



On behalf of the Australian Government, Landcare Australia would like to offer financial assistance to community Landcare members so they are able to attend the 2014 National Landcare Conference in Melbourne,  $17^{th} - 19^{th}$  September 2014.

We would like to offer assistance to a number of delegates representing community groups undertaking on-ground Landcare activities.

### **ATTENDANCE SUBSIDY**

## **Background:**

To support community involvement at the 2014 National Landcare Conference, Landcare Australia is committing to subsidise the attendance of eligible community delegates from each of the 56 regions across Australia.

Regional NRM organisations will be asked to submit the names of community members that they consider should be supported through the subsidy to attend the Conference. Selected individuals will be reviewed by the Conference Steering Committee and the relevant State/Territory Landcare representative body. Regional NRM bodies will also be encouraged to provide matching funds to subsidise community attendance.

#### Criteria:

To ensure equity and value for money, the subsidy will only be considered for:

 Community members who demonstrate active participation within the Landcare/NRM community and who would benefit from attending the National Landcare Conference.

# **Subsidy:**

Different rates of the subsidy have been identified to reflect the cost of travel from more remote areas of the country:

- Up to \$2000 per region to be provided for attendance by community members from NRM regions within the designated National Landcare Programme Northern and Remote area\*, including the whole of Western Australia.
- Up to \$1000 per region to be provided to the remaining regions

It is hoped that the NRM regional body will match funds supplied by Landcare Australia. Therefore, with this matching funding included, remote regions will potentially have \$4,000 to support community members attending the conference and other regions \$2,000.

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It is expected that this subsidy will cover:

- Full attendance to the conference for one or two community members who are not attending as part of their salaried employment, including a field trip and the Awards dinner
- Travel to and from Melbourne
- Accommodation in Melbourne

## Application:

Eligible community members in each region will need to submit the nomination form to their hosting regional NRM organisation which will review and select the individual. The regional NRM organisation should then send the selected attendee nomination form together with the nominee's bank account details to Sharne Ferraro, Event Manager for Landcare Australia <a href="mailto:sharne.ferraro@landcareaustralia.com.au">sharne.ferraro@landcareaustralia.com.au</a> by <a href="mailto:COB Thursday 14">COB Thursday 14</a> hagust 2014. Once the conference steering committee and relevant State/Territory Landcare body has reviewed and approved the selected attendee, Landcare Australia will deposit the money into the individual's bank account. Nominees will be notified no later than 21st August 2014.

\* For the purposes of National Landcare Programme, northern and remote Australia includes the following Natural Resource Management Regions: Rangelands, Northern Territory, Alinytjara Wilurara, South Australian Arid Lands, Desert Channels, Southern Gulf, Northern Gulf, Cape York, Torres Strait, South West Queensland and Western New South Wales.

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