



Living Carbon grants: MidCoast

MidCoast Council is working with land managers to support on-farm carbon management and help NSW meet their net zero emissions targets.

The Living Carbon grants provide financial and technical support to land managers to design, plan and implement carbon and biodiversity plantings across the MidCoast Local Government Area. The grants focus on reducing barriers to landholders entering the carbon market. They also aim to deliver co-benefits for biodiversity, including restoring koala habitat and farm productivity.

Living Carbon grants in the MidCoast region are administered as part of the NSW Government's Primary Industry Productivity and Abatement Program and funded by the NSW Koala Strategy.

What are the planting requirements?

Projects must be registered with the Clean Energy Regulator under the [Environmental Plantings Pilot method 2014](#) or the [Environmental Plantings method 2024](#). Read the [FAQs on our website](#) for further information about eligible planting methods.

In the MidCoast region:

- The project area to be planted must be a minimum of 10 hectares (ha) and a maximum of 200 ha.
- Plantings can be one site or several sites on a property, an individual site must be 4 ha or larger.
- Projects must aim to improve koala habitat.

- Plantings must be a mix of native tree and shrub species that represent the local plant community type.
- Plantings may be linear or block shape.
- Planting method options are direct seeding and/or tube stock or hiko cells.
- A full list of requirements is available in the MidCoast Planting plan guide [on our website](#).

What assistance is available?

Financial assistance:

- Site preparation such as ripping, materials and labour.

- Fencing (up to 50% of material and labour costs).
- Revegetation (up to 100% of direct seeding, ripping, tube stock/hiko cells, planting materials and labour costs).
- Administration (\$5,000 towards admin and environmental accounting costs).

All other costs such as weed control, maintenance, monitoring and reporting, or costs exceeding the \$200,000 grant limit, will require a co-contribution (cash or in-kind) from the land manager or a third party.

Technical assistance:

Technical assistance will be available to support landholders with all key steps including:

- Project design and mapping
- Completing your planting plan
- Determining which Accounting for Nature (AfN) method is suitable for you
- Monitoring stem survival rates and completing photo monitoring reports
- Completing your first monitoring reports to the CER and Accounting for Nature.

Where do I start?

If you are considering applying for a Living Carbon grant, please contact the [MidCoast Council Koala Safe Spaces team](#) to register your interest and access support.

MidCoast Council Koala Safe Spaces team

Email: koalasafespaces@midcoast.nsw.gov.au

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They will also be hosting field days and events to support landholders interested in the grants. Details will be on their [website](#).

What are the key steps?

1. Contact the Koala Safe Places team, see below, where do I start?
2. Design and plan your project.
3. Register your project with the Clean Energy Regulator.
4. Design your Environmental Account through Accounting for Nature.
5. Submit your Living Carbon project application, including a completed planting plan.
6. Enter a funding deed with NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.
7. Establish your planting within 12 months of signing your contract.
8. Monitor and report on your planting to the Clean Energy Regulator and Accounting for Nature.
9. Complete a landholder experience survey and brief case study.

For more information

Scan the QR code or [visit our website](#) for information about the Living Carbon grants and other opportunities for NSW landholders.



You can contact the **Net Zero Land team** at: netzero.land@environment.nsw.gov.au