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Expression of Interest South West NRM Regional Landcare Facilitator (RLF) Programme

Community Group Activities, *Round 1- 2016/17*

(funding for groups in the South West NRM region to run activities with a Sustainable Agriculture outcome, 2016-17 financial year)

This Expression of Interest is for groups (formal or informal groups eg CAM's, Landcare, Producer Groups, Neighbourhood groups, Special Interest Groups etc.) to be funded either fully or partially to run training, increased knowledge workshops, field days etc.

Note: The closing date for Round 1 is Monday August 15th 2016

Please note that successful applicants must acknowledge the Regional Landcare Facilitator Programme, the South West Catchments Council and the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme at the event and in all promotions. In addition, any promotional material for the event must be approved by the RLF prior to release.

Please tick the National Landcare Programme (NLP) outcome(s) your project is addressing.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain and improve ecosystem services through sustainable management of local and regional landscapes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase in the number of farmers and fishers adopting practices that improve the quality of the natural resource base, and the area of land over which those practices are applied.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase engagement and participation of the community, including landcare, farmers and Indigenous people, in sustainable natural resource management.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase restoration and rehabilitation of the natural environment, including protecting and conserving nationally and internationally significant species, ecosystems, ecological communities, places and values.

Organisation and Contact Details			
Organisation			
Contact person			
Address			
Email			
Phone		Mobile	
ABN			
Is your group registered for GST?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Does your group have current public liability insurance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Does your group have access to a Smartphone?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Activity Information

Title:

Proposed Date:

Location:

How many participants do you anticipate will attend:

Describe your proposed activity and how it fits the Sustainable Agriculture focus

Please outline how your activity meets the above Australian Government outcome(s)

MERI (Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement)
 A reporting template will be provided to guide the MERI for your activity, once your EOI has been deemed successful. You are encouraged to report using a mix of alternative media, including YouTube, Video, Surveys, Photos as well as written reports.

Budget – Please provide a detailed outline of the budget without GST for the proposed activity, including all financial or in-kind contributions from your organisation or others. *(double click in the table below to fill in)*

Activity – description of items	RLF Project Funding Requested (ex GST)	Other Contributions (financial or in-kind) (ex GST)	Total Amount (ex GST)

Please submit your EOI to South West NRM Regional Landcare Facilitator, Darren Jennings: rjf@swnrm.org.au

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Guidelines

OVERVIEW

The South West NRM Regional Landcare Facilitator (RLF) Programme, hosted by South West NRM, has funding available through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme (NLP) to support Landcare and Sustainable Agriculture activities within the South West NRM Region between July 2015 to June 2018 that address NLP strategic objectives:

- Communities are managing landscapes to sustain long-term economic and social benefits from their environment.
- Farmers and fishers are increasing their long-term returns through better management of the natural resource base.
- Communities are involved in caring for their environment.
- Communities are protecting species and natural assets.

With the following NLP Strategic Outcomes

- Maintain and improve ecosystem services through sustainable management of local and regional landscapes.
- Increase in the number of farmers and fishers adopting practices that improve the quality of the natural resource base, and the area of land over which those practices are applied.
- Increase engagement and participation of the community, including landcare, farmers and Indigenous people, in sustainable natural resource management.
- Increase restoration and rehabilitation of the natural environment, including protecting and conserving nationally and internationally significant species, ecosystems, ecological communities, places and values.

GENERAL CRITERIA – please read carefully

- The Regional Landcare Facilitator Programme, South West NRM and the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme **MUST** be acknowledged at the event and in all promotions.
- Any promotional material for the event must be approved by the RLF prior to release.
- The activity must be carried out within the South West NRM Region boundaries (see maps <http://swnrm.org.au/>).
- The activity must clearly address the above National Landcare Programme Strategic Outcome(s).
- All activities supported under this **Round 1** must be carried out before **December 31st 2016**.
- Any group with outstanding reporting commitments to South West NRM is not eligible.
- Funding will not be provided for past activities (we cannot fund retrospectively).
- The activity must have a Sustainable Agriculture focus, and should also have a community capacity building focus.
- Target groups include Landcare groups, farming systems and grower groups, land managers and regional community leaders involved in agricultural production and the protection of natural resources.
- Funding recipients are expected to make a contribution towards the costs of the workshop via financial and/or in-kind contribution.
- Funding recipients will be required to submit any MERI requirements within 4 weeks of completion of the activity (reporting templates will be provided upon successful EOI).
- Badging with the appropriate logos and acknowledgements on all promotional materials is mandatory, a logo set will be sent to all successful applicants and must not be altered.
- The South West NRM RLF or another South West NRM representative will attend your event wherever possible as part of the support provided.
- South West NRM reserves the right to display South West NRM and/or RLF banners at the event supported and to hand out information as deemed appropriate for the event and the audience.

- Any photos taken may be used in South West NRM promotions; this can include (but not limited to) Facebook, reports and future display materials. So to use their photo permission needs to be obtained from participants at your event.

ACTIVITIES

Appropriate activities include, but are not limited to:

- Capacity building workshops
- Peer learning activities
- Awareness raising events
- Extension and communication materials – associated with a Landcare activity

Applications should address activities that will contribute to improved grazing land management practices. Subjects that will rate highly will be improving ground cover and soil health and therefore water quality through meetings, field days, training days or conferences for land managers in South West QLD.

Please note that these objectives can be achieved in a number of ways and you are encouraged to consider a range of subject matters.

Please call Darren Jennings on 0428 220 136 to discuss your activity prior to submitting an application.

SUBMITTING AN EOI

- EOIs assessed as they are received until funds are fully allocated.
- Funds are limited, once all funds are allocated we will not be able to accept further EOIs.
- There will be two Rounds in the 2015/16 financial year, however activities can be run at any time during the year.
- The closing date for **Round 1** is **Monday August 15th 2016**.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

EOIs will be assessed against the following criteria, based on the information submitted as a part of your EOI:

- The activity addresses the Australian Government's NLP strategic objective(s) above.
- Demonstrated focus on community capacity building in Sustainable Agriculture.
- Benefits to broader community and NRM/Landcare sector.
- Value for money.

You will be notified if your EOI is successful or not. **NOTE:** please do not commit to an activity before receiving written notification from the RLF.

PAYMENT FOR ACTIVITY

- Payment will be made once the final MERI and reporting have been submitted and accepted
- Invoices can be submitted with final report

FURTHER ASSISTANCE

For more information please contact Darren Jennings on (07) 4656 8500, 0428 220 136, or email rlf@swnrm.org.au