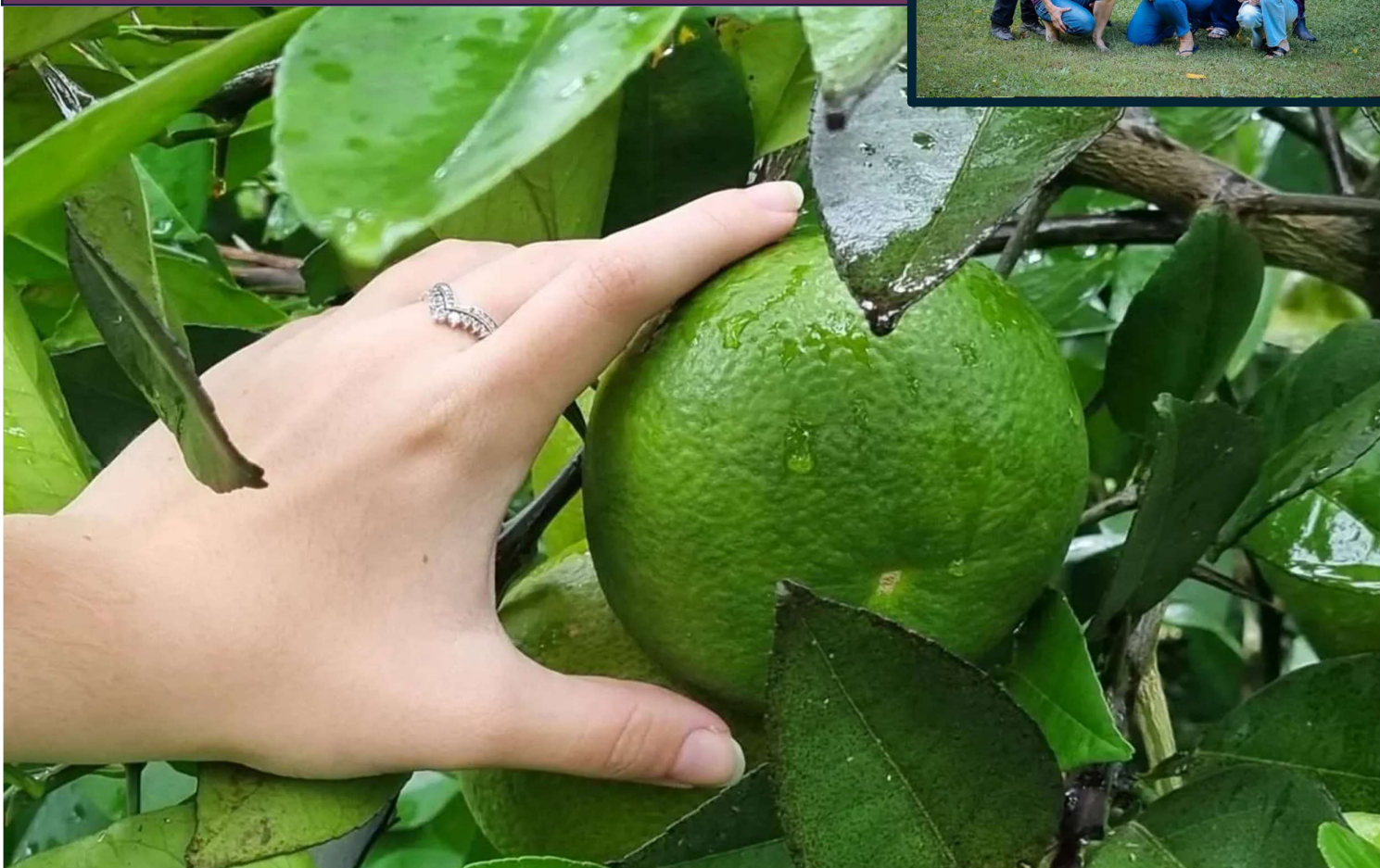


Samford Progress/SEGT Special Grant Round Call for Applications:

Supporting community projects to design, test and evaluate new strategies, ideas and innovations that support local food growing, and local food systems.

Celebrate, nurture and build on Samford region's environmental image and pride, as a heartland of food growing and community connectedness.



The Samford Edible Garden Trail (SEGT) is an annual local edible garden trail weekend event. The focus of the Trail is to:

- inspire people to grow food by sharing local food growing stories and experiences;
- encourage people to buy food locally and support sustainable and small-scale local food chains; and
- build relationships between people involved in local food systems, to help build a more resilient community (eg, local growers, educators, businesses, consumers).

The Trail is organised by the SEGT committee that volunteers their time year-round to plan, implement and evaluate each yearly weekend event, ensuring a successful and fruitful Trail.

The SEGT is a sub-committee of Samford Progress.

SEGT Special Grant Round - Information for Applicants (Supplementary to Samford Progress Grant Requirements)

Overview: We are excited to announce the availability of funding to support innovative community initiatives that support local food growing and local food systems. This funding aims to empower groups to bring their ideas to life, fostering positive change and addressing key challenges within our community in relation to food growing, community resilience, and sustainability.

Funding is intended to support early-stage projects or concepts that require initial funding to develop a prototype or launch a pilot program.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Who Can Apply:** Volunteer-run community not-for-profit groups or organisations. The project must directly serve the Samford and Samford valley community.
- **Project Stage:** Projects in the early development stage that have not yet received significant funding.
- **2024 Focus Areas:** This year, we are particularly interested in initiatives that support (i) school or aged care food gardens, (ii) family food gardens and food security, & (iii) bush food regeneration. ** Applicants must first meet the Samford Progress Grant Guidelines Eligibility Criteria. **

Funding Details

- **Amount:** Applicants may request funding of between \$500 and \$5,000 to support their project.
- **Use of Funds:** Funding can be used for project development, pilot project, initial outreach, or other activities that advance the initiative to the next stage.



Application Process

- **Submission Deadline:** Friday 28th February 2025 (11.59pm)
- **Proposal Requirements:**

- **Project Summary:** A brief description of the project, its goals, and expected outcomes.
- **Team Information:** Background and expertise of the project team.
- **Budget:** A detailed budget outlining how the funding will be used. Two quotes will be required for all budget expenditure items in excess of \$250.
- **Timeline:** A project timeline with key milestones.
- **Impact:** Description of potential community impact and how success will be measured.
NOTE: is your project on someone else's property? Please include a letter of support/permission from the landowner with your submission

- ⊖ **How to Apply:** Submit your proposal through the online Samford Progress Grant Portal. Any questions regarding your application may be directed to samfordegt@gmail.com with the subject 'SEGT Special Grant Application: *Your Name*'.

Evaluation Criteria

- **Relevance:** Alignment with Samford Progress objects & SEGT 2024 focus areas.
- **Feasibility:** Practicality and likelihood of successful implementation.
- **Impact:** Impact potential and expected benefits for the Samford community and environment.
- **Innovation & Creativity:** The originality of the idea and its potential to offer new solutions.
- **Sustainability:** Long-term benefits and ability to maintain outcomes beyond initial funding.
- **Team Capability:** The skills and experience of the individual or team in executing the project.
- **Inclusivity & Social Justice:** Inclusive/equitable outcomes and/or supporting disadvantaged.

Timeline

- **Application Deadline:** Friday 28th Feb '25 (11.59pm)
- **Proposal Review Period:** 1 Mar '25 – 12 Apr '25
- **Funding Decisions Announced:** by end of April '25

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