



Mentor Application

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 the **Friday October 5th** at Toora Hotel for Mentor training. Followed by a session on **Saturday 20th October** where mentors will be matched with mentees. We are looking for people passionate about Landcare, sustainable agriculture and natural resource management to take part in this program.

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 +

For more information on how to get involved in this exciting opportunity please contact Jenny O'Sullivan on osulliva@dcsi.net.au or 0419 153 377

I can attend the:

- Mentor training day on Friday October 5th Yes No
- 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 history and experience in Landcare and sustainable agriculture?

What have been some of your major achievements relating to Landcare and sustainable agriculture to date?

Why would you like to be involved in this mentoring program? What do you think you can offer new landholders to the area?

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 undertake training and be available to mentor new landholders to the area?	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? – Experienced Landcare members passionate and experienced in Landcare and sustainable agriculture

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

Who decides the mentors 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 mentees in October. We expect you to visit their property and invite them to visit yours as you work through their plans and help them to work towards their 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.

