



Slow Food® Shoalhaven

SLOW FOOD SHOALHAVEN - SMALL PRODUCER GRANT

Attention to all small scale growers, fishermen, and producers in the Shoalhaven – Slow Food Shoalhaven is again offering a ‘Shoalhaven Grows’ grant to help small scale producers achieve their goals of becoming a better local grower or producer.

Slow Food believes we need a better food system in our local communities and across Australia. That’s why we promote good, clean and fair food for everyone.

Good: quality, flavoursome, and healthy food
Clean: produced without harming the environment
Fair: good conditions and pay for (small scale) producers and at affordable prices.

This grant will actively support efforts that help improve our food system.

Guidelines

- Financial help is available up to the value of \$5000.-. Applicants may apply for any amount up to this limit. Applicants are encouraged to be realistic in their summations when applying for funds.
- The money can be used anyway the applicant feels is most beneficial to achieve their goals (for example purchase of machines/materials, attend courses etc) as long as their efforts are in line with the Slow Food philosophy of good, clean and fair and beneficial to creating a better food system.
- There is no age limit; application is open to all small-scale producers in the Shoalhaven provided they are in keeping with the Good, Clean and Fair Slow Food principles. An on-site visit will be part of the selection process.
- Applicants will be required to demonstrate that their business is their sole form of income and that they have secured long-term viability of their business (i.e. business plan, revenues, ownership, long-term lease of land). Applicants agree that if due to unforeseen circumstances they have to terminate their business within one year of receiving all or part of their grant – they will notify Slow Food Shoalhaven immediately, and that - depending on the circumstances – (parts of) the money (or goods purchased) will have to be paid back/returned to Slow Food Shoalhaven.
- There is no set number of successful applicants. Slow Food Shoalhaven committee reserve the right to select as few or as many successful applications as they see fit. They also reserve the right to not select any if none are deemed worthy, in which case the funds will be carried over to the following year.

- Applicants are required to submit an application on or before the due date, using the application form and any necessary support material as well as a CV or brief note about their producer's experiences.
- Successful applicants will be notified in writing and funds will be forwarded from Slow Food Shoalhaven. In the case of specific allocations of funds (i.e. purchase of equipment), invoices will need to be submitted to Slow Food Shoalhaven.
- Successful applicants agree to the use of their work / information for promotional purposes by Slow Food Shoalhaven as agreed upon with the committee.
- At the end of the year, successful applicants must submit an evaluation report on how "Shoalhaven Grows" has worked (or not worked) for them so that Slow Food can ensure all future grants address the needs of those applying. They are also required to share their obtained experiences and learnings with the Slow Food Shoalhaven community.

Application Process

- Application open from September 21st, 2017. Application forms can be found on our website www.slowfoodshoalhaven.com.au. Or via email.
- Application forms can be sent to sfsproducers@gmail.com, or via post to Slow Food Shoalhaven, p/a 116 Bannister Head Road – Mollymook Beach 2539
- Applications should be received before October 31st, 2017 (closing date).
- Successful applicants will be notified/announced on December 10th, 2017 during Slow Food's Terra Madre celebration.

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