

Land for Wildlife - Habitat Restoration Incentives (Weed Control Introduction)

Sunshine Coast Council is offering assistance to its Land for Wildlife members wishing to restore native vegetation and habitat on their properties.



The Weed Control Introductory Training incentive is intended to provide members with the basic on-ground principles and skills to safely and effectively undertake weed management projects on their own properties in an ongoing capacity. This incentive is designed as an introduction to develop skills and may not be beneficial for those with already developed skills or experience in these areas. This incentive is training-based and is not intended as a labour day. It is not recommended for members who have already have a high level of skill in bush regeneration techniques.

The Weed Control Introduction incentive consists of two parts; it is essential landholders participate in both.

Stage 1 Introduction Theory (online):

The theory component is designed to equip you with knowledge to assist you when working on-ground with the contractor in stage 2. It includes basic weed ID skills, weed control techniques and tool and chemical safety. This is a pre-requisite to receiving stage 2 of the incentive. Members are required to review all material provided prior to receiving the field skills component (stage 2). Once completed, contractors will contact landholder to arrange a suitable time and date.

Theory review due by: 6 August 2023.



Stage 2 Weed Control Field Skills (2 x 3hr days or 1 x 6hr day with contractor):

This component of the incentive involves a single contractor working alongside you on your property for 2 x 3hr sessions or 1 x 6hr session. The work must be undertaken in the Land for Wildlife habitat area and involves hands-on management of weeds. Multiple weed management techniques will be demonstrated to enable landholders to develop the skills needed to continue efforts once the incentive is complete. Contractors will also provide guidance on priority areas and weeds. Landholders must be willing and able to work alongside contractors to be eligible for this incentive. Landholders agree to take all necessary Workplace Health and Safety precautions and complete a risk assessment with the contractors prior to undertaking works. Participants will receive a free bush regenerator tool belt (including narrow trowel, secateurs and pruning saw) and basic PPE pack as part of this component.



Works must be completed by: 19 May 2024.

How does the RESTORATION INCENTIVE process work?

1. Do your background research. If required, discuss your habitat restoration plans with your local Conservation Partnerships Officer.
2. Go to www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Environment/Get-Involved-in-Conservation/Land-for-Wildlife between **Monday 15 May 2023 and Monday 5 June 2023 (midnight)** to access the online application links.
3. A detailed map of your project is essential to your application's success. Applications will be rejected if

a map is not provided. An aerial photograph as a base map is preferred, and these can be generated through council's My Maps webpage. Alternatively, your Conservation Partnerships Officer can provide you with an electronic image or hard copy.

4. **Submit your Online Application Form by midnight Monday, 5 June 2023.**
5. Your application will be evaluated on its environmental merits. Each application will be ranked against set criteria with the highest ranking projects being approved.
6. If your application is approved you will receive an email or letter with further information. If your application is unsuccessful you will be advised in writing of this outcome.

7. Online theory review and weed control field skills days are completed.

8. Council will send out a link to an acquittal form in **April 2024** for you to complete and return.

PLEASE NOTE: Participants in Land for Wildlife Groups may apply for only one incentive per Group.

Bushcare Groups working on land registered as Land for Wildlife are NOT eligible to apply for incentives this round. Please discuss any plans and resources you would like with your local Community Conservation Officer.

For more information or advice please contact your local Conservation Partnerships Officer, details below.

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