**Yarram Yarram Landcare Network**

**Subsidised Site Visit Expression of Interest Form**

**March 2023**

Victorian Landcare Grants applications will be sought in April/ May. At this stage YYLN doesn’t have the resources to undertake site visits to work with landholders to develop project plans which could be submitted for funding via VLG or other funding sources. Site visits are vital to accurately map out the project, costings, advice on species selection etc.

**YYLN has engaged Seeds of Gippsland to undertake the site visits and will subsidise the cost.**

A site visit with a project plan developed would cost $500 (inc GST) - this would provide the landholder (and YYLN) with a detailed project plan inc map, and project plan with costs.

This would be in a format that would allow YYLN to bring the reports together into funding applications.

* **YYLN pays $250 of cost for YYLN Landcare members (Network or Group) - you must be a financial member**
* **Landholder would pay $250**

**One subsidised site visit and project per landholder. *You are welcome to engage Seeds of Gippsland for additional projects or sites on your property – but this must be at your cost.***

**There is a maximum of 20 subsidised site visits for this round, so to be fair to everyone, we are limiting it to one project site per landholder.**

**What does the site visit entail?**

Seeds of Gippsland staff will spend 1-2 hours on the property. We’ll be discussing, observing and recording:

* Aims and aspirations
  + environment: eg. remnant vegetation protection, habitat enhancement, soil stabilisation
  + productivity or economics: eg. stock shelter, pasture development
  + community involvement: field days, working bees, voluntary conservation, group development, community connectivity
  + education; for example, property planning, field days, training and workshops
* Experience and capacity:
  + What size project can you handle?
  + What support is needed? for example, technical guidance, tree planting assistance, funding
* If you have a specific on-ground project in mind:
  + Project dimensions - length, width, topography
  + Proximity to remnant vegetation; vegetation types present
  + project time-line and basic site preparation and species selection guidance
* If you **don’t** have a specific project site in mind:
  + Identify significant natural assets on the property (native vegetation, watercourses, wetlands) and/or environmental issues (erosion, weeds, run-off) – this feeds into funding applications and assessing priorities for landcare works

Every property and site is different, so the advice/service provided will vary.

**How will it work?**

1. Landholders will submit an Expression of Interest – see next page along with payment of $250
2. Once $250 is received, YYLN will pass Expression of Interest to Seeds of Gippsland
3. Seeds of Gippsland undertake project site visit and prepares plan
4. Landholder and YYLN will get a copy of plan
5. YYLN then uses project plan to group projects into VLG ((or other application)

YYLN will keep landholder informed of any application that their project is submitted as part of and will advise of outcome of funding submission.

The landholder at any time may choose to withdraw project from future funding applications and self-fund the project.

The $250 landholder contribution must accompany the Expression of Interest.

Direct Debit: Please use your name as a reference.

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| Account Name | Yarram Yarram Landcare Network |
| BSB | 633 000 |
| Account Number | 161 151 980 |

Any questions, please contact Belinda Brennan, Executive Officer YYLN

**Please return Expression of Interest form to**

**Belinda Brennan, Executive Officer, Yarram Yarram Landcare Network**

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**Expression of Interest**

**Subsidised Site Visit Program**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Postal address** |  |
| **Property address** |  |
| **Landcare Group**  (must be financial member of YYLN Group or Network) |  |

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| **Property details** | |
| Major use of project |  |
| Size of property |  |

If you have a project in mind, if so, please provide details below

Have you undertaken a Landcare project in the past? If so, please provide details.

**Please return Expression of Interest form and $250 (direct debit details above) to**

**Belinda Brennan, Executive Officer, Yarram Yarram Landcare Network**

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