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Western Resilient Landscapes Program: Participants for 2017-18

Expression of Interest

Application form for individuals applying to be a participant in the Western Resilient Landscapes Program within the Western region of NSW.

In partnership with



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Send Expression of Interest to:

Post:

Western Resilient Landscapes Program
Western Local Land Services
Po Box 307
Cobar NSW 2837

Email:

gemma.turnbull@lls.nsw.gov.au

Hand delivery:

To any Western Local Land Services district office:

Bourke	21 Mitchell Street
Broken Hill	32 Sulphide Street
Buronga	32 Enterprise Way
Cobar	62 Marshall Street

Expression of Interest must be hand delivered or postmarked by 5pm on
Friday 29 September 2017

Program description:

The Western Local Land Services and Soils for Life Western Resilient Landscapes Program 2017-18 provides an intensive mentoring program to support innovative development and practice change for participating landholders in the Western region of NSW.

The program is delivered by a partnership between Soils for Life, a not for profit organisation facilitating regenerative farm management practices and Western Local Land Services. The program is designed to lead and facilitate innovative development and change in land management throughout the Western Local Land Services region.

The program offers a unique, highly individualised and structured mentoring service to participant landholders, in the application of innovative practices to enterprises, including regenerative land management concepts and maintaining resilience of production in the face of weather and climatic impacts. Further information on the program can be found at www.soilsforlife.org.au/western-division-project.

Program guidelines:

Western Local Land Services is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from individuals seeking to implement best practice and innovative approaches to farming in Western NSW to participate in the Western Resilient Landscapes Program. Participants will be assigned to a mentor for a period of 12 months. Participants will receive no remuneration for their involvement in the program. The program suits land managers who have decided to change the way they manage their properties, but seek guidance on the implementation of new practices.

For further details regarding the role and criteria for participants in this program, please see the program guidelines.

Applicants are required to submit an EOI by **Friday 29 September 2017**.

Applicant requirements:

Eligibility

- Applications are invited from individuals who are currently land managers undertaking primary production within the Western Local Land Services region.
- **Applicants with current Local Land Services/National Landcare/previous Catchment Management Authority projects that are not compliant with contract conditions as at 29 September 2017 will not be eligible for involvement. This includes applicants with incomplete monitoring records.**

Monitoring and evaluation of outcomes

- If successful, you will be required to provide feedback on the outcomes of the project. This information will help Local Land Services assess the project's success and improve future programs.

Compliance with existing State and Commonwealth Legislation

Participants will be required to comply with necessary approvals, licenses, permits, consents and legislation must be complied with, including, but not restricted to the following:

- *Work Health & Safety Act 2011 NSW.*

Participants of the program are required to hold public liability insurance for their property. Public liability cover must consist of \$10 million for any single occurrence and be unlimited in the aggregate as to the number of occurrences.

Lodging an Expression of Interest

If you believe you meet the requirements of this program and wish to participate, you must submit an EOI which has to be received or post-marked by 5pm on 29 September 2017. You will receive an acknowledgement to confirm your Expression of Interest has been received.

All applications will be competitively assessed.

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Assessment process

Your application will be assessed by a panel including representatives of Local Land Services and Soils for Life and ranked accordingly.

Project approvals and Agreements

- You will be advised in writing if your EOI has been accepted.
- If your EOI is successful, you will be contacted in writing by Local Land Services and memorandum of understanding (MOU) will be signed. The MOU will be granted for an agreed period and will detail the negotiated outputs and outcomes of the project.

Unsuccessful applicants

You will be notified in writing if your EOI is unsuccessful. You may seek additional advice or feedback from your Local Land Services office.

What happens to the information I provide?

Collection:

EOI information collected is used to assess your application and to contact you. Please contact Local Land Services if you believe the information collected is not relevant or excessive.

A statutory declaration will be provided for you to give consent to Local Land Services to use and store the information for assessment purposes and to be entered onto the public register. The declaration indicates the information was collected directly from you and is accurate.

People involved in the collection, assessment and processing of this project will view your information. These people are required by law to treat your information as confidential.

Storage:

Information is assessed by a panel which includes staff and independent experts. The panel do not retain any of the information you provide. Your information will be stored in secured files within the Western Local Land Services offices. The information will be kept for the organisational life of Local Land Services or subsequent agencies. Only Local Land Services and relevant Soils for Life staff will have access to your information.

Access:

You are able to view or correct this information at your request in business hours.

Use:

Consent will be sought for any use of the collected information outside of Local Land Services, such as for example, to provide a profile for the mentoring program on the Soils for Life website.

Disclosure:

The amount of funds granted, applicant name, location and brief project description will be placed on the Local Land Services public register. This will take effect if the applicant enters into a contract with Local Land Services.

The purpose of the public register is to inform the community where public funding is directed in the region and additionally, to ensure integrity, honesty and transparency in the administration of the Western Resilient Landscapes Program.

Applicant details

Name Please include first and last name, not initials		ABN	
Email		Property name:	
Mailing address			
Contact numbers			

1. Why does the Western Resilient Landscapes Program appeal to you?

2. How do you feel the program could benefit your business?



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3. Describe your current farm enterprise

For example:

- **Summary of grazing practices implemented**
- **Existing infrastructure**
- **Personnel involved in the business**
- **Management structure of the business**
- **Land systems you are operating within**

4. What activities have you undertaken to improve your skills as a land manager?

Eg. Training activities, engaging with consultants, industry leaders or other stakeholders

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5. A key purpose of the program is to support innovation in enterprise development, business systems and land management practices. Below are examples of content that may be covered by the project.

Sustainable grazing techniques:	<p>Topics may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing tactical grazing management strategies • Implementation of rotational grazing principles • Use of grazing and livestock records • Holistic management decision making processes • Low input – planned profit strategy
Increasing and maintaining groundcover	<p>Topics may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimising rainfall utilisation • Increasing biodiversity for production • Total grazing pressure control • Managing surface water flows
Livestock management and marketing	<p>Topics may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low stress stock handling • Fence and water point design • Cell grazing • Genetic selection and improvement • Livestock nutrition • Sustainable stock rotation • Value adding your product
Rangeland management	<p>Topics may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of invasive native scrub • Use of animal impact for regeneration • Rangeland rehabilitation techniques
Business planning, monitoring and replanning	<p>Topics may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise management systems • Diversifying the enterprise
Improving the enterprise's social aspects	<p>Topics may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving communication skills • Planning for family time • Enhancing your lifestyle • Time management

What additional skills, knowledge or training would you like to see incorporated into the program?



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6. What specific characteristics do you feel your mentor should possess in order to achieve a successful outcome from this program?

7. Tell us how you like to share information or learn new ways of doing things.

8. List other businesses and/or paid or voluntary positions you currently hold or have held in the past that you think may be relevant to the program.



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9. Do you have any special interests or hobbies that might be of interest in this program?

10. Is there any additional comments/information you would like to add?

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: / / 2017

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