



Landowner Biodiversity Conservation Grant Program

Helping rural private property owners manage their bushland and wetland areas

Voluntary Management Agreement and Funding Conditions

I/We, _____ being the landowner/s of _____
_____ have received a landowner biodiversity grant from the City of Cockburn to carry out the work described below on the above property with the aim of conserving and enhancing its natural bushland and/or wetland values for a minimum period of 3 years and have read and agreed to abide by the conditions of funding outlined below.

Voluntary Management Agreement

Brief description of the location of works on the property and the proposed works: _____

I/We agree to the following provisions during the term of this agreement:

1. Work with City of Cockburn to develop a simple Bushland/Wetland Management Plan for our property.
2. Attend a half-day workshop organised by the City of Cockburn on topics relating to bushland/wetland management on private property.
3. Plant only locally native (indigenous) plants, as per the list of species provided by the City of Cockburn.
4. All weed control carried out will not disturb or harm any native plants, including grasses.
5. All livestock will be excluded from the above site.

Conditions

1. Funds will only be spent on the project for which they were approved by the City of Cockburn.
2. Funds must be expended within twelve months of approval, or within 30 days of the project completion date whichever is sooner, unless written approval has been sought and approved by Council for an extension of the grant period. Any such approval request should include an interim progress report on the project and how much of the grant has been expended.
3. The landowner will submit a completed City of Cockburn final report form no later than sixty days after the completion date of the project or works.
4. Proof of expenditure of funds is required to accompany the Final Report form and any unspent funds shall be returned to the City of Cockburn at the same time.
5. If an extension of the grant period is being sought the landowner will notify the City of Cockburn in writing not less than two weeks prior to the original completion date of the project.
6. Should the project or works not proceed for any reason the grant funds must be returned to Council within 30 days of the original project completion date. Council will take appropriate action to recover the funds should they not be returned within the given time frame.

Landowner/s Signature

Second owner to sign if multiple properties applying

Owner's Signature: _____

Date: / /

2nd Owner's Signature: _____

Date: / /

Authorisation

City Environment Officer to sign

Signature: _____

Date: / /