

Project aim

The 'Small Blocks Big Dreams' project will support small landholders to learn about environmental best management practices and create 'land stewards' who can provide guidance to other landholders within their local communities.



Workshops & Introductory Sessions

The project will consist of a series of workshops and property tours to support participants in developing a land stewardship action plan for their property. There will be introductory information sessions plus a series of workshops tailored to three specific groups of landholders:

- Artisan/small producers
- Lifestyle/Bush block owners and
- Livestock and horse property owners

The introductory sessions will be open to up to 80 attendees per session. Participants are

then eligible to submit an expression of interest to participate in a follow-up course consisting of a series of 4 sessions with small groups of up to 20 participants.

What to expect from the workshops

Landholders participating in the workshops will learn about a range of topics relating to natural resource management including soil health, biodiversity, pest plants and animals, healthy waterways, and cultural heritage. Specific topics will be tailored for different land use types.

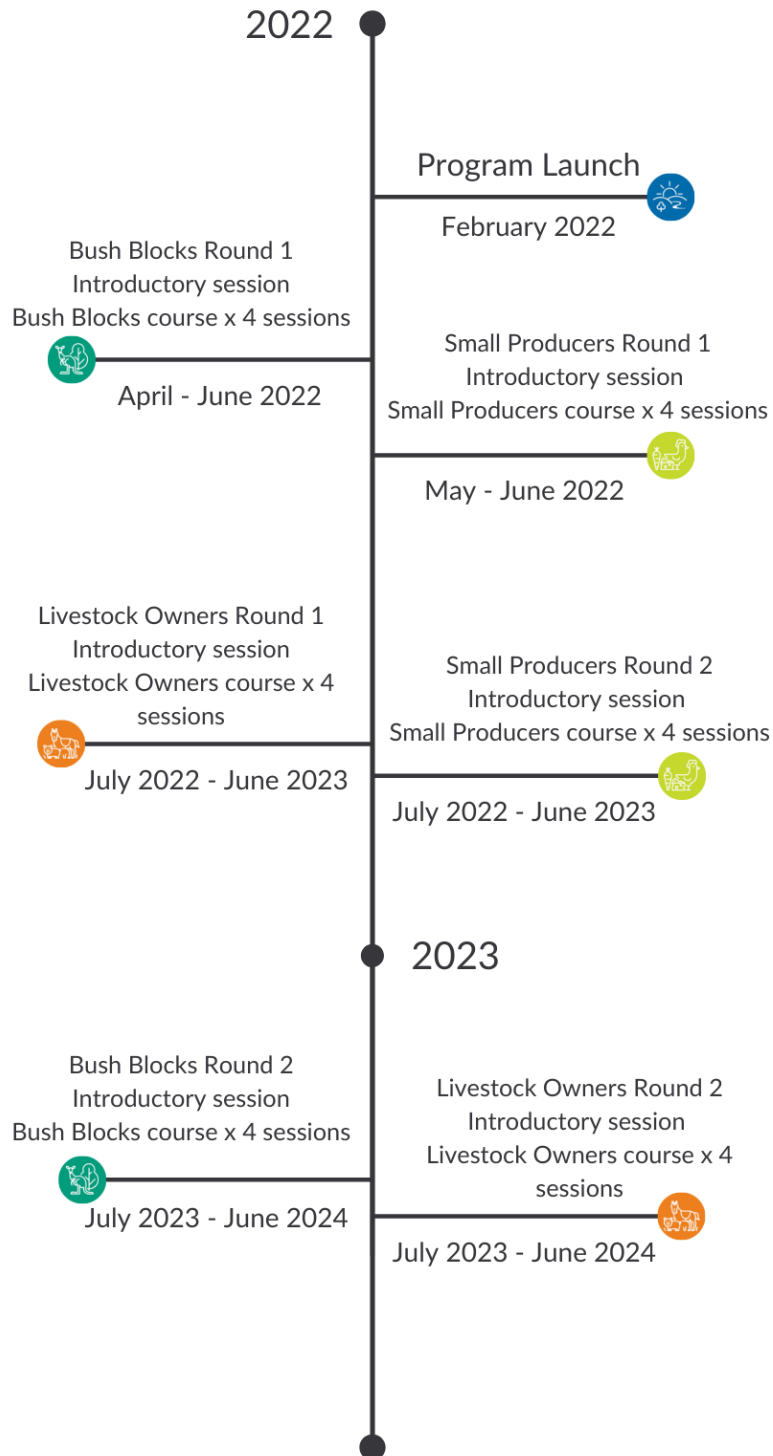
Upon completing the land stewardship course, participants will have received:

- Support to develop a land stewardship action plan for their own property
- An aerial image of their property
- A site visit with expert land management knowledge
- Eligibility for land management incentive money based on their new action plan
- Contacts for other potential support to assist with implementing their action plan





TIMELINE



*note that the above timeline is subject to change



Landholder area

Interested small landholders from across the Corangamite region will be welcome to join the introductory sessions. Further information will be provided about course locations at these sessions.

Target audiences

This project is designed for landowners of smaller properties in the Corangamite region, specifically:

1) Small Producers

Designed for landowners who run an agribusiness and produce a saleable product from their small property. Examples of small producers may include free range pork or egg producers, beef or lamb grazing properties, small scale agroforestry.

2) Bush blocks / Lifestyle properties

Designed for owners of remnant vegetation 'bush blocks' who wish to improve biodiversity, amenity and enhance natural habitat for native species.

3) Livestock and Horse properties

Designed for horse and livestock property owners interested in learning about the relationship between healthy land and healthy livestock, integrating natural animal behaviours into property design and land management.

Who is involved in the project?

The Corangamite CMA has received funding through DELWP (Department of

Environment Land Water and Planning) Our Catchments Our Communities and has partnered with several groups and organizations to plan, design, and deliver this project. Landcare Networks and Groups will lead the project delivery, organizing locations for workshops as well as coordination of farm tours. Guidance will be provided by a project steering committee and working groups with partners including representatives from Traditional Owner organisations, local Government, Agriculture Victoria, Landcare, Federation University and the Centre for E-research, and Digital Innovation (CERDI).



Further information

Register for the Small Blocks Big Dreams introductory sessions via the Corangamite CMA website: [Home - Corangamite Catchment Management Authority \(ccma.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.ccma.vic.gov.au)

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