

2026 Landcare SA Financial Assistance Package

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Program Information

The Landcare Association of South Australia Inc. (LASA) offer's financial assistance to member groups as part of the Care for Landcare Program funded by the SA State Government.

This year, the financial assistance package has two components:

1. Care for Landcare Grants Program ("Grants Program")
2. Landcare Insurance Fee Reimbursement Scheme ("Insurance Reimbursement")

Eligible member groups can opt-in for either or both components.

Eligibility

- Your group must be a **current LASA member** to access financial assistance. Groups must be LASA members by 1 March 2026 to be eligible.
- Individual and Associate members are **not eligible**.
- Both incorporated and unincorporated groups can apply.
- If your group is unincorporated, you'll need an **auspicing body** to manage grant funds (not LASA, but we can help you find one). An auspicing body is **not required** for insurance reimbursements.

Applications

- The 2026 financial assistance round opens 30 March 2026 and close 20 April 2026 (11:55pm ACST)
- After the round closes, LASA reviews all submissions. Groups will be notified by **31 May 2026** about the outcome and the value of any grant and/or insurance reimbursement.
- Successful groups will receive a **letter of offer** outlining:
 - the grant and/or insurance amount,
 - terms and conditions, and
 - reporting and acquittal requirements.
- Your group may opt-out at any time before signing the offer.

⚠ Important: Completing the opt-in form does **not** guarantee funding. Final eligibility and funding amounts are decided by the LASA Management Committee.

Payments

- To receive funding, your group must submit an **invoice** (or tax invoice if registered for GST). We cannot process payments without an invoice.
- We'll provide a simple invoice template to assist groups unfamiliar with raising invoices.
- If your group does not have an ABN, you'll also need to complete a Statement by Supplier form.

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1. Grants Program

Eligibility

To apply for the 2026 Grants Program, your group must:

- Be a **current LASA member** (membership application submitted by **1 March 2026**).
- Have successfully **acquitted your 2025 Care for Landcare Grant** by **2 March 2026** (if applicable).
- Hold both **Public Liability** and **Volunteer Personal Accident** insurance policies.

What you'll need to apply

When applying, your group should have:

- A broad idea of the **equipment and materials** you'd like to purchase with the grant. (This is just an indication and is not binding.)
- Your group's **ABN** (if you have one) and incorporation status.
- Knowledge of which **insurance policies** your group currently holds.

Grant value

- Each eligible group that opts in for the 2026 Grants Program will receive an **equal share** of the Grant funds for the round.
- As this is the last year of the current Care for Landcare Program funding, the exact total distributed to eligible groups will be determined after the round closes.

Eligible expenditure

Grant funds may be used to purchase or hire equipment and materials for your group's Landcare activities.


Examples include:

- Plants and seeds
- Tree guards and stakes
- Personal protective equipment (e.g. gloves, safety vests, safety glasses, first aid kits)
- Tools (e.g. chainsaws, drills, shovels)
- Propagation materials
- Stationery, software, office and administrative supplies
- Signage
- Pesticides
- Fencing materials
- Specialised contractors or equipment hire
- Trailers and fire-fighting equipment

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- Water tanks
- Branded clothing
- Citizen science or scientific equipment

 **Tip:** If you're unsure whether an item is eligible, contact LASA for guidance.

Ineligible expenditure

Grant funds **cannot** be used for:

- LASA membership
- Other memberships
- Staff salaries
- Purchases made before **2 March 2026**
- Purchases already acquitted, reimbursed or funded by LASA or other sources, regardless of purchase date.
- Insurance


 **Tip:** Contact LASA if you're unsure about an item or need clarification.

Applications per group

- Each group may apply for **one grant only** in this program.
- This ensures more groups can share in the available funds.

Acquittal and reporting requirements

- All grant funds must be **spent and acquitted** within **two months of expenditure** or by **1 March 2027** (whichever is sooner).
- An acquittal form will be supplied, where you'll need to:
 - Report what the funds were spent on,
 - Provide invoices/receipts, and
 - Share any relevant photos.
- The acquittal form is included with the **Care for Landcare Grant Pack** you'll receive with your **Letter of Offer**.
- If funds are not spent and acquitted correctly, LASA may decline future applications for financial assistance or membership.

 **Note:** We'll work closely with groups to make this process simple and clear. Additional details will be provided in your grant offer and contract.

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2. Insurance Reimbursement

This is the second year of the free [Landcare SA Members Insurance Package](#). As this package now provides core coverage for member groups, the **Insurance Reimbursement** Scheme has been reduced.

In 2026, reimbursement funding will prioritise LASA member groups that have purchased additional insurance policies outside the scope of the free package, or who were unable to access sufficient free insurance and needed to purchase their own cover.

All eligible member groups may opt in to request reimbursement; however, funding is limited and reimbursements are not guaranteed.

Eligibility

To apply for an Insurance Reimbursement, your group must:

- Be a **current LASA member** (membership application submitted by **1 March 2026**).
- Have successfully **acquitted your 2025 Care for Landcare Grant** (if applicable).
- Have paid your group's insurance fees within the last **12 months (22 April 2025 – 20 April 2026)**. This includes fees paid personally by a group member on behalf of the group.
- Be ineligible for, or unable to access, sufficient free insurance through your local Landscape Board and/or Council.
- Not have already received financial assistance covering all your insurance premiums this year.

What you'll need to apply

When applying, your group will need:

- Details of your current insurance policies and the amount paid in the last 12 months.
- **Proof of payment** for policies purchased with your group's own funds (e.g. receipt or bank statement showing the dollar value paid).
- **Certificates of insurance** for any policies purchased with your group's own funds in the last 12 months.

Reimbursement value

- The 2026 reimbursement amount will be determined after the round closes.
- The amount reimbursed depends on:
 - the number of eligible groups that apply, and
 - the cost of your group's insurance premiums.
- Eligible costs include:
 - insurance purchased because sufficient free cover wasn't available, or

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- additional policies purchased on top of free Landscape Board/Council insurance (for example, where partial cover is provided through a Landscape Board or Council and a supplementary policy was required to ensure appropriate coverage).

⚠ Note: The LASA Management Committee makes the final decision on which insurance costs are eligible for reimbursement.

Eligible insurance types

The Landcare SA Members Insurance Package provides comprehensive cover under a single master policy (including Public Liability, Volunteer Personal Accident and Association Liability). This package cannot be split.

The Insurance Reimbursement Scheme is therefore intended to support member groups that:

- required additional insurance outside the scope of the free package; or
- accessed partial free cover through a Landscape Board or Council and purchased supplementary policies to meet their needs.

Insurance purchased within the last 12 months (22 April 2025 – 20 April 2026) may be considered for reimbursement if it was necessary for your group's activities and not already covered through the free Landcare SA Members Insurance Package, a Landscape Board, Council, or other funding source.

Examples may include:

- General Property insurance
- Professional Indemnity
- Event-specific insurance
- Other policies required to support your group's operations

All claims will be assessed against program intent and available funding.

Acquittal requirements

- **No acquittal is required** for Insurance Reimbursement funds.