

Central Burnett Landcare

Best Practice Grazing & Cropping in the Central Burnett Grant



Introduction

Central Burnett Landcare (CBLC) has received a grant of from the Burnett Mary Regional Group's (BMRG) "Flexible Funding", part of the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) Project, for soil and water health to be spent within the next 12 months.

Funding is available for two enterprises; therefore, applications are now open.

The funding is for educational projects that

1. Engage landholders in learning more about regenerative practices
2. Support collaboration with other groups
3. Use innovative learning approaches
4. Meet GBR water quality targets like reduced topsoil loss
5. Meet GBR land & catchment management targets like using best practice systems for cropping & grazing
6. Involve groups like CBLC in delivering projects to increase our capabilities

The project will involve

1. Select one grazing property and one cropping property to set up demonstrations/trial sites.
2. Appoint one person to oversee the project.
3. CBLC to host two workshops relating to each trial site, which is open to the public, presented by professionals at the beginning of the project.
4. Both successful applicants will receive consultation and support by professionals in the proposed field to make a detailed plan for their project.
5. Burnett Catchment Care Association (BCCA) will partner with CBLC. BCCA will take soil samples on each property at the beginning and end of the project. Water sampling may be undertaken by BCCA if appropriate.
6. Successful applicants will carry out the planned work on their property.
7. The project process will be recorded by CBLC and documented digitally for presentation for ongoing education.
8. CBLC will host a field day on site at both properties, open to the public, at the end of the project to share results.

Two Successful Applicants

1. Receive \$4000 to be used for on ground works.
2. Must attend the preliminary workshop.
3. Are required to contribute in-kind work to set up and run the project.
4. In consultation with a professional consultant plan and document the proposed works to be carried out on the demonstration site.
5. Provide access to your property for CBLC to hold a field day, with consideration of bio-security limitations.
6. Allow access to the demonstration site by BCCA staff to take soil & water samples at the beginning & end of the project.
7. Follow the detailed plan & record all processes on the demonstration site, plus keep a financial record.
8. Co-operate with the CBLC to ensure procedures of the on-ground works are documented (this may include filming you explaining the project) for future education.
9. Must be willing to allow future field days to check on progress of the demonstration site.
10. Must be a current financial Central Burnett Landcare Member.

This project is focused on soil health & improvement. It will be largely up to you, the landowner/manager, to choose exactly what you would like to do to improve your soil.

Project suggestions, not limited to

- Biodynamics
- Keyline
- Permaculture
- Natural Sequence Farming
- Holistic Management
- Syntropic Agroforestry
- Regenerative Agriculture
- Adding minerals to get the ideal balance in the soil for the cropping
- Integrated pest management
- Making and/or using compost & compost teas
- Stubble retention or adding organic matter
- Rotational/timed grazing
- Planting improved pastures
- Deep ripping on the contour to improve soil moisture retention
- Biodynamic preparations sprayed over pasture & soil

The options of soil improvement systems are very open. Applicants may present ideas that have been used or experiment a new practice.
Remember that you will only have one growing season (2019-2020) to carry out the project and that it must be completed before the 30th June 2020.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Monday 5th August 2019

Applications are to be submitted to:

Ruth Vicary (Secretary)

123 Vicarys Road, Mundubbera 4626

Email: centralburnettlandcare@gmail.com

For further information about the project or assistance with the application contact:

Marion Denholm (Project Officer)

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As the landholder/manager, I am willing to:

- Attend a CBLC approved workshop about soil health improvement.
- Work with CBLC representative and workshop presenter to prepare detailed plan with on-ground activities and timelines, for your project.
- Follow the plan as laid out to complete the agreed activities within the timelines.
- Allow BCCA staff access to your site to take soil and water samples at the start & finish of the project (water samples, if applicable to your project, may need to be taken during the life of the project)
- Co-operate with the CBLC to film the project activities at the demonstration site, including talking about the project on camera.
- Keep detailed records of the physical & financial activities that are carried out for the demonstration and provide CBLC complete access to my records.
- Allow a CBLC group visit to the site at the completion of the project.
- Allow future visits to the site by groups, if requested.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** ___/___/2019

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Date Receive ___/___ 2019 Applicant # _____