

Lismore City Council

The City of Lismore is a local government area in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales, Australia.

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Rural Landholder Initiative - Expression of Interest

If you have any issues or questions regarding your submission, please email us at environmentalstrategies@lismore.nsw.gov.au

Tell Us About Yourself

Landowner Surnames

First Names

Property Address

Postal Address

Lot and DP Number

Preferred Phone

Alternate Phone

Email

A copy of your submission will be sent to the above email address

Is your property within the Lismore City Council Yes

LGA? No

Properties outside the LGA are not eligible for grant funds.

Are your Lismore City Council property rates up to Yes

date? No

Applicants must be up to date with rate payments for the property associated with the application.

Are you registered as a primary producer for Yes

taxation purposes? No

Do you currently, or have you previously worked for Yes

Lismore City Council? No

For conflict of interest purposes do you know any Yes

staff members of Lismore City Council (family or No
other significant relationship).

Please state their name(s)

What best describes the land use/s on your property. Multiple boxes can be marked.

- Cattle grazing
- Dairy
- Other intensive industry
- Lowland cropping
- Orchards (e.g. macadamia orchards)
- Other primary production land use
- Wildlife refuge/conservation/nature preservation
- Eco-tourism or other micro industry (eg brewery)
- Non-commercial lifestyle property

Tell Us About Your Project Proposal

Projects need to have biodiversity improvements as a major aim. They may also include production and farm management benefits.

You should plan your project to be within your capacity to achieve primary outcomes within an initial 12 month timeframe, and allow for an additional 24 months of secondary maintenance.

Your capacity to look after the project site into the longer term (3-10 years) is an important consideration for grant funding. You will need to tell us how you will maintain the area into the future.

Background plans and actions

Do you have an existing property management plan that includes the proposal? Yes
 No

Outline any previous nature restoration works you have done or are currently working upon on your property.

What have you achieved on this property, or gained experience elsewhere that may assist your efforts?

Please attach a map of the proposed project site and indicate at least the following:

- Location and extent of project site in relation to the whole property
- Areas for bush restoration/weed control and revegetation
- Location of proposed fencing and water troughs (if applicable)
- Vehicle access to site

Note: Property maps can be produced via Council's [Intramap](#) program. Alternatively, hand drawing on a base map that is scanned or photographed is sufficient.

Outcomes of the project proposal. What you will do and where?

Describe the activities and outcomes you plan to undertake in your project. What biophysical outcomes will you achieve? For example, connecting areas of habitat, improving the health and resilience of existing remnant vegetation, reducing erosion potential of the riverbank. Include as much detail about measurable activities as you can eg. Details of areas to be treated; types and density of weeds, areas to be covered, length of fencing, numbers of trees to be planted.

Partners and collaboration

Are other parties involved such as adjoining landholders/properties, family members, Landcare groups or industry groups, or a working relationship with a paid contractor? Describe your intended partners and their roles in this project.

Note: Partnership projects can be with neighbours, industry groups or community groups (e.g. Landcare) and are strongly encouraged. Where neighbours are keen to submit projects together, individual applications should be made, with clear reference here to co-operative project objectives.

Landholder in-kind contributions

Are you prepared to provide at least \$5000 worth of your own labour or materials in the first year of this project?

- Yes
 No

Project success and maintenance beyond the funding

Describe your intentions for long term management of the site beyond the funding time? What does a successful project look like for you?

Are you willing to host a half day field event on your property?

This is optional.

Yes

No

Indicative Budget and Timeframe

How will you use the money? **Up to \$15000 grant funds is available.** This may include primary restoration works and initial maintenance, revegetation and other activities. Estimate the funds required over a 3-year period.

An allowance of 10% of grant funding sought will be paid to cover the costs of project management and reporting. Where this role is fulfilled by the contractor engaged for the project it will be available to them. Applicants may also undertake their own project management and reporting in which case the allowance will be considered an in-kind contribution.

Include an estimate of your In-kind contributions. These may include working on the site during the project, preparing the site, watering etc, building fences, providing trees from your nursery.

Your capacity to provide in-kind contributions to the project should guide the amount of grant funding you seek. We will accept applications for shorter timeframes and for less than the maximum amount of grant funding. We will still assess the worth of your application regardless of its scope. Providing a realistic and well-planned project is a key selection criteria for successful applications. Selection Criteria are available in the [Guidelines for Grant Fundings](#)

These figures are treated as 'indicative' and will be fine-tuned if your project is successful.

Note that:

- In-kind contributions should, at a minimum, match funding provided by Council.
- Cash contributions towards the project may include the landholder paying for external labour.
- Materials and external labour should be calculated at cost.
- In-kind labour/time contributions should be calculated at \$45/hr, or \$350/day.
- Small machinery and tools (e.g. chainsaw, brushcutter) should be calculated at up to \$75/day.
- Large machinery (e.g. excavator, tractor, backhoe) should be calculated at up to \$150/hr.
- You should allow for 4 follow up treatments of your site in the years subsequent to the project. The amount of time you spend on a treatment will vary but in general may require up to an 8 hour day for one person. The maintenance required should reflect your treatment methods, the level of likely ongoing weed invasion and your own capacity to undertake works. In general effort required to maintain works will drop off in the years immediately after a project's completion. However, project sites may require ongoing maintenance even after 5 or 10 years of the projects completion. Accurately and realistically accounting for an ongoing maintenance regime should account for your continuing commitment to the projects outcomes and an understanding of the effort involved in subsequent years.
- You may choose to engage a contractor to undertake ongoing maintenance of your site. A costing provided by a contractor and a commitment to engaging them in the works will improve the strength of your application.
- Funding from other Environmental grants cannot be used as part of a contribution
- Activities already started or completed cannot be claimed as an in-kind contribution to the project.
- Further information about developing a sound project plan can be found on the Rural Landholder's Initiative [website](#).
- Further advice for applicants is contained in the guidelines for grant funding. Applicants should familiarise themselves with this document before completing their application.

Restoration work (initial weed control and maintenance)

Grant funds sought estimate

\$

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Your In-kind contributions (as cash, labour value or materials provided)

Revegetation (tree planting)

Grant funds sought estimate

\$

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Your In-kind contributions (as cash, labour value or materials provided)

Fencing

Grant funds sought estimate

\$

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Your In-kind contributions (as cash, labour value or materials provided)

Off-stream watering

Grant funds sought estimate

\$

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Your In-kind contributions (as cash, labour value or materials provided)

Other

Please explain

Grant funds sought estimate

\$

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Your In-kind contributions (as cash, labour value or materials provided)

Totals

Grant Funds Sought Estimate Total