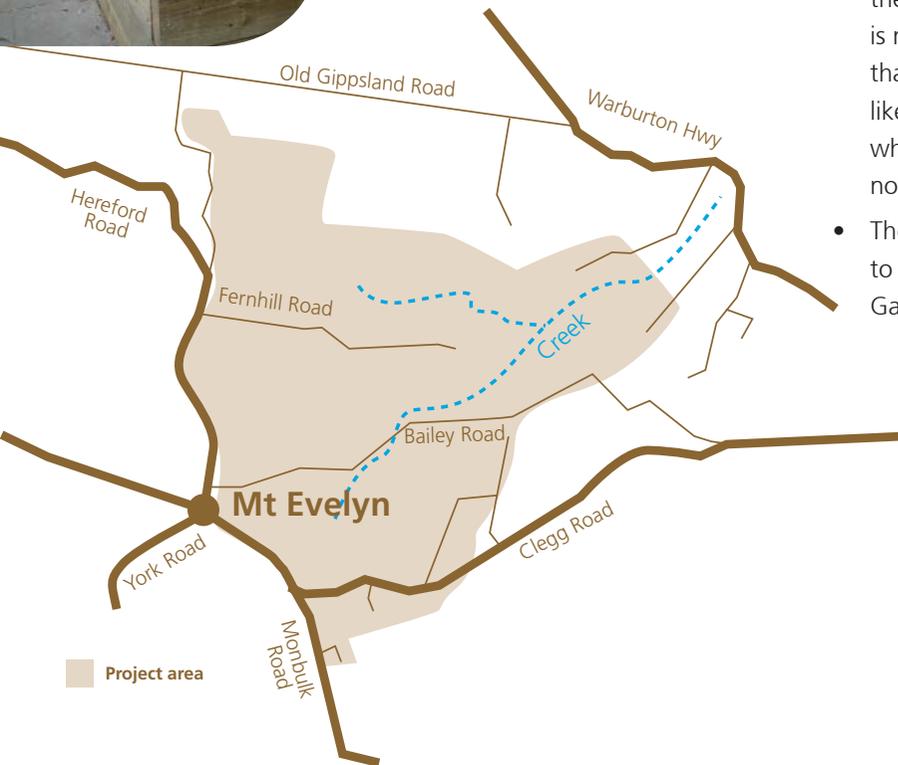


What is Stormwater Tender?



The Stormwater Tender is about paying households and businesses to install rainwater tanks and raingardens.

These payments are made in recognition of the environmental benefits (healthier creeks) of reducing urban stormwater runoff.



How Does it Work?



Stormwater Tender allows each property owner to name the minimum price they would want to receive to purchase or install new rainwater tanks and raingardens, or to retrofit existing tanks.

- Each participant submits a request for what they want to install, and a bid for the payment desired.
- Based on the details of each request, we will work out the amount of environmental benefit of each proposed system (the amount of protection to the creek and the bay, and the quantity of mains water that will be saved), and from all the bids we will set a price to be paid per unit of environmental benefit.
- If a bid is successful, we will pay the landholder the set price per unit of benefit (even if that price is more than what they requested). This means that people who put in “low bids” will most likely receive more money than they asked for, whilst “high bids” (higher than the set price) will not be funded.
- These payments will include and be in addition to the Victorian Government’s Water Smart Gardens & Homes rebate.

Rainwater tanks and raingardens can play an important role in protecting our local creeks

Who Can Apply?



- Only households or businesses located in the project area (refer to map).
- Only the owner of the house or building.

What Can You Apply for?

You can apply for payment for any new system that retains stormwater on your property for use or treatment, including:

- Purchase and installation of new rainwater tanks and associated equipment for using the tank water (such as pumps)
- Connection of existing rainwater tanks for new uses
- Design and construction of a raingarden or infiltration system



Why should I apply?

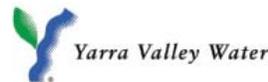
- You could receive an extra payment for the installation of your rainwater tank, in addition to the State Government's Water Smart Gardens & Homes rebate.
- Rainwater tanks provide you with an additional source of water that is not billed and not subject to water restrictions.
- For the first time, you can apply for a rebate for the design and construction of a raingarden.
- Your rainwater tank and raingarden have an important potential role in the protection of our local creeks.
- Your rainwater tanks benefit the broader community by reducing demand on drinking water supplies.
- Raingardens are attractive, green garden features, that do not require watering



The Stormwater Tender is a rare opportunity to receive financial support for the installation of a rainwater tank.



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