

Yass Paddock Tree Project – Round 4

Yass Landcare Group is offering 1-50 trees and guards per property to re-establish paddock trees in the Yass Valley Local Government Area.

We invite interested landholders to submit an Expression of Interest by 1 April 2023 – trees and guards will be allocated on a ‘first come, first served’ basis, so we encourage early applications.



Connecting through trees

This project will improve health and connectivity in the landscape by planting the next generation of native trees. Scattered paddock trees are an important part of the landscape and play a number of roles on a healthy and productive farm.

Benefits for wildlife

Scattered paddock trees provide an important function for our wildlife including:

- Habitat hollows for many birds, mammals, such as micro bats, reptiles, frogs, insects and spiders;
- A stepping stone for animal movement between patches of native vegetation;
- Important fauna food sources like nectar, foliage and insects;
- Increasing species’ resilience to the changing climate.

About one third of agricultural land in the Australian temperate zone contains scattered paddock trees. Most of these trees are very old and there are often insufficient young trees growing to take their place. Even dead and unhealthy scattered paddock trees are important as they provide homes and shelter for wildlife. The big concern is that in 40 years all of these paddock trees could be gone.

Benefits for your farm

Connected, resilient environments lead to healthy and productive farms. Planting native trees and protecting natural areas and waterways can provide numerous production benefits, including: providing shade for stock, sheltering stock and soil from strong winds, improving water quality and encouraging native pollinators and species that provide natural insect control.

Scattered paddock trees provide a range of benefits for productivity including:

- Pest control. Bats and birds that roost in trees can significantly reduce the number of insect pests;
- Stock and crops thrive better with shelter. Trees give protection from the wind and extreme temperatures;
- Salinity management. Trees can reduce waterlogging and dryland salinity problems;
- Improved soil structure. Wind and water erosion is reduced with remnant vegetation;
- Better quality soil. Soil fertility improves as leaf litter and animal droppings break down, bringing nutrients to pastures from deep soil beyond the reach of the pasture root zone;
- Natural regeneration. Mature trees provide the seeds to grow young trees and create the right conditions to grow native grasses and shrubs;
- Bee products. Valuable for apiary, honey, bees wax and pollination, although feral bees can exclude native fauna from tree hollows.

More information and how to apply

Go to <https://yan.org.au/projects/paddock-tree-project> to find out more about what’s on offer and to see a photo of the guard.

Complete the EOI application form on the back. Once complete, email your EOI to Kath at kangiara@gmail.com or mail it to: Yass Area Network, PO Box 2026, Bowning NSW 2582. For more information contact Jeremy: jeremyandkatewilson@gmail.com, 0427 059 142.

Expression of interest form

Applications close 1 April 2023 - 'first come, first served'

Applicant details sections marked with an * must be completed			
*Applicant name:		*Date:	
*Landowners name (if different to applicant)		Entity name (if applicable):	
		ABN (if applicable):	
*Property address:		*Postal address (if different to property)	
*Phone number:		*Email:	
*Landcare group:		*Lot/Dp	

Eligibility to apply for funding (applicants must meet all criteria)

- I am a current financial member of a Yass Area Network Landcare Group – please circle one: (Binalong, Bowning/Bookham, Murrumbateman, Sutton, or Yass). If not, I wish to join, see below:
 - The project site is in the Yass Valley Local Government Area
 - I agree to maintain 100% tree survival over 10 years and will replace any dead trees if necessary
 - I agree to plant the trees at least 30 metres apart, and a safe distance from houses and power lines
 - I agree to co-invest \$15 per sheep-proof guard and \$20 per cattle/horse-proof guard, and provide three steel posts per guard
 - I give permission for my contact details to be shared with Local Land Services in regards to this project
 - All on-ground works previously funded by Local Land Services and/or Catchment Management Authorities are complete. If you have a project that is complete or will be completed by 1st April 2023 and has not yet been inspected by an LLS officer please provide details.
- How many trees and guards do you request? (1-50 indicate sheep &/or cattle/horse)
 - If you are not yet a financial member of a Landcare group, please circle the group you wish to join:
 - Yass Landcare Group ○ Murrumbateman Landcare Group
 - Sutton Landcare Group ○ Bowning-Bookham Landcare Group

Please email completed EOI form to Kath at kangiara@gmail.com or mail to:

Yass Area Network, PO Box 2026, Bowning NSW 2582

What happens next?

Once EOIs have been received and processed, we will coordinate with LLS and contact applicants to request further information about the planting site/sites. Successful applicants will be asked to provide the co-investment of \$15/\$20 per tree and guard and collect their planting kits in Autumn 2023.



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