

The *LandLife Southwest* project (LLSW) is a new program developed by Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network, offering funding to encourage land managers and community groups in the Moyne and Warrnambool region to undertake revegetation and regenerative agriculture projects.

LLSW supports a broad range of projects such as tree planting, weed control and biodiversity conservation in Moyne Shire's farming landscape. Examples of projects include revegetation, landscape-scale biolinks, remnant protection, promoting regenerative agriculture practices (e.g. multispecies pastures, revegetation for shelterbelts and corridors, improved grazing management and healthier soils), community education and schools' engagement.

Applicant details:

Name(s):	
Postal address:	
Organisation/group: (if applicable)	
Phone number(s):	
e-mail address:	
ABN: (if applicable)	
Are you GST registered?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you a current WCLN member? *	☐ Yes ☐ No *(You must be a Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network member to be eligible for funding or take out a membership if your project is funded)

What is the major land-use(s) on the area where you are planning to undertake the project? (please tick)

☐ Dairy ☐ Beef ☐ Sheep ☐ Small Acreage ☐ Farm Forestry ☐ Nature Conservation

Other (please describe):

If you are applying as a group or organisation:

Does your group/organisation have insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your group/organisation incorporated? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Notes & comments:

project description

Project address: *(if different from contact address)*

Is the project site: ☐ Private land ☐ Public land

Briefly describe your project:

Which of the following best describes your project? *(Please tick one or more boxes)*

- ☐ Waterway protection
- ☐ Shelterbelt revegetation
- ☐ Revegetation to link existing vegetation
- ☐ Protection and/or enhancement of native remnant vegetation
- ☐ Erosion control
- ☐ Salinity management
- ☐ Community awareness raising project
- ☐ Other *(please specify)*: _____

Which do you require funding assistance for:

- ☐ Native seedlings and/or direct seed
- ☐ Other items *(e.g: fencing rebates, tree guards, site preparation costs please specify. Attach additional sheet if needed)*

If your project involves revegetation:

Approximate Area (ha):

Width of planting*(metres): (*if applicable, note minimum 10m wide planting required:)

Revegetation type: ☐ Direct seed ☐ Seedling planting

Will seedlings require tree guards? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If your project involves fencing:

Fence length: (for each section i.e. creek fence=400m, bush fence= 200m)

Type of fence: ☐ Plain wire: Number of wires _____(plain) _____(electric)
☐ Ringlock
☐ Other _____(please specify)

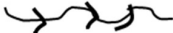
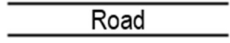
***Landcare does not allow the use of barbed wire. All fencing costs to be covered by project proponent and if applicable fencing rebates may apply.**

If your project involves weed control:

Weeds to be controlled:

project map

Please draw a map of the project site that includes distances, length, and width of works, a north arrow, nearby remnant vegetation, weeds infestations, waterways and the nearest roads.

legend:	
	Existing Fence
	Proposed Fence
	Wetland, Dam, etc.
	Creek
	Road
	Remnant Vegetation
	Other Vegetation
	Proposed Revegetation

Name (please print) _____

Please forward your completed expression of interest form to:

Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network PO Box 588 Warrnambool VIC 3280
or email form to facilitator@wcln.org.au

Call 0409 925 772 for further information.

Please keep a copy of this form for your own records. WCLN can copy this for you if requested. Projects are funded subject to funding availability, site inspection & approval from WCLN. **Please be advised that due to limited resources not all applications can be guaranteed funding.**

Guidelines

How do I apply for Landcare funding?

To apply for funding for your project, follow these easy steps:

- **Complete & return Expression of Interest Form:** Applications are taken throughout the year and usually close in early November each year for works in the following year. Forms submitted after the annual published deadline will not be considered for funding, unless alternative funding becomes available.
- **Project assessment:** The WCLN projects committee will assess and prioritise your project against funding criteria, and source appropriate funding.
- **Notification of funding success:** You will be notified by mail or email regarding the success of your Expression of Interest by late November. If successful, you will be sent a letter of offer, funding agreement and WCLN membership form. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified, and their Expressions of Interest will be reconsidered for funding the following year.
- **Commence project:** You are ready to begin your project. All projects must be completed by October in the following year, unless otherwise approved by Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network.
- **Final inspection:** Following completion of your project, the project site will be inspected.

Fencing guidelines:

The fencing type and number of wires used for projects must be approved by the Network and must be of a suitable standard to be stock-proof at all times.

Gates may be used where appropriate (e.g. for weed control, accessibility). Standard fencing construction must be based on a minimum of one treated pine post every 8 metres, and a minimum of four wires, two of which are electric. **WCLN does not permit the use of barbed wire** and will only allow fences with less than 4 wires where special approval has been granted. **All stock exclusion fencing costs must be covered by the project proponent (fencing rebates may apply).**

Revegetation project width guidelines:

Revegetation projects must be at least 10 metres wide to receive full funding for native plants.

Matching contributions:

All funding provided by WCLN must be matched by the project applicant through in-kind contributions (e.g. fence construction and materials, labour, and post-works care for the site). Successful applicants will demonstrate a commitment to partnership between the landholder/ project proponent and WCLN.

What projects & activities will be funded?

- 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.
- 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.
- Other items as approved by the WCLN.

What projects & activities will not be funded?

The following activities are not eligible for funding, unless otherwise approved by WCLN:

- Projects that commenced prior to being approved.
- Incomplete applications.
- 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.
- Shelterbelt projects with a width less than 10 metres.
- Projects that do not have matching contributions from the applicant.

Your project will be assessed against these criteria:

- Environmental & community benefit.
- Wildlife corridor connectivity.
- Ability to provide long-term benefits and site maintenance beyond the term of funding.
- Good value for money.
- Landcare membership (upon project approval).
- Aboriginal Cultural heritage values.
- Legal Compliance.
- Erosion control.
- Adaptability to Climate Change.
- Fencing/stock exclusion
- Site preparation plans
- Number of times applicant has received Landcare funding before.