



## Saving our Superb Parrot

### Habitat protection and restoration opportunity

LachLandcare Inc is a partner in the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage's Save our Species Program to protect and enhance the habitat of the threatened Superb Parrot. The parrot requires live and dead trees with hollows for nesting and clearing and firewood cutting has been a major cause of its decline. Loss of living and dead hollow bearing trees and foraging habitat are the main reasons Superb Parrots are listed as 'Vulnerable'.

Paddock trees and patches of native woodland play an important role in maintaining the productive capacity of agricultural land and they are critically important to the conservation of the Superb Parrot and other native flora and fauna.

LachLandcare has funding available to assist farmers to protect paddock trees and protect and enhance remnant box-gum woodland habitat for the threatened superb parrot and is seeking expressions of interest from landholders interested to participate in this program.

Funding is available to:

- Fence-off paddock trees (living or dead) (single or small clump) with minimum area of 20m x 20m and planting of understorey species such as wattles, hopbushes and Bursaria (Blackthorn). Priority will be given to projects that fence off known or suitable Superb Parrot nest trees. Trees that are fenced must be within 50-100m of other trees (dead or alive) and/or woodland.
- Fence off existing box gum woodland habitat which allows strategic grazing management that improves overall habitat quality. Enhancement planting of understorey shrubs may be appropriate to improve condition.
- Establish box-gum woodland habitat by planting trees and shrubs strategically to improve habitat connectivity.

#### Selection criteria

Priority will be given to projects in the vicinity of known sightings of superb parrots, or known/or potential nest trees and/or foraging habitat. Protection and enhancement of existing trees or vegetation is a priority but establishment of new vegetation will also be considered where it will improve habitat connectivity.



Fencing around paddock trees allows natural regeneration to re-establish quickly and effectively. However, fences must be erected outside the remnant canopy dripline as robust seedlings will not regenerate directly underneath the trees. Fencing will also protect trees from stock damage and high soil nutrient levels from stock camps that can affect tree health.

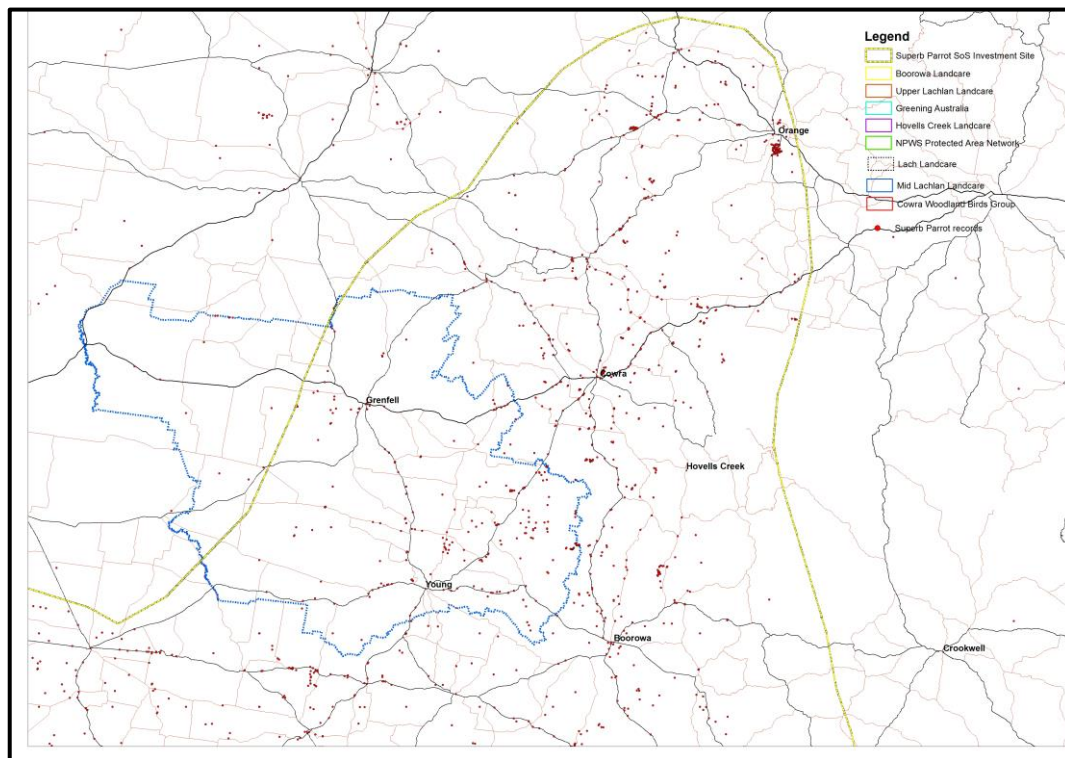
### What the funding covers

LachLandcare will subsidise your project up to \$6/metre fencing and \$3.50/tube stock trees and shrubs. Landholders are required to contribute by installing the fence and planting tube stock.

Field days will also be provided to assist people with how to identify and monitor Superb Parrots as part of the project.

### Project location

Interested landholders should check the map below to ensure you are within (or close to!) the area covered by this project (including Orange, Grenfell, Young and Boorowa). Red dots are recorded sightings of Superb Parrots. Please discuss with us if you are not sure.



### Closing date

Please complete and return the attached EOI form AND a map of your project proposal by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. There will be funding available in future rounds, so please contact us even after this date.

Once EOI's have been received and processed, final project proposals will be reviewed against eligibility criteria by a technical assessment panel.

**Further information**

If you wish further information about the funding available for paddock tree protection and habitat restoration, please contact Mary Bonet at [goulburnyass@lachlandcare.org.au](mailto:goulburnyass@lachlandcare.org.au) or phone 0499 199 072.



## Superb parrot habitat project Expression of Interest

### Personal Details

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| Name:                                     |       |         |
| Address (Home and Property if different): |       |         |
| Phone:                                    | Home: | Mobile: |
| Mobile:                                   |       |         |
| Email:                                    |       |         |

### Property/Business Details

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| Business/Property Name:        |  |
| Lot and DP Numbers:            |  |
| Total hectares managed by you: |  |
| Property size:                 |  |
| Length of ownership:           |  |
| List any past projects:        |  |

### Project Information

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| Purpose (tick) | Protect paddock trees<br>Protect remnant box-gum woodland habitat patch<br>Enhance remnant box-gum woodland habitat<br>Revegetation of box-gum woodland |
| Sightings      | Have you seen superb parrots in the area? If so how many and how often? Are there any nest trees that you know of?                                      |

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| Project | Briefly describe your project and attach a map. Indicate how much fencing and how many trees /shrubs you think are required. |
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Please return this form by email to [soseoi@lachlandcare.org.au](mailto:soseoi@lachlandcare.org.au) by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 or by post to PO Box 100 Condobolin. For additional queries please contact Mary Bonet via email or by calling 0499 199 072.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

