

Support for Landholders in Nillumbik



As a landholder in Nillumbik, support is available to help you manage your land. This support includes information, tailored advice, education opportunities, financial assistance and rate rebates. Whether you manage a bush block, a lifestyle property or a farm, find out where to get help.

Nillumbik Shire Council

Council offers local landholders a variety of support and assistance programs. They include advice, financial grants, rate rebates and education.

- **Information and advice**
Staff with land management and biodiversity expertise are available to visit you at your property or talk to you via the phone or email. Local information is also available on the website.
- **Education opportunities**
Council offers and promotes land management education opportunities. Email environment@nillumbik.vic.gov.au to stay informed through the Fringe Focus e-newsletter.
- **Land Management Incentive Program**
Council provides grants to assist landholders with sustainable land management work that has positive ecological outcomes - such as weed control, biodiversity fencing, revegetation, pest animal control and education.
- **Council Rate Rebates**
Farm Rate, Sustainable Agricultural Rebate and Trust for Nature Rebate
Council provides various different rate rebates for eligible primary producers, landholders who demonstrate sustainable land management and landholders who have Trust for Nature covenants on their properties.

Find out if you are eligible for any of the rebates or land management advice and support by contacting Council's Land Management Officer.

For more information visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/environment or call 9433 3111

Planning and property responsibilities

Council provides advice on permitted land use activities and processes. They may provide planning permits for the use and development of land and removal of vegetation. Call 03 9433 3343.

Edendale Community Environment Farm

Edendale is a demonstration farm with environmental education opportunities for all ages. Take a walk around and get some inspiration for your property.

You can also purchase local native plants from the on-site nursery and receive plant selection and planting advice.

30 Gastons Road, Eltham VIC or visit www.edendale.vic.gov.au or 03 9433 3711

Landcare

Landcare is a community-based movement where groups work together to protect biodiversity and promote sustainable land management.

Nillumbik has eleven Landcare Groups who collectively make up the Nillumbik Landcare Network.

The groups provide various support services to their communities such as advice, access to equipment, on-ground works, seminars and activities.

Visit www.nillumbiklandcare.org.au or contact the Nillumbik Landcare Network facilitator on 03 9433 3372.

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Melbourne Water

If you own land that fronts onto a river or creek you may be eligible for funding to help you manage the land.

Melbourne Water's [Stream frontage management program](#) funds work that protects or enhances riverbanks - such as weed control, streamside fencing and planting native vegetation. Melbourne Water can also offer technical advice and education about waterways, wetlands and water management.

Visit www.melbournewater.com.au, email enquiry@melbournewater.com.au or call 131 722.

Agriculture Victoria

Agriculture Victoria provide services and information to help producers and landholders improve on-farm productivity and sustainability. They have some particularly useful information about the control of weeds and pest animals.

Visit www.agriculture.vic.gov.au

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)

DELWP seeks to protect and preserve Victoria's native landscape through a range of biodiversity, wildlife, sustainability, climate change and community programs.

Visit www.delwp.vic.gov.au.

Land for Wildlife

Land for Wildlife is a voluntary wildlife conservation program offered by the State Government. They offer advice and assistance for landholders on farms and bush blocks to help manage erosion, control pests naturally, nurture biodiversity for sustainable agriculture and provide habitat links.

Visit www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/protecting-wildlife/land-for-wildlife

Trust for Nature

Trust for Nature is a not-for-profit organisation that works to protect native plants and wildlife in cooperation with private landowners. They support landowners to place permanent conservation covenants, which legally protect the natural values on their land even when the land changes hands. Covenant holders are eligible for a rate rebate from Council.

Visit www.trustfornature.com.au.

Country Fire Association (CFA)

CFA provides advice for preparing your property leading up to the bushfire season.

Visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Stay up-to-date with Land Management support available by subscribing to the Fringe Focus e-newsletter.

Email environment@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

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