Weddin Landcare

TRAINING SUBSIDY 2025-2026

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PURPOSE

The Weddin Landcare Training Subsidy 2025-2026 aims to assist **farm owners, farm managers and future farmers** within the <u>Weddin Landcare District</u> to undertake a professional training and development opportunity to improve their skills in managing their farm business and/or the natural resources on their farm, with the aim of fostering best-practice, sustainable agriculture and natural resource management.

This initiative is part of Weddin Landcare's <u>Over the Fence</u> project, which is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program under the Natural Heritage Trust.

FUNDING

Weddin Landcare have allocated a total of \$10,000 (GST excl.) towards the Training Subsidy 2025-2026. Applicants can apply for up to 50% of the cost of their training course, to a maximum of \$1,000 (GST excl) per farm business. Applicants will be responsible for covering the remaining costs associated with the training, such as the remaining course fees, additional course material costs, travel, accommodation and meals.

The **funding is limited and competitive**, which may mean that not all applicants will be funded. **Subsidies will be offered on a first-in, first served basis**, based on the date the expression of interest was received, provided applicants meet the eligibility criteria. Expressions of interest open on 1 December 2025 and will close on 31 March 2026 or once the funds have been exhausted.

Approved funds will be paid via direct deposit to the training provider, upon invoice.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for funding, applicants will need to meet the following criteria:

- Expressions of interest must be received by no later than **5pm on Tuesday 31 March 2026**. Note: Expressions of interest may close earlier than this if total funds have been exhausted.
- Applicants must be or be willing to become a General Member of Weddin Landcare in 2025-2026.
- Applicants must be located within the Weddin Landcare District Ref: https://weddinlandcare.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Weddin-Landcare-District-Map.pdf
- Applicants must be a farm owner, farm manager or future farmer, above the age of 18. Proof of this may
 be requested.
- Training must be able to be completed between 1 December 2025 and 31 October 2026;
- Subsidies will not be granted for training courses that have already been completed (ie. not retrospective) though may be offered for the continuation of a multi-year course that has already commenced;
- Courses must be related to farm business management or natural resource management. Training courses must be approved by Weddin Landcare Steering Committee.
- Applicants must agree to adhere to the terms and conditions of the funding.

ELIGIBLE TRAINING COURSES

Following is a list of pre-approved training course providers. Courses must be related to farm business management or natural resource management. If you would like to attend a course through a different provider, please contact Melanie on 0493 416 442 to discuss. The Weddin Landcare Steering Committee will have the final say as to whether a course is deemed eligible.

- Resource Consulting Services
- KLR Marketing
- Low Stress Stock Handling
- Farm Owners Academy
- Agrista
- Agrifocused
- Inside Outside Management

- Mulloon Institute
- Charlie Arnott and Hamish Mackay
- Integrity Soils
- Soil Land Food
- Prograze
- Southern Cross University
- TAFE NSW

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Farmers, farm managers and future farmers must **submit an expression of interest form** to apply for the subsidy. This form can be accessed <u>here</u> or via the website https://weddinlandcare.com.au/over-the-fence/

If applicants are unable to access the online form, a pdf copy can be supplied upon request. Applicants must ensure they complete all fields on the form and submit it to Weddin Landcare via the online platform or to weddinlandcare@outlook.com or to 20A Warraderry St, PO Box 201, Grenfell NSW 2810.

Expressions of interest will close on 31 March 2026 or once program funds have been exhausted.

ASSESSMENT

Expressions of interest will be reviewed by the Weddin Landcare Local Landcare Coordinator and cross-checked by Weddin Landcare Steering Committee members to ensure applicants are eligible. Applicants will then be contacted to discuss their training.

APPROVAL

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their expression of interest in writing and will be required to sign a letter of offer, which will outline the funding amount and terms and conditions for the funding.

Applicants will be responsible for booking in to the training and arranging for an invoice to be sent from the training provider to Weddin Landcare for the funded amount.

CONDITIONS

Applicants will need to **keep a record of the expenses** they incur that are related to the training and must present copies of any receipts to Weddin Landcare for proof of contribution.

COMPLETION

All training must be completed by 31 October 2026. Upon completion, the applicant must provide Weddin Landcare with copies of any receipts of expenses incurred as part of the training as well as a short (1-2 page) report on the outcomes of the training. A report template will be provided by Weddin Landcare. This report will be due within 2 weeks of the completion of training.

TIMELINE

The following timeframes are provided as an indication only.

Expressions of Interest open	1 December 2025
Expressions of Interest close	31 March 2026
Notify applicants	Within 2 weeks of EOI
Training completion	31 October 2026
Report	Within 2 weeks of completion of training