

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR SCHOOLS GRANT GUIDELINES



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All these questions and more will be answered.

By making contact with the City of Cockburn when completing a grant application we can assist you with finding additional sources of environmental education for sustainability funding for your school.

On your initial contact you will need to speak to the Environmental Education Officer (9411 3556) to discuss your grant application.

WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR SCHOOLS GRANT?

The grant provides funding for activities to be delivered and facilitated by professionals in the environmental education for sustainability field. These workshops align with the City's four broad Environmental Education Initiatives Program themes including Greenhouse, Biodiversity, Resource Use and Liveable Communities.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Only primary and secondary schools in the City of Cockburn are eligible to apply.

WHAT IS FUNDED AND HOW OFTEN?

The grant funds workshops, activities or presentations delivered by environmental educators. A list of educators is provided for applicants to choose preferences from, with the option to suggest alternative educators. Selection criteria that need to be met are contained in these guidelines and on the application form.

Successful applicants can receive up to \$1000 to go towards the activities. The amount awarded will depend on the workshops the applicant nominates and the number of applications received.

WHEN?

Applications are invited annually from all schools in the City of Cockburn. The annual funding round will close in April each year.

Selection Criteria

Applicants:

- Must be a primary or secondary school within the City of Cockburn;
- Require a teacher or group of teachers as a point of contact and who will coordinate the activities. The City of Cockburn will not primarily coordinate the program but will provide assistance. A shared responsibility of the school and council must be acknowledged; and
- Must be able to demonstrate a commitment to engaging environmental / sustainability principles into the school and local community (e.g. list school activities; school, local, state programs involved in).

Environmental Educators

The following are examples of environmental educators schools may engage, but are not limited to.

Incursions:

1. Bush Wisdom: Reptiles and Bush Survival - Learn about local reptiles living around Cockburn, snake awareness and bush survival skills (live animals on display).
2. Marra Apgar: Discover the world of raptors (live animals on display).
3. Natsync Environmental: Microbats - Video based presentation with numerous quirky facts and photos of bats (live animals subject to availability).
4. Spineless Wonders: The 'not so small' invertebrates and insects that live around us (live animals on display).
5. Captain Clean Up: Be amazed by Captain Clean-up see how he makes recycling and waste management exciting for all.
6. REMIDA Recycled Materials Workshop: Learn how to make amazing crafts and useful accessories from recycled materials.
7. Science Alive: Discover new ways to make science experiments fun for all involved.

Excursions:

1. Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre: Denise Crosbie. Leave the school grounds behind and enter the underwater world of wetlands and water conservation. Many activities on offer ranging from macro-invertebrates and water quality sampling to bird surveying and much more.
2. Native ARC - Meet the local animals undergoing rehabilitation and learn about wildlife caring.
3. Phosphorus Action Group: Algae Busters (SERCUL) - Learn about water catchment management and importance of water quality of our river and wetland systems.
4. South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL): Frog Education Program. Building a frog habitat and looking at frogs of the Perth Region.

HOW DO WE ASSESS APPLICATIONS?

When we have received your application, it will be recorded and you will receive verification. Delegated Authority is provided to the Manager Community Services who determines the successful grant applicants.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

All applicants will be advised whether their application for funding has been successful or unsuccessful. If you have been successful, we will send you a Letter of Offer and a Conditions of Funding form which we ask you to sign and we may stipulate some conditions. Once we have received your acceptance you will receive your funding, together with an Acquittal form. You must return the Acquittal form with all relevant information at the completion of the project.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTERWARDS?

Once the workshops and presentations have been delivered we need to hear from you. You need to return the Acquittal form with copies of all receipts. Any unused funds must be returned. If your project has not been completed in the proposed year timeframe, you need to let us know. Extensions may be granted and we may be able to assist you if there are difficulties.

Contacts:

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Have You Filled In All The Bits?

- Contacted relevant officer
- Addressed all selection criteria
- Signed declaration

Where Do You Submit Your Application?

In Person:

Manager Recreation
and Community
Safety
City of Cockburn
9 Coleville Crescent
Spearwood WA 6163

By Mail:

Manager Community
Services
City of Cockburn
PO Box 1215
Bibra Lake DC
WA 6965

Remember:

We want to be able to help you. Before you start your application, get in contact with us first to discuss it.

We are here to help!