



Incentives for landholders:

BOOSTING THE BUNYIP BIRD YIELD

Did you know that the Riverina is home to the largest population of Australasian Bitterns in the world? It is recognised that about 500 Australasian Bitterns utilise rice crops over the summer months for breeding purposes. Incentives are available to rice growers who provide additional and improved habitat on farm for this threatened species.

Incentive options include:

- GROWING BITTERN FRIENDLY RICE: Including early permanent water, weedy banks, and feral animal control
- MODIFYING IRRIGATION STRUCTURES: Such as drains and storage dams on farm to provide additional habitat particularly over the winter months and in early spring
- ADDITIONAL HABITAT: Watering natural wetlands on farm

Eligibility to apply

The following applicants will be eligible:

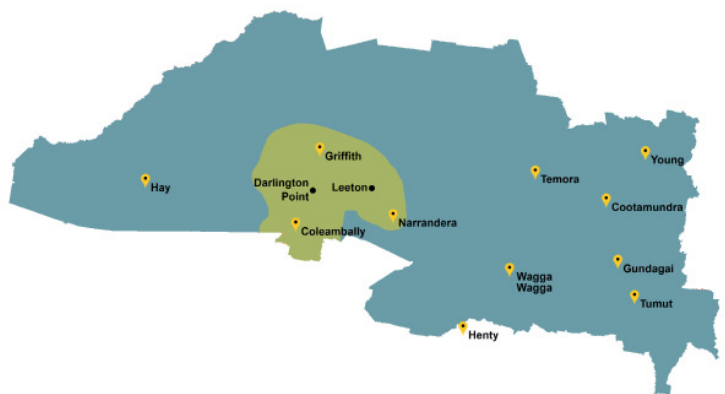
- Owners of the land
- You must be an Australian citizen
- You must be registered for tax purposes in Australia and have an Australian bank account
- You must be willing to enter into a land management agreement with Riverina Local Land Services
- Landholders will be required to declare any conflicts of interest when submitting an application. Persons who have associations that are considered by Riverina Local Land Services to represent a conflict of interest which is unable to be managed will not be eligible
- All previous works funded by Riverina Local Land Services or Catchment Management Authorities must be completed
- Your property must be located in the Project Area (see map below)
- You must have no outstanding debts to Riverina Local Land Services
- You must have public liability insurance for a minimum of \$10 million to be considered for funding
- State, Federal and Local government authorities, bodies, departments, statutory corporations, state-owned corporations and other similar entities, and land owned by such entities, will not be eligible for this program.

What are the next steps?

- Contact Anna Wilson to register your interest in the project (contact details below) by 30 September 2019
- Landholders will then be supplied with further details about the project and asked to complete an application form

For further information and to register your interest please contact:

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