



**WILLUNGA
HILLS FACE
LANDCARE GROUP**

REGREEN THE RANGE GUIDELINES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in establishing a revegetation site on your property. This brochure is intended to provide more information on the project guidelines and financial investments for you, the landholder, and us, the Landcare group.

Firstly, a bit of background...

The government is funding revegetation work on the hillsface for landholders through a scheme called the Natural Heritage Trust. Landholders receive the subsidy as the work is considered to be in the interest of the public, through reducing erosion damage caused by run-off and, not only providing a sustainable and profitable land use, but also providing general stability to the landscape on the Hills Face.

Incentive payments to landholders to encourage the adoption of sustainable land management practices are available through the Willunga Hills Face Landcare Group, as a local distributor of Natural Heritage Trust funds.

The Land Management Scheme

The project provides both financial and technical assistance to Hills Face landowners that are interested in implementing revegetation areas on their properties. The key issues addressed by the project include:

- Soil erosion
- Degradation of remnant vegetation
- Run-off
- Biodiversity of native flora and fauna

Funding is available to:

- Landholders on the Willunga Hills Face
- Landholders who are able to carry out their works within 2000
- Landholders willing to carry out revegetation on their property

The Willunga Hills Face Landcare Group will:

- Subsidise certain activities within individual projects
- Provide technical assistance to the landholder for on-ground works
- Assist in the co-ordination of the works program with the landholder

Regreen the Range is supported by:

- Willunga Hills Face Landcare Group
- Natural Heritage Trust
- Primary Industries and Resources
- Onkaparinga Catchment Water Management Board
- City of Onkaparinga
- Landcare SA

Activities subsidised by the Regreen the Range Project

- Conservation plantings
- Forestry woodlots
- Fencing of vegetated areas

Where do we go from here?

To become involved in the project, firstly the Expression of Interest form must be completed and returned to the Regreen the Range office. The On-ground works manager then contacts you for a site visit and an assessment is made of the property.

Conservation sites

The planting of conservation sites consists of areas of land being direct seeded with endemic seeds. These sites are generally too steep to be of use for grazing, they are badly eroded and subjected to high rates of run-off.

The seed used to plant out the area is collected locally where possible, from areas biogeographically similar and from up to 20 km away. The mix contains a variety of middle to upper storey plants including Eucalypts, Allocasuarinas, Acacias, Leptospernums and Melaleucas, with limited ground storey.

Forestry sites

Forestry sites can be implemented on sites that are up to 15 degrees, reduced rockiness and an even surface.

Forestry sites are planted out to Eucalypt trees, grown specifically for firewood and, in some cases, sawlog. Species used include sugar gum, spotted gums, iron

bark and various blue gums. The species were selected on the basis that they grow well and straight in the conditions typical of the Willunga Hills Face and the wood can be used for firewood and sawlog purposes.

Assessments & Agreements

A map is produced of the property with the different sites outlined and costs calculated. Once these figures are agreed upon, an Agreement Form is signed, which is a formal contract between the Landcare Group and the Landholder. This Agreement form outlines both the landholder's and the group's responsibilities.

Characteristics of Priority sites:

- Size
- Situation - proximity to remnant vegetation, established neighbouring revegetation sites
- Degree of degradation - bad tunnel erosion, slumping, severe loss of top soil

Reducing the cost to Landholders:

- In kind work - the landholder takes on a supervisory role and gets involved in planting and direct seeding.
- Green Corps and Correctional Services - these may get involved in situations where the land is a high priority site, yet the landholder does not have sufficient funds.

An example of typical cost sharing between the Landholder and the Landcare Group can be seen over the page. This table is based on a revegetation site of 1

ha of conservation and 1 ha of forestry plantings.

The planting can also become a tax deduction, as landholders with an ABN can claim input tax credits if the forestry planting is referred to that ABN.

Vegetation Survey

A vegetation survey will be carried out on the site to determine coverage of native grasses and plants. The survey will enable a site-specific seed mix, as well as determine the spraying pattern to be implemented in various areas.

The Vegetation Survey will separate the property into areas of varying vegetation and suggest the most appropriate form of spraying that is likely to have the least effect on the native grasses present.

Spraying Protocol

A Spraying Protocol has been developed in conjunction with community members and will be implemented in this year's works.

For a copy of the protocol either contact the Regreen the Range office or the Willunga Landcare Centre.

Contractors

The Regreen the Range will put forward the name of a preferred contractor to do the work, however the landholder has the right to refuse the services of the contractor and contract someone of their preference. The landholder is responsible for all payments regarding the contractors and it is in their interest to keep in close communication with them.

The Regreen the Range Project accepts no responsibility for any disagreements that may arise between the contractor and the landholder.

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COST SHARING RATIOS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE REGREEN THE RANGE PROJECT

REGREEN THE RANGE CATCHMENTS PROJECT - 2000 ESTIMATE

| <i>FORESTRY PLANTING- 1ha</i> | Cost/ ha | Landcare | Min. Outlay | Landholder All Paid |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| SITE PLANNING, PREPARATION & IMPLEMENTATION | 219 | 169 | * | 50 |
| SEEDLINGS - 1,100 @ 28C. | 308 | 158 | 150 | 150 |
| PLANTING - 1,100 @ 20C. | 220 | | * | 220 |
| RIPPING - @ \$155/ha | 155 | 155 | | |
| PRE-WEED CONTROL SPRAY @ \$108/HA | 108 | 28 | * | 80 |
| POST-WEED CONTROL SPRAY @ \$108/HA - RECOMMENDED | 108 | 28 | * | |
| TOTAL COST FOR FORESTRY PLANTING | 1118 | 538 | 150 | 500 |
| <i>CONSERVATION PLANTING - 1ha</i> | | | | |
| SITE PLANNING, PREPARATION & IMPLEMENTATION | 90 | 90 | | |
| DIRECT SEEDING - Machine or Hand Seeded | 250 | 125 | * | 125 |
| PURCHASE OF SEED | 130 | 130 | | |
| PRE-WEED CONTROL SPRAY @ \$208/ha | 208 | 108 | * | 100 |
| TOTAL COST OF CONSERVATION PLANTING | 678 | 453 | 0 | 225 |
| TOTAL COST TO PROJECT | \$1796 | \$991 | \$150 | \$725 |

Every endeavour has been made to provide accurate figures in costs and area, however budget a 10% contingency.

Conservation spraying estimate based on bulldozer doing spraying therefore depends on accessibility of the land

Fencing subsidy of \$1000 / km, based on \$3000 / ha for electric fencing

* Landholder Inkind Contribution