

Kosciuszko to Coast (K2C) is a community partnership established to help landholders maintain and reconnect isolated woodlands and grasslands between Kosciuszko and Namadgi national parks and the coastal forests of the far south coast. K2C combines a broad team of existing community groups and government agencies with experience in working with landholders to solve environmental and land management issues. K2C Partners include Bush Heritage Australia (BHA), Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC), Friends of Grasslands (FOG), Greening Australia Capital Region (GA), Molonglo Catchment Group (MCG), Nature Conservation Trust of NSW (NCT), Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (SRCMA), Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Coordinating Committee (UMCCC) and the Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare Committee (UMLC). K2C will contribute to the Great Eastern Ranges Corridor.

To contact the K2C facilitator, email facilitator@k2c.org.au or visit www.k2c.org.au. This Fact Sheet includes incentives that are currently available in the area as at June 2008. Please check with the relevant contact as programs are updated regularly.



The George Alexander Foundation & Environmental Trust assist the K2C project partnership



Program	Agency	Is my property suitable?	The benefits	What does this mean for my property?	Who to contact
Conservation Agreement	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service (DECC)	Properties are assessed for different qualities. Whether your property is suitable will be influenced by the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The level of landholder interest and aspirations; Biodiversity/ geo-heritage /cultural heritage values; property size; Quality of vegetation and position in the broader landscape. 	You will achieve a high level of protection for your property conservation values. You will receive detailed information about the flora and fauna of your property as well as management advice and a Plan of Management. Funding may be available to undertake some of the actions referred to in the Plan of Management. Other benefits may include rate exemption from local councils, land tax and in some cases income tax benefits. You will receive property signage, technical notes and 'Bush Matters' newsletter and will be connected to a local network of other landholders.	The conservation values of all or part of your property is managed by you and protected in perpetuity. A voluntary Conservation Agreement is listed on the property title and still applies if the property is sold. A Plan of Management is formed with you and may detail protective measures for remnant vegetation, for example.	Dieuwer Reynders Ph: 02 6229 7032 dieuwer.reynders@environment.nsw.gov.au www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/conservationpartners
Wildlife Refuge	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service (DECC)	Properties are assessed for different qualities. The main criteria are landholder interest and presence of native vegetation and wildlife.	An on-site meeting can be arranged resulting in a Scheme of Operations which includes information about the wildlife on your property and management advice. You will receive property signage, technical notes and 'Bush Matters' newsletter and will be connected to a local network of other landholders.	Your property is legally declared a wildlife refuge, though you can change its status when required. The status is noted on the land title and remains with a change of ownership.	Dieuwer Reynders, Ph: 02 6229 7032 dieuwer.reynders@environment.nsw.gov.au www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/conservationpartners
Property Registration	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service (DECC)	There are no defined criteria for this scheme other than land holder interest.	An on-site meeting can be arranged resulting in management advice for managing for wildlife. You will receive property signage, technical notes and 'Bush Matters' newsletter and will be connected to a local network of other landholders.	This is not legally binding, and it does not change your property's legal status. Registration ceases when you sell the property.	Dieuwer Reynders Ph: 02 6229 7032 dieuwer.reynders@environment.nsw.gov.au www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/conservationpartners
Biobanking	NSW Dept. of Environment and Climate Change	Individuals can set up and manage biodiversity bank sites. These are 'offsets' for development occurring elsewhere.	The establishment of a BioBank site would enable the generation of 'credits'. These could be sold and used to offset the impact of developments elsewhere. Funds generated by the sale would be used for the future management of the BioBank site.	Biobank sites are secured and managed in perpetuity under a covenant.	The Scheme is under development. For further information contact the Threatened Species Reforms Unit, Ph: 02 9995 5000 biobanking@environment.nsw.gov.au
Revolving Fund and Covenants	Nature Conservation Trust of NSW	Properties are assessed for different qualities. The main criteria is land of high conservation value.	Land is purchased by the NCT and a plan of management and conservation covenant prepared. While owned by the NCT, the land is managed to enhance its conservation values. The property is then marketed for sale with the conservation covenant as a condition of sale.	Upon sale the conservation covenant is registered on title to protect conservation values in perpetuity. The purchaser of a property from the NCT will be supported by the organisation with advice and guidance in dealing with land management issues.	Nature Conservation Trust of NSW Nigel Jones Ph: 02 6051 9884 nigelj@naturetrust.org.au www.naturetrust.org.au
Property Partnerships Program	Bush Heritage Australia	Certain areas are targeted, also dependant on vegetation type and quality.	You will receive incentive payments for on-ground conservation works, management advice and skills development.	Commitment expected of landholder is dependent on the size of the financial contribution from Bush Heritage Australia.	Matt Appleby Ph: 0400 876 010 mappleby@bushheritage.org.au www.bushheritage.org.au
Under New Management	Greening Australia	The areas covered by this incentive are Capital Region (Upper Southern Rivers, Hawkesbury, Lachlan and Murrumbidgee catchments) within 1.5 hours from Canberra. Properties are eligible if they are greater than 3ha in size and have been owned for less than 10 years.	An on-site meeting can be arranged where you receive management and revegetation advice. Incentive funding is also available to assist with the cost of fencing (e.g. for riparian zones, remnant vegetation, and wildlife corridors) and the establishment of native vegetation through direct seeding or tubestock.	The site must be managed for conservation for 10 years. This is an agreement between you and Greening Australia; it does not change a property's legal status.	Graham Fifield or Mark Jones Ph: 02 6253 3035 gffield@act.greeningaustralia.org.au mjones@act.greeningaustralia.org.au www.greeningaustralia.org.au
Whole of Paddock Rehabilitation	Greening Australia	This incentive is designed for a working farm interested in achieving conservation and production benefits from large scale revegetation. It also is available to smaller farmers interested in establishing native vegetation on their property. The program is available to select locations in the Upper Murrumbidgee and Southern Rivers catchments. Suitable paddocks will be between 10 and 30ha in size.	An on-site meeting can be arranged to discuss management options and a revegetation plan for the paddock. For larger producers an initial stewardship payment of \$125/ha is paid and repeated again after 5 years to off-set lost production while the shrubs and trees are established. For smaller holdings this program offers advice and an in-kind contribution to cost-effectively revegetate large areas of their land. Up to one third of the paddock will be returned to native vegetation tackling soil degradation issues and paddock tree decline and salinity, while improving stock shelter and biodiversity.	The site must be managed for conservation for 10 years. This is an agreement between you and Greening Australia; it does not change a property's legal status.	Graham Fifield Ph: 02 6253 3035 gffield@act.greeningaustralia.org.au www.greeningaustralia.org.au
Good Neighbours	Greening Australia	This incentive program targets properties in areas fringing the ACT, including Hall, Carwoola, Burra, Royalla.	An on-site meeting can be arranged as well as funding assistance for fencing and revegetation. There is a land manager in-kind contribution (generally labour, i.e. planting, erecting fences etc).	The site must be managed for conservation for 10 years. This is an agreement between you and Greening Australia; it does not change a property's legal status.	Angela Calliess, Greening Australia Ph: 02 6253 3035 acalliess@act.greeningaustralia.org.au www.greeningaustralia.org.au
Tax concessions	Australian Taxation Office	Landholders interested in donating land to conservation organisations.	Donors benefit from the capacity to claim tax deductions on the donation. This is particularly important for donors who are asset rich but on low income	Donations of property to eligible environmental bodies are in perpetuity.	Donna Rich, Non Profit Centre Ph: 02 6216 1493 donna.rich@ato.gov.au
Various \$ Grants	Public and private sources	Dependent on grant criteria.	Grants for on ground projects provide a great benefit to individual and community efforts which would otherwise not be undertaken.	Improvements undertaken using grant opportunities can have long lasting environmental benefits and be valuable educational tools.	www.grantslink.gov.au www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au

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ACT Land Keepers	Greening Australia and Environment ACT	This incentive program targets on ground conservation works on non-urban land within the ACT.	An on-site meeting can be arranged as well funding assistance for fencing waterways, remnant vegetation protection, shelter belts; tubestock/direct seeding; alternative stock water, erosion control. The funding is 50% upfront 50% on satisfactory completion. There is a land manager in-kind contribution (generally labour, i.e. planting, erecting fences etc).	The site must be managed for conservation for 10 years. This is an agreement between you and Greening Australia; it does not change a property's legal status.	Clare McInnes, Greening Australia Ph: 02 6253 3035 cmcinnes@act.greeningaustralia.org.au www.greeningaustralia.org.au
Learning about Biodiversity	Friends of Grasslands	Land owners often want to know about the native grasses and wildflowers and fauna on their properties, how to identify them, and how to manage parts or all of their properties for conservation, even if carrying on production. Join Friends of Grasslands which will give you access to many of our services including News of Friends of Grasslands and property visits.	You can find out about the flora and fauna on your property, its conservation importance, and how to support its continued existence. You can link in with others committed to managing land for conservation. A whole new world of understanding biodiversity and ecology will be opened up to you. Please note that Friends of Grasslands is a non profit voluntary group and does not offer professional advice.	FoG will help you to consider how to manage your property for its conservations values and to keep the native vegetation on your property, especially endangered ecological communities such as natural temperate grasslands and grassy woodlands, and endangered plant and animal species. You will understand better how to manage our precious natural assets for future generations.	Friends of Grasslands M'ship - \$20 a year for families & individuals Ph: 02 6251 8949 or 02 6241 4065 janet.russell@fog.org.au geoff.robertson@fog.org.au www.fog.org.au
CarbonSMART	National Landcare Program	To be considered suitable your site must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> have been predominantly clear of vegetation (that is, have had less than 20% tree cover) on 31 December 1989; revegetated after 1 January 1990; revegetated by seeding or other human action; when mature, the vegetation must attain a height of at least two metres and the vegetation's top layer must reach a crown (shade) covering of greater than 20%; the site must also be at least 0.2 ha. 	No upper limit has been placed upon individual project funding and the number and size of projects funded will be determined on a competitive basis. Projects will be monitored at least once every five years. CarbonSMART operates as a pool and charges a fee on the sale of carbon from the pool with a percentage paid to the landholder, a percentage to a reserve fund and a percentage to the management and operation of the pool. CarbonSMART also pays most of the application costs, such as title searches, registration, etc. Exceptions will occur if the landholder requires independent legal advice.	You must ensure that the carbon will remain on site for at least 100 years after the final trade of that carbon. This requires the landholder to register a Restriction on Use Agreement on the Land Title. NSW legislation on carbon rights allows for the separation of forestry rights (carbon) from land and trees. Carbon agreements only apply to carbon held within the trees. To participate in CarbonSMART landholders will transfer these rights to CarbonSMART. CarbonSMART retains a 30% management fee of profits.	Ben Keogh, Project Director Ph: 0425 877 676 benk@carbonsmart.com.au Kim Boettcher, Project Manager Ph: 02 9412 3083 kim.boettcher@landcareaustralia.com.au www.carbonsmart.com.au
Regional community-based network	Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Coordinating Committee	Yes.	The material contained in the UMCCC information booklet "Look After your Natural Assets" - a resource book for rural landholders managing bush blocks and small acreages; and factsheets "Choosing and Managing Land", "Disappearing Wetlands of the Upper Murrumbidgee", and "Living with Drought". The UMCCC is also updating its previously published Upper Murrumbidgee Willow Strategy. The biennial forum is an opportunity to keep abreast of natural resource management issues.	The information is invaluable; your property can benefit by applying the advice contained in the publications.	UMCCC Executive Officer, Ph: 02 6207 2999 jo.harding@act.gov.au UMCCC Willow Project Officer Ph: 02 6205 2566 douglas.kerruish@act.gov.au
Landcare Groups/ Landcare Networks	Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare C'tee Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council Molonglo Catchment Group	All landholders can benefit from being involved in their local landcare group. Many on ground incentives are rolled out through Landcare channels and will suit all property types and sizes.	Landcare groups provide a great opportunity to meet local landholders, exchange information through regular meetings and guest speakers, working bees on Landcarers' properties and general conduit for dissemination of relevant material through newsletters, field days and links to other sustainability and environmental organisations. Incorporated Landcare Groups and Networks can assist with the development of on-ground projects, and act as sponsors for grant applications, aggregating and coordinating on-ground project work and easing the burden of paperwork and reporting associated with many grants.	Your property will benefit from Landcare in many ways dependent on landholders' input and enthusiasm.	Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare Committee coordinator@umlc.org.au, www.umlc.org.au Molonglo Catchment (in the ACT and NSW) coordinator@molonglocatchment.com.au www.molonglocatchment.com.au Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council sky.kidd@cma.nsw.gov.au www.shoalhaven-landcare.asn.au
Rehabilitation of Riparian Areas	Molonglo Catchment Group and Greening Australia	The high priority areas for this incentive are Molonglo River, Woolshed and Reedy Creeks, Upper Molonglo and Burra Creek Catchments. Medium priority areas are Jerrabomberra Creek and Upper Queanbeyan Catchments.	An on-site meeting can be arranged as well as funding assistance for river restoration, including rivers, creeks, gullies, drainage lines. Works include: fencing, providing stock water, tubestock and direct seeding. The funding is 50% upfront 50% on satisfactory completion and there is a Land manager in-kind contribution (generally labour, ie, planting, erecting fences etc)	The site must be managed for conservation for 10 years. This is an agreement between you and Greening Australia; it does not change a property's legal status.	Angela Calliess, Greening Australia Ph: 02 6253 3035 acalliess@act.greeningaustralia.org.au www.greeningaustralia.org.au
Bush Incentives	Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority	This incentive is available for the northern area of the Southern Rivers CMA only. Suitability may also be influenced by the size of the site, your position in the broader landscape and your vegetation type.	An on-site meeting can be arranged as well as information about the conservation value of the site. You will be given an obligation free management plan for site. Incentive payments are available to successful bidders (amount identified by landholder). You will also receive newsletters addressing landholder interests and notification of field days in your area.	There are a different options for landholders offered in the current Round 5. The incentive may be managed through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a 15 year Southern Rivers Bush Incentives contract a 10 year Property Vegetation Plan contract an in-perpetuity Property Vegetation Plan 	Coast: David Curtis, Ph: 02 4224 9715 david.curtis@cma.nsw.gov.au Tablelands: David Hilhorst, Ph: 02 4842 2594 david.hilhorst@cma.nsw.gov.au www.southern.cma.nsw.gov.au/natvegetation.php
Range of Incentives	Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority	The Murrumbidgee CMA has submitted the 2008-2009 Investment Strategy for approval to the NSW and Australian governments. The Natural Resource Management Programs available for landholders will be announced later this year.	The following programs that may be available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentives for protecting and enhancing native vegetation Access to natural resource management training Incentives for improving riparian and wetland areas Support and advice for sustainable farming systems 	Incentive agreements are usually developed as a Property Vegetation Plan agreement.	Contact Murrumbidgee CMA head office Wagga Wagga Ph: 02 6932 3232 murrumbidgee@cma.nsw.gov.au Cooma Ph: 02 6452 4150 felicity.collins@cma.nsw.gov.au
Conservation Management Networks	Department of Environment and Climate Change Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority	Your participation in a Conservation Management Network is determined by the Location of your property and interest in undertaking and learning about local conservation. Conservation Management Networks (CMN) are regionally and/or ecosystem based. Three regional CMNs in the K2C region are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Tablelands Grassy Ecosystem (STGECMN) Monaro Grassland (MGCMN) Far South Coast (FSCCMN) 	Conservation Management Networks create a network with other landholders and other land management bodies working within the region or ecosystem. CMNs organise field days and workshops and distribute information through mailouts and newsletters.	You can become part of a CMN and receive information, newsletters and invitations to field days. If you have grassland or grassy woodland on your property contact the STGECMN. If you have Monaro grassland contact the MGCMN. If you have remnant native bush on the Far South Coast contact the FSCCMN.	Southern Tablelands Grassy Ecosystem CMN Mary Appleby, facilitator, Ph: 02 6298 9741 mary.appleby@environment.nsw.gov.au Monaro Grasslands CMN David Eddy, facilitator, Ph: 02 6242 8484 MGCMN@myaccess.com.au Far South Coast CMN Dan and Vickie Williamson, facilitators Ph: 02 6492 5558, M: 0401 065 068 info@fscm.com.au, www.fscm.com.au