



**Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth
Community Revegetation 2015/16
Propagation and Planting Program**

**Project Information and Expression of Interest
for Planting in 2016**

To be completed by applicant organisations and groups

This initiative is part of the South Australian Government's Murray Futures Program funded by the Australian Government. This program is implemented by the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association on behalf of the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources.



Introduction

The Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association (GWLAP) are currently seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from community organisations, community groups, and schools from the Lakes Alexandrina and Albert District to undertake local native plant revegetation. This project forms part of the South Australian Government's Murray Futures Program, funded by the Australian Government.

The expression of interest is designed to determine community group interest in local native plant revegetation, and will form the basis for more formal contractual arrangements between the GWLAP and participating groups, organisations, and schools. It is important to note that this EOI does not constitute a contract for services delivery and as such, and groups completing this EOI form are under no obligation to undertake the works nominated in this document.

Please complete and return this expression of interest by **Friday the 8th of April 2016** to be considered for the Community Revegetation Program.

Scope of Works

This EOI is intended for revegetation activities during 2016 and includes activities and works in the following areas;

- Planting of indigenous native plants and installation of tree guards.

Revegetation will predominantly be established at identified priority sites on Lakes Alexandrina and Albert, the Currency Creek, Tookayerta and Finniss River tributaries and the Coorong. Most of the planting will be undertaken in areas above standard Lake water levels (0.75 AHD) with the exception of some reeds, rushes and sedges which will be planted on the water's edge within the nominated revegetation sites. Site Managers will be employed by GWLAP to oversee the on-ground works and Workplace Health and Safety requirements, and revegetation plans have been developed for each planting site to guide the planting layout and locations.

All revegetation activities must be completed between Monday the 16th of May 2016 and Sunday the 31st of July 2016.

Requirements for participation in the program

The following are the minimum essential requirements to participate in the program;

- Groups / consortiums of groups / and schools that are local to the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth area will be given preference.
- Groups and consortiums of groups must be community based.
- Each group / consortium of groups / school participating in the program must have \$10,000,000.00 public liability insurance cover. If your group is unable to access this cover, you may be able to plant as a consortium of groups under another applicant organisation to be covered through their insurances.
- Each group / consortium of groups / school must have WH&S policies and procedures, including site risk assessment, and participant registration, work site induction, and work inductions in order to minimise the risk of injury and accident on site. These documents are available from the Goolwa to Wellington LAP project officers upon request and can be adapted to your group's individual requirements.
- Each group / consortium of groups / school must declare any potential conflicts of interest that might arise from participating in this program.

- Each group / consortium of groups / school are to advise group size at least two weeks prior to planting to allow for scheduling of appropriate number of GWLAP Site Managers.
- School groups are asked to provide the support of one adult per six junior school students (Reception to Year Four) or one adult per ten senior students (Year Five to Year Seven).
- Each group / consortium of groups / school will participate inside the hours of 9am to 4pm.
- No alcohol, non-prescribed drugs or pets are permitted on any site.
- Each group / consortium of groups / school is required to nominate a key contact person for the GWLAP Project Officer or Site Manager to deal with on the planting day.
- All tools required for planting, guard installation and watering will be provided by GWLAP Project Officers and Site Managers. Large groups may be required to provide extra tools.
- For planting: A minimum of 1,000 plants is to be planted per group / consortium of groups / school.
- Each plant is to have a tree guard installed as part of the planting process which will be supplied by GWLAP.
- Depending on soil moisture and / or predicted rainfall, each plant is to be watered in as part of the planting process. The decision to water plants on the planting day is at the discretion of the GWLAP Project Officer or Site Manager. All watering equipment will be provided by GWLAP.
- For planting: The group / consortium of groups / school will be paid for the number of plants that they plant up to the nominated amount they are contracted for.
- Groups / consortiums of groups / schools must implement all nominated works as per the methodologies, site layout, planting zones, and other instructions / guidelines detailed in the site revegetation and management plans. These will be provided by the GWLAP Project Officers or Site Managers.
- Groups / consortiums of groups / schools agree to have independent assessment / audits of planting sites undertaken to ensure progress is on track. Quality control checks will be performed to ensure that the correct procedures are in place and adhered to for all activities proposed through this EOI.
- Groups / consortiums of groups / schools are responsible for the successful implementation of their nominated works. Assistance will be available from GWLAP Project Officers and Site Managers in the form of technical advice, project over-sight and co-ordination; however the responsibility for successfully implementing the nominated works rests with the group / consortium of groups / school.
- Groups / consortiums of groups / schools are not permitted to subcontract or engage other groups or commercial (for profit) enterprises to undertake nominated works without approval from the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association.

Indicative activities and payment rates

The following will constitute the rates to be paid for each activity undertaken through this program. These amounts are GST Exclusive. Works that are not completed or adequately implemented will not be funded or paid for.

Please take note, the price per plant payment for the 2016 planting season has been reduced from \$1.30 (2015 per plant rate) to \$1.20 (excluding GST). This is due to GWLAP having to deliver the 2016 project with a reduced budget compared to previous years.

| Category | Activity / Item | Unit | Price per plant |
|--|--|-----------|--------------------|
| Site Planting | Planting seedling, installation of tree guard and watering in the plant. | Per plant | \$1.20 (Excl. GST) |
| NB: Price per plant includes planting, tree guard installation, and watering in of each plant. | | | |



**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM
For Planting and Tree Guarding in 2016**

1. Group Name:

2. Usual operating area of your group:

3. Key contact person:

4. Preferences for planting dates (between the 16th of May to the 31st of July 2016):

1st: _____

2nd: _____

5. Group details:

Postal Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

6. Group A.B.N: _____

Is your group GST registered? YES NO

7. Cheques payable to:

8. Does your group have Public Liability Insurance of \$10,000,000.00?

YES

NO

9. Does your group have appropriate WH&S policies and procedures for the type of activities nominated? This includes undertaking a work site risk assessment, participant registration, and provision of works inductions and site induction to all participants in order to minimise the risk of accident and injury.

YES

NO

If No, would you like to seek assistance from the GWLAP project officers to develop such policies, procedures, and documents?

YES

NO

Do you agree to use these WH&S policies and procedures when undertaking the works you have nominated for?

YES

NO

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the WH&S requirements?

10. Does your group have any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest that need to be declared?

YES

NO

If yes, please state:

11. Please indicate the district you would like to undertake works in. Species lists and management plans are available for each site and form the basis for all work activities.

- Finniss River area
- Currency Creek area
- Point Sturt / Clayton
- Northern Lake Alexandrina
- Wellington area
- Narrung Peninsula

12. Does your group have any specific or special requirements on or off a revegetation site to enable your participation in the program?

For example, does the site need to be easy to plant for children or elderly, have disability access etc.

13. Please indicate the number of local native plants your group proposes to plant.

_____ Plants

NB: Each plant is to have a tree guard installed and may be required to be watered in as part of the planting process.

14. Has your group previously undertaken any revegetation works prior to this Expression of Interest?

YES

NO

If yes, what works have you undertaken?

15. What further technical support or other information do you feel your group may need (if any) to undertake the proposed works?

16. Checklist:

- Have you answered all 14 questions?
- Have you provided all contact details?
- Have you nominated the number of plants you wish to be contracted for?
- Do you have the appropriate insurances and WH&S procedures?
- Have you advised of any specific requirements your group may have?

Applicant's declaration:

I declare that the information presented in this form is true and correct.

Applicant's name: _____

As the authorised representative of the (group, group consortium, or school name):

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For further information about the EOI process or being involved in the Community Revegetation Program please contact:

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Please submit your completed EOI by Friday the 8th of April 2016 to:

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