

Community Cropping Initiative

Amery Acres 2026 - 2029

EOI 2025-02



Shire of Dowerin Community Cropping Initiative

The Shire of Dowerin is seeking expressions of interest for the lease of Amery Reserve (Reserve Number 49356, Lot 321 on Plan 58773) for community cropping.

The lease tenure is three years, commencing in April 2026. Any queries can be directed to the Chief Executive Officer, Manisha Barthakur, at ceo@dowerin.wa.gov.au. Expressions of interest must be submitted via email to ceo@dowerin.wa.gov.au no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, 17 October 2025.

Community Objectives

The Shire of Dowerin developed the Community Cropping Initiative to provide local community groups with a sustainable and self-sufficient fundraising opportunity. By leasing Amery Reserve at a nominal cost, Council aims to support local organisations in delivering community projects, services, and activities that benefit the broader Dowerin community.

This initiative ensures that the land is used productively while generating income that can be reinvested into the community. The Council's goal is to strengthen local organisations by fostering long-term sustainability, encouraging agricultural best practices, and supporting community-driven projects that align with the Shire's strategic objectives.

Location & Lease Details

Location

Amery Reserve Number 49356, Lot 321 on Plan 58773.

Area

47 Hectares.

Tenure

3 Years commencing 1 April 2026.

Annual Rental

One Dollar (\$1.00) payable in advance.



Amery Reserve

The Amery Reserve is located via access off the Goomalling-Wyalkatchem Road, approximately 5 kilometres from the Dowerin town centre.



Agreement Conditions

The agreement will include the following conditions:

- Land, fences, and gates to be maintained in good and substantial repair and condition.
- Agistment of livestock upon the land to be maintained in good condition and free of disease.
- Cultivation of land is to be managed skilfully and in accordance to approved agricultural methods.
- Keep the land free from noxious weeds and undergrowth.
- Use reasonable measures to keep the land free from rabbits and other noxious animals.
- Maintain firebreaks.
- Maintain adequate public liability insurance and provide Certificate of Currency to Lessee.
- Provide annually farm management records to the Lessee to include details of chemical and fertiliser application, type of crop, area of crop and yield of crop.

Expression of Interest Submission

Interested organisations must submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) that includes the following:

Outline of Proposed Cropping Program

- Crop types and rotation plan.
- Management approach.
- Agricultural methods to be used.

Financial Planning

- How the cropping program will be financed.
- Financial sustainability of the program.

Statement of Community Benefit

- How income from the cropping program will be used.
- Projects, activities, or initiatives the funding will support.
- Expected outcomes for the community.

Justification for Selection

- Demonstration of the organisation's suitability for this opportunity.
- Explanation of how this initiative supports the organisation's objectives and benefits the community.

Cropping Manager Information

- Name and details of the designated Cropping Manager.

Financial Viability

- Provision of audited financials with an independent auditor's report, including:
 1. Income Statements (profit and loss) showing revenue, costs, and profit.
 2. Balance Sheet displaying assets, liabilities, and equity.
 3. Cash Flow Statement highlighting the movement of cash in and out of the organisation.

Expression of Interest Due Date

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