## About Young People for Country

In 2024, NAILSMA hosted the Reimagining Conservation forum on Djabugay Country near Cairns, QLD. During the 4-day event, we heard from young people involved in looking after for country emphasise how their involvement is critical to finding solutions for important issues around managing Country such as intergenerational knowledge transfer, innovative and adaptive approaches to conservation, bridging cultural divides, advocacy and policy change, long-term vision and commitment, and the support and resources needed for young people.

In a commitment to the future of Indigenous leadership, NAILSMA is hosting the Young People for Country Working Group (YPCWG) to build a pipeline and platform to create space for young people, to strategise for impact in domestic and international forums, and foster connection to build community. The working group will achieve this through a focus on maintaining and restoring Country, climate change and Country-based economies. With NAILSMA’s support, YPCWG members will work collaboratively on the development and implementation of governance and strategy to ensure strong foundations and long-term direction.

We are inviting Expressions of Interest to become a member of the Young People for Country Working Group. Please see the following **EOI Guidelines** and **EOI Application Form** for further information.

## Expression of Interest Guidelines

**Purpose**

NAILSMA is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from individuals interested in becoming a member of the Young People for Country Working Group.

**Who can apply**

Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

Be between 18 and 30 years of age

Be involved in looking after country either personally and/or professionally

Available to attend and contribute to Young People for Country monthly meetings, which will be a mixture of online and face to face.

**Selection Process**

A selection panel will assess EOIs based on alignment with the YPC Working Group goals, experience, and capacity to participate collaboratively. An EOI does not constitute a contract or guarantee. All applicants will receive written notice if they are successful or unsuccessful.

**Key Dates**

EOI opens: Monday 28 July 2025

EOI closes: Monday 25August 2025

Applicants notified: Monday 15September 2025

**Contact:**

For more information, please email [capacity.building@nailsma.org.au](mailto:capacity.building@nailsma.org.au)

**Submission Instructions**

##### Please check the below are included before submitting your EOI application:

**Who Can Apply** – you meet all four criteria

**Applicant Details** – all fields completed

**Statement of Interest** – you have answered all of the questions in either written form or in a short video

**Experience and Qualifications** – you have provided all relevant details.

**Supporting documentation** – you have attached a photo of you on Country and any other supporting document you feel is relevant

Submit the EOI application and supporting documentation to [capacity.building@nailsma.org.au](mailto:capacity.building@nailsma.org.au) or via the online form by **5pm** **(NT time) Monday 25 August 2025.**

**Privacy Notice**

NAILSMA is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information. Our [Privacy Policy](https://nailsma.org.au/privacy) explains how NAILSMA manages the personal information we collect, use and disclose, and how to contact us if you have any queries. NAILSMA collects your personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act 1988) in relation to this document for the purposes of assessing the EOI and related purposes in administering the Protecting Country Against Invasive Species program. NAILSMA may disclose your personal information to Australian government agencies, persons or organisations where necessary for the above purposes, provided the disclosure is consistent with relevant laws, in particular the Privacy Act 1988.

## EOI Application Form

### Applicant Details

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| **Full Name** |  |
| **Where are you from? / Who’s your mob?** |  |
| **Date of Birth** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Organisation and Job Title (if applicable)** |  |

### Statement of Interest

**Please answer the below questions to outline your interest in this opportunity. The statement can be submitted in writing or in a short video.**

How do you look after country and why is it important to you?

Why do you want to be a member of the Young People for Country Working Group?

In 10 years time, what do you want to see change for?

### Experience and Qualifications

**Please share any additional personal and/or professional experience, qualifications, certificates or licences related to looking after Country here.**

### Accessibility

Are you able to travel to attend events?

Will you require any support to participate in the program? e.g. wheelchair access, support person, interpreter.

### Supporting documentation

**Please submit the following with your application.**

A photo of you on Country

Any other documentation that you feel will support your application

### Declarations and Consent

I have read and understood the EOI Guidelines for applicants and have sought appropriate advice.

I understand that completed applications will be assessed against set criteria by a panel.

I understand that if I am unsuccessful there is the provided opportunity to register to receive initiative updates and other news of any upcoming opportunities.

If successful, I agree for my name and photo to be included in the public announcement for the formation of the Young People for Country Working Group.

I have read and understood NAILSMA’s Privacy Policy and consent to the collection of all personal information contained in this document.

I solemnly declare that this is a true and correct statement of all my affairs.

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| **Full Name** |  |
| **Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |