



MONARO LANDSCAPE CONNECTIVITY

Free support for local landholders to manage native vegetation

Are you a land manager in the Bungendore-Carwoola-Hoskinstown-Captains Flat region? Do you have native vegetation on your property? Would you like support and funding to help manage this native vegetation? If the answer is YES, then this opportunity is for you!

The Monaro Landscape Connectivity project team wants to work with land managers to improve the condition, extent and connectivity of native vegetation across the Monaro region, in the Murrumbidgee catchment. We are keen to hear from land managers in the Bungendore-Carwoola-Hoskinstown-Captains Flat region who would like to become involved. The funding for this project is provided by the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country program.

What is available to land managers?

Interested land managers will be invited to attend a free workshop on **Monday 30th April 2012**, in the local area. The workshop will provide land managers with advice on how to improve the condition, extent and connectivity of native vegetation on their properties. Each person at the workshop will be provided with an aerial photograph of their property, to show the location of native vegetation in their area and help plan on-ground works. Participants will also learn about Indigenous land management principles, and there will be opportunities to apply these practices at sites on individual properties.

Following the workshop, interested land managers can receive ongoing advice and support from the three partner organisations in the project: Kosciuszko to Coast, Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc, and the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority (CMA). Options available for land managers include a flora survey, development of a Management Plan, and advice on Indigenous land management. Funding will also be offered, through an agreement with the Murrumbidgee CMA, to assist with the management of native vegetation through activities such as controlling environmental weeds, strategic livestock grazing, replanting of native species, and fencing.

Who is eligible to participate?

All land managers (public or private land) across the Monaro region within the Murrumbidgee catchment are eligible to participate. At this stage, we are particularly seeking land managers in the Bungendore-Carwoola-Hoskinstown-Captains Flat region. Opportunities for land managers in other areas across the Monaro region will follow over the next eighteen months.

Preference for funding will be given to properties with patches of native woodland that are greater than 10 ha (or 5 ha for native grassland), and connected (within 1 km) to another area of native woodland or grassland. This connectivity is important as it allows native species to move between habitat areas for foraging and breeding. Grassland and woodland sites will be given a higher priority.

How can I get involved?

Interested land managers can register for the workshop, or receive further information about the project, by contacting Nicole Maher (Regional Landcare Facilitator, Murrumbidgee Landcare): nmaher@murrumbidgeelandcare.asn.au, or 0487 953 776.

Please RSVP for the workshop by **Friday 30th March 2012**.