

Calling for Expressions of Interest for Business Mentoring

Open to Agriculture and Horticulture businesses based in Balonne Shire

Are you looking to:

- Invest in exclusion fencing and trying to maximise your investment;
- Diversify your farming operations;
- Invest in feedlot operations;
- Invest in technologies to improve efficiencies;
- On the property or paddock - value-add or vertically integrate;
- Increase margin in the supply chain; and/or
- Implement new marketing and business development ideas/opportunities;
- Possibly develop and commercialise a product or service you have developed?

Balonne Shire Council has been successful in securing funds to assist Balonne Shire based businesses under the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program. The purpose of the Business Mentoring Program is to assist and help grow local businesses and agribusinesses.

Program Overview:

- Two rounds of up to 15 Ag and Hort Businesses per round
- Round 1 EOI close 17 December 2019
- Round 1 commences late January 2020
- Participants selected based on EOI objectives and outcomes proposed
- Participants matched with mentors with relevant Ag and Hort experience

Benefits:

- No cost to the participant
- Dedicated one-on-one mentoring for up to 22 hours per participant
- Initial business review of operations
- Potential for feasibility study funding (case by case and subject to outcomes)
- Up to \$2000 incentive per participant (with matching funds) to purchase equipment or materials that will add value to farm operations
- Strategy and development of action and business plans and other mentoring benefits;
- Participate in focused group workshops (3) in Balonne Shire facilitated by industry leaders;
- Ongoing in-kind support from Balonne Shire Council and business services partners.

Round 1 Expressions of Interest close Tuesday 17 December

For further information and EOI submission, please contact
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