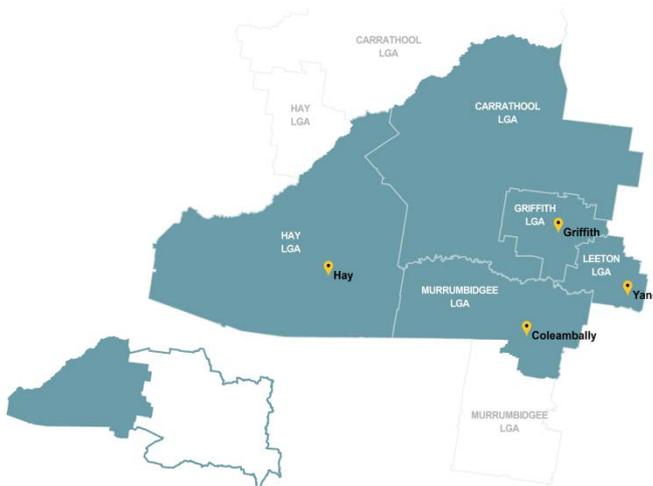
Contractual Arrangement - You must be willing to enter into an agreement with Riverina Local Land Services for 10 years.

Local Land Services rates - You must have no outstanding debts to Riverina Local Land Services.

Locality - Your property needs to be greater than 10ha and reside in the Riverina Local Land Services region within the following local government areas: Hay, Carrathool, Murrumbidgee, Leeton or Griffith (see below map).

Insurance - You must have public liability insurance for a minimum of \$10million to be considered for funding.

Completion date - works will need to be completed by 30 December 2018.



What are the next steps?

Funding is limited and applications close on the **30 September 2017**, apply today to avoid disappointment.

You must complete a “How can we help you?” form at www.riverina.lls.nsw.gov.au by 30 September 2017, or call into one of the following offices:

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Coleambally NSW 2707
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Farm 217 Murray Road
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Yanco Agricultural Institute
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