





Green Army is a Federal Government funded program operated by the Environment Department under the National Landcare Program.

The program aims to support practical environmental and heritage projects hosted by Landcare Groups, NRM Bodies, Indigenous and local government organisations. These organisations are called Project Hosts.

Project Hosts work closely with their allocated Service Provider to ensure projects that are developed and implemented are consistent with community environmental plans and needs and provides valuable practical on-ground experience for the project participants. The Department allocates Service Providers to Project Hosts.

5 organisations, called Service Providers, are contracted by the Government to support the delivery of the program through project hosts. These include:

- Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Campbell Page Limited together with Skillset Ltd
- CoAct (formerly Job Futures Ltd)
- Manpower together with Landcare Australia Limited
- Workskill Australia Incorporated

The Service Providers are responsible for recruiting participants and project supervisors, managing work health and safety, training delivery, administering allowances and overseeing project management in association with the project host.

Participants are aged between 17-24 years old. They gain practical experience and training while on the projects and receive a training allowance during the project. Projects are undertaken over 20-26 weeks for an average of 30 hours per week.

Funds cover the cost of project administration by service providers, participant allowances, uniforms, local transport costs and the provision of training. Additional funding of up to \$10,000 per project may be provided for project materials subject to approval. Funding is not directly available to project hosts.

Projects are required to have a clear environmental or heritage focus and seek to provide benefits to the community and practical experience activities for the young participants. For example project activities may involve:

- · Weed management and tree planting,
- Plant propagation,
- · Revegetation and regeneration,
- Construction of boardwalks and walking tracks and,
- Cultural heritage restoration.







The Proposed Project Host submits projects to the Environment Department through a competitive bid process. Successful projects are allocated to a service provider. Following the assessment and approval of projects, successful project applicants become Project Hosts. Project Hosts enter into an agreement with the allocated Service Provider to deliver the project. The agreement details each party's rights and obligations, and outlines the project plan and implementation schedule.

The Environment Department's website has links to Green Army Case Studies.

Applications for <u>Green Army Round 5</u> opened on 6 May and will close on 16 June 2016.

To get some projects ideas it is well worth viewing <u>previously approved projects</u> or contact a groups that has <u>completed</u> a <u>project from the map</u> on the QWaLC website.

Two examples of current Green Army projects in Queensland:

Conservation Volunteers Australia Green Army Project: "Green Army Battles for K'Gari's Natural Integrity - Work is underway in Fraser Island World Heritage area by the first 9-person Green Army team. The team is being kept busy with the important tasks of removing rubbish, lantana, groundsel and other weeds from the main entry road near the Wanggoolba ferry landing, and lantana control in Dundubara creek."

Campbell Page Ltd and Skillset Ltd - <u>Subtropical Lowland Rainforest Revegetation - Kin Kin Catchment</u> "The project provides unequaled opportunity to sequester high carbon volumes and create outstanding biodiversity outcomes within EPBC listed ecosystems and species habitat. The Project will involve the planting of 16,880 native trees over 4.22 hectares to recreate EPBC listed Lowland Rainforest of Subtropical Australia & habitat for Southern Penda, Grey Head Flying Fox, Red Goshawk and Coxen's Fig Parrot." Noosa And District hosts the project Landcare Group Inc.

For general enquiries and project inquiries: Call the Green Army hotline on 1800 780 730 Email: GreenArmy@environment.gov.au

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Website Form: http://qwalc.org.au/contact-2/

or a <u>Service Provider</u> in your area.