

### Overview

- > Number of grants: 10
- > Grant amount: \$5,000.00 (ex. GST) funding

The *2017 South32 Junior Landcare Enhancing Habitats Grants* program encourages schools located within the Illawarra region of NSW, and the Collie and Boddington regions of WA to enhance and restore habitats within their school grounds or at an area of interest within the local community.

There will be 10 grants available of up to \$5,000.00 (ex. GST) to fund projects that focus on improving biodiversity through the restoration of habitat for Australia's native flora and fauna. There will be five grants available for New South Wales schools and five grants available for Western Australian schools.

This program seeks to provide opportunities for schools to engage in outdoor, hands-on environmental learning activities that promote the development of environmental, educational, health and social benefits.

### Key dates:

Application open	Thursday 27 April 2017 (9am EST)
Application close	Monday 5 June 2017 (12pm EST)
Assessment period	5 June – 9 June 2017
Successful groups announced	16 June 2017
Funds paid to successful groups	26 – 30 June 2017
Progress report due	15 December 2017
Final report due	20 July 2018

### Eligibility:

- > The *South32 Junior Landcare Enhancing Habitats Grants* program is open to schools (primary or secondary) that have contacted directly by Landcare Australia within the Illawarra, Collie and Boddington regions, close to South32 site operations;
- > To be eligible, projects must directly restore, protect or enhance habitat for regional native flora and fauna, through addressing threats to biodiversity e.g. weed invasion, habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation. Useful resources to guide your application can be found online and include the [Office of Environment and Heritage \(NSW\) Biodiversity and Nature](#) page and the [Department of Education \(WA\) Sustainable Schools framework](#).

### Assessment criteria

Successful applications will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- > Expected educational outcomes (e.g. potential to lift literacy and numeracy rates) and environmental outcomes (e.g. improving connectivity between habitat patches);
- > Level of hands-on student involvement in project;
- > Level of involvement of the broader school or local community;
- > Integration into the school curriculum or youth group program to maximise environmental learning. Applicants are encouraged to use the [Junior Landcare Curriculum Resources](#) for information:
  - > [Enhancing Habitats How-to-Guide](#)
  - > [Enhancing & Restoring the Natural Habitats of Vulnerable Species – Curriculum Resource](#);
- > Engagement with local environmental community groups (e.g. Landcare Groups) is strongly encouraged to assist with, or advise on projects where required, and will be highly regarded. Search the [National Landcare Directory](#) for a group in your local area<sup>1</sup>;
- > Maintenance of project outcomes and planned level of student engagement with the project site into the future;
- > Feasible and technically-sound project activities;
- > Realistic and detailed project budget.

### Other conditions

- > Projects can be conducted on public or private land;
- > Applications that exceed the word limit for each question will not be considered;
- > Only one application per school will be considered.

### **What activities does the South32 Junior Landcare Grant support?**

- > Planting of native species;
- > Removal of invasive weeds;
- > Seed collection and propagation;
- > Installation of nest boxes;

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<sup>1</sup>Please contact Landcare Australia if you are having difficulty connecting with local groups in your area.

- > Placing logs and rocks as shelter for animals;
- > Knowledge sharing of environmental issues such as habitat and biodiversity loss, fragmentation, introduced species and human impacts.

### Sample Budget

Item Description	Funding Requested	In-Kind Contributions
Plants (500 units x \$1.50/each)	\$750	\$0
Nest boxes (15 units x \$30/each)	\$450	\$0
Fence star pickets	\$750	\$0
Fence posts (10 x \$50 each)	\$0	\$500
Rabbit proof wire mesh	\$450	\$0
Fencing tools (as required)	\$0	\$500
Wheelbarrows (2 units x \$100/each)	\$200	\$0
Pruners & secateurs (5 units x \$10/each)	\$50	\$0
Revegetation hand tools (5 units x \$15 each)	\$75	\$0
Coir logs (7 units x \$85 each)	\$595	\$0
Rakes / Mulch forks (10 units x \$30/each)	\$300	\$0
Gloves (40 units x \$5/each)	\$200	\$0
Watering cans (5 units x \$10/each)	\$50	\$0
Site preparation - Spraying weeds & ripping	\$0	\$700
Fencing - Installation of posts and stakes	\$0	\$1,000
Catering (2 events x 15 volunteers x \$17/each)	\$510	\$0
Interpretative signage	\$600	
Tables, chairs, marquee rental (2 events x \$200/each)	\$0	\$400
<b>TOTAL (ex GST)</b>	<b>\$4,980</b>	<b>\$3,100</b>

Undertaking the follow activities will help develop strong project ideas:

- > Look around the school grounds for existing habitats and features (both natural or built);
- > Look around the school grounds for signs of fauna (birds, insects, mammals, lizards, butterflies) and their habitats;
- > Set up a team of senior students, teachers, parents, community members and others with expertise who can assist with coordinating an environmental project;

- > Identify types of native habitat that could be developed in the school grounds.

### What items are not funded by the South32 Junior Landcare Grant?

- > Consultancy fees;
- > Wages and administration costs;
- > Airfares and other travel costs;
- > Fencing totalling more than 50% of funding sought;
- > Water tanks or irrigation equipment totalling more than 20% of funding sought;
- > Garden shed materials totalling more than 20% of funding sought;
- > Synthetic grass and flowers.

### How to apply:

Groups can apply for the South32 Junior Landcare Grants 2017 on the Landcare Australia Communities Portal. To submit an application:

1. Login to the [Landcare Australia Communities Portal](#). If you have applied for a grant on the portal in the past, your username will be your email address. If you have not applied for a grant before, you can [register as a user here](#).
2. Click on **'South32 Junior Landcare Grants 2017'**.
3. Click on **'Create Application'**.
4. If you wish to leave a partially completed application, press **'Save'** and log out. You can log back in and continue to edit your application form until you are ready to submit.
5. You can upload photos, pictures, maps, drawings and other media on the grants portal. Click on your grant application number (e.g. GA-00006543) and select **'Attach File'** in the Notes and Attachments section. Alternatively, you can send any supporting documentation to [landcare.grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:landcare.grants@landcareaustralia.com.au)
6. To submit your application, select the **'Is application complete?'** checkbox and press **'Save'**.
7. You will receive a confirmation email when your application has been successfully submitted.

For questions about online submissions, please refer to the FAQs tab on the Landcare Australia Communities Portal or email [landcare.grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:landcare.grants@landcareaustralia.com.au)

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### Conditions of receiving a grant:

All funding for the South32 Junior Landcare Grants 2017 will be administered by Landcare Australia.

Successful applicants must:

- > Conduct the project according to the activities and budget for which the funding was approved and received.
- > Provide a progress report on outcomes of the project, including photographs of the project, by the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- > Provide a final report on outcomes of the project, including how funds were spent, by 20 July 2018.
- > Permit Landcare Australia and South32 to use project reports and photos for promotional purposes.
- > Seek permission from the parents / guardians of the group before submitting photographs of children for use by Landcare Australia and South32.

If you have any questions about the South32 Junior Landcare Grants, please email [landcare.grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:landcare.grants@landcareaustralia.com.au)



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### Frequently asked questions:

#### Can my school submit more than one application?

No, only one application per school will be considered.

#### Can I submit my application after the closing date?

No, late applications will not be considered for funding.

#### Where must I undertake my project?

Projects must be undertaken within the school (or youth/community group) grounds, or in an area of community interest, with the prior permission of the landholder to carry out the project.

#### When can I expect to start and when do I need to have my project completed?

Landcare Australia advises applicants of the outcome of their application approximately one month after the closing date of a funding round. If successful, grant funds must be spent on the project budget items within **12 months** of receiving funds even if the project may be ongoing.

#### Does my school need an ABN to receive a grant?

Yes, however if your school does not have an ABN you can arrange for an affiliated group with an ABN (e.g. local council) to receive the grant funds on your behalf.

#### Does the grant include GST?

The grant amount is for up to \$5,000 + GST.

- > Groups registered to receive GST: ensure that your budget is based on GST exclusive pricing (GST will be added to payments if the project is approved).
- > Groups NOT registered to receive GST: ensure that your budget is based on GST inclusive pricing.

Check whether your group is eligible to receive GST [here](#). Independent advice should be sought if you are unsure.

#### When do I find out if my application was successful?

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified via email in mid-June. Please ensure that the email address provided on the application form is checked regularly.

#### Who decides which projects get funding?

Landcare Australia is committed to ensuring that the assessment process for the selection of projects is fair and transparent.

The following assessment process will be undertaken:

- > Stage 1: Eligibility check. Applications that are incomplete or that do not meet the eligibility criteria will be deemed unsuccessful.

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- > Stage 2: Initial assessments conducted by internal Grants Team. Applications will be marked against the criteria set out in this document.
- > Stage 3: Shortlist provided to South32 for review.
- > Stage 4: Successful and unsuccessful applicants notified by email.



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