



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – Confidential Application

To be a Landcare Mentee

Landcare Mentoring Pilot in Yarram Yarram Network, 2018

A mentoring program is being piloted across Yarram Yarram and South Gippsland Landcare Networks. The 12-month program will match landholders in the area with mentors to develop sustainable land management goals and action plans. Mentors will receive training to provide effective support and guidance to mentees.

Mentors will share their experience and networks with mentees to help them achieve their goals. The lessons learnt from the pilot will be shared to explore how mentoring can be more formally integrated into the Landcare culture.

This project will connect landowners with experienced locals who can support them, and direct them to the most suitable experts in the local agencies such as WGCMA, DELWP, DEDJDR, water authorities, local government and other farmers.

These new landowners will develop and implement farm action plans that meet their goals that initiate land and environmental outcomes and build confidence for further action. Mentors will act as a vital sounding board for landowners by assisting in the development of these plans.

The project will begin with a workshop on **Saturday 20th October** at Toora Hotel for Mentee where you will meet other mentees, explore their personal goals, meet the mentors. We are looking for people keen to develop their property and fast track their learning.

Name: **Trading Name:**

Property Address: **Postcode:**

Postal Address:

Phone: (H)..... **(W)**..... **ABN:**

Mobile: **Email:**

Property Size: ha/acre **Enterprise** (Dairy, Beef, Sheep, horticulture, other):

Age Group: 18 - 28 29 - 39 40 -50 51 - 61 62 -72 83 - 93+

For more information on how to get involved in this exciting opportunity please contact Jenny O'Sullivan on osulliva@dcsi.net.au or 0419153377

I can attend the:

— I can attend Mentee matching day on Saturday 20th October Yes No

Completed Expressions of Interest (EOI) be returned by mail or email to:

Jenny O'Sullivan,
 1720 Buffalo-Waratah Road,
 Tarwin Lower, 3956
 email: osulliva@dcsi.net.au

In a couple of sentences please fill in the following questions:

Describe your property: location, size, and plans for the property?

Why would you like to be involved in this mentoring program? What would you like to achieve?

Have you identified any particular areas you want to develop your skills and knowledge? Such as: Please tick those of interest.

- **Whole farm planning**
- **Pasture growth and management**
- **Understanding soil tests**
- **Healthy soils and Nutrient management**
- **Animal production (what species are you interested in?)**
- **Managing weeds**
- **Direct seeding native vegetation**
- **Tree planting**
- **Fencing**
- **Riparian management**

other- please specify.....

Criteria	Please tick		Please explain
	Yes	No	
Do you have a current whole farm plan for your property?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you prepared to make the most of this opportunity and actively seek support from a mentor who will share their networks and knowledge with you.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Will you allow your profile information and photos to be used for reports, media articles and case studies?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

FAQ

How do I apply? – Complete this form and return to osulliva@dcsi.net.au and either email or post. Details are on the front of the form.

Who can apply? – Any property owners in the Yarram Yarram and South Gippsland Landcare Network areas. You don't have to be a Landcare member to apply.

How long will the program run for? – This is a pilot program and will run from October 2018 to October 2019.

Who decides the mentees who will be selected? – The project organisers will carefully consider all applications.

Are there any other expectations? – This program will run for 12 months. We will run training in October 2018. You will then be matched with mentors in October. We expect mentors to visit mentees properties and mentees to visit mentors as they work through mentees plans and work towards property goals. This will be discussed on the training day.

Yarram Yarram Landcare Network hope to build the culture of mentoring into their Landcare ethic. We will be keen to look at how we can improve and develop the program and will be asking for your ideas and feedback during this exciting first step.

