



# Heytesbury & District Landcare Network

## Project Expression of Interest Guidelines

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR LANDCARE FUNDING FOR MY PROJECT?

To apply for funding for your project, just follow these easy steps;

- 1. Membership.** If you are not already, become a member of a Landcare group within the HDLN region. If you are a group, you must also be insured and incorporated.
- 2. Complete & return Expression of Interest Form.** Complete all sections of the Heytesbury & District Landcare Network's Expression of Interest Form. If required, the HDLN can assist you in completing this form. **All forms must be received by no later than Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007 to be considered for funding this year.** Forms submitted later than this will be considered for funding in 2008, unless alternative funding becomes available prior to the 2008 project assessment process.
- 3. Project assessment.** The HDLN projects committee will assess and prioritise your project against funding criteria, and source appropriate funding.
- 4. Notification of funding success.** You will be notified by mail regarding the success of your Expression of Interest by late March. If successful, you will be sent a letter of offer and funding agreement. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified and their Expressions of Interest will be reconsidered for funding the following year.
- 5. Commence project.** You are ready to begin your project! All projects must be completed by late December, unless otherwise approved by Heytesbury & District Landcare Network.
- 6. Final inspection.** Following completion of your project, the project site will be inspected.

### WHAT PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES WILL BE FUNDED?

#### The Heytesbury & District Landcare Network will fund;

- Protection, enhancement or linking of existing native vegetation;
- The planting of local native vegetation for biodiversity, shelterbelts, waterway protection, erosion control, salinity management, or educational reasons; and
- Other projects, depending on the availability of suitable funding and resources, and potential benefits to natural resource management and the local community.

#### Eligible items for funding include;

- Direct seed (*Contractor labour & purchase of seed, but not generally site preparation costs*)
- Native seedlings
- Seedling guards
- Fencing materials (*offered as a per metre reimbursement paid following successful completion of works to an adequate standard*)
- Other items as approved by the Heytesbury & District Landcare Network.

## Fencing guidelines

For projects involving fencing, a per metre fencing rate is offered depending on the fence type. Landcare cannot fund the use of barb-wire, and will only fund fences with less than 3 wires where special approval has been granted.

Fence type	Reimbursement rate (per metre)*
Standard: 5 plain wire fence	\$2.00/ metre
4 plain wire fence	\$1.50/metre
3 plain wire fence	\$1.00/ metre
Ringlock fencing	\$2.50/ metre
Fencing remnant vegetation	Add an extra 0.30c per metre onto fencing type

## Revegetation project width guidelines

Revegetation projects must be at least 10 metres wide to receive full funding for native plants. Projects that are 7-9 metres wide will receive funding for only half of the native plants required for the project. Projects less than 7 metres wide will not be funded.

## Matching contributions

All funding provided from the Heytesbury & District Landcare Network must be equally matched by the project applicant through cash contributions (i.e. purchase of herbicides) and/or in-kind contributions (i.e. labour to construct fence)

## WHAT PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES WILL NOT BE FUNDED?

The following activities are **not** eligible for funding, unless the Heytesbury & District Landcare Network grants special approval;

- Projects that commenced prior to being approved;
- Site preparation activities (i.e. ploughing of direct seed sites);
- Activities that are the legal responsibility of the landholder (i.e. boundary fencing);
- Landscaping or amenity plantings, unless for a community project;
- Revegetation plantings using non-indigenous plant species (*farm forestry project are subject to Network approval*);
- Shelterbelt projects with a width less than 7 metres; and
- Projects that do not have matching contributions from the applicant.

## HOW WILL MY PROJECT BE ASSESSED?

Your project will be assessed using the following criteria;

- Environmental & community benefit;
- Ability to provide long-term benefits beyond the term of funding, including providing long-term maintenance of the project site;
- Good value for money in relation to the quantity & quality of the project;
- Links to local, region and state priorities;
- Applicants who have completed DairySAT or Environmental Best Management Practices will be assessed as a higher priority;
- Landcare membership; and
- Number of times applicant has received Landcare funding.