

### Overview

- > Number of grants: 12
- > Grant components:
  - > \$1,500.00 (ex. GST) funding
  - > \$500.00 RRP of Yates garden products
  - > Yates environmental consultation at school

Yates and Junior Landcare encourage young people to get creative in the garden. Following on the success of the Yates Junior Landcare program in 2015, Yates is again proud to award 12 grants of up to a value of \$2,000 each to schools, kindergartens and youth groups who can demonstrate an imaginative design for a garden.

Grants will be awarded to the most creative, well designed, sustainable and environmentally conscious entries. So be inventive and imaginative – design, create and educate!

### Design and be inspired in the garden:

Groups are invited to submit a design for their dream educational garden within their grounds or community. It may be a 'birdscape garden' of native plants to attract birds to the area, a productive vegetable garden that forms an 'outdoor classroom', an aquaponics garden, or a sensory garden made from upcycled and recycled products.

There are lots of different forms that an ideal garden can take, and we encourage children to be actively involved in the research and design process. The [Junior Landcare Resources](#) are a great place to start for inspiration!

Entries will be judged on the design, creativity and garden story. To help us visualise the garden, we ask that you submit drawings, designs, photos and other media with your application form. We would also love to hear how the garden will be used to educate and inspire the school community.

## Key dates:

Applications open	25 July (9.00am EST)
Application close	15 August (9.00am EST)
Assessment	15 August – 25 August
Successful groups announced	26 August
Funds paid to successful groups	29 August – 9 September
Yates consultation for successful groups	During Term 3 or Term 4 2016
Progress report due	End of Term 4 2016; Term 1 2017; Term 2 2017
Final report due	30 August 2017

## Eligibility:

- > Any school (primary or secondary), kindergarten, childcare centre, and youth/community group (e.g. Scouts) seeking to educate young Australians about gardening and the natural environment can apply.
- > Groups with project reports still outstanding from previous Junior Landcare grants are ineligible for further funding until all reporting requirements are met.
- > Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.
- > Preference will be given to groups who have not already received a Junior Landcare grant in the past two years.

## Criteria:

Successful groups will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- > Quality and creativity of application
- > Expected educational and environmental outcomes
- > Level of hands-on student involvement in project
- > 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 and inspiration.
- > Level of involvement of the broader school community or local community (e.g. links with a Landcare Group)
- > Feasible and technically-sound project activities
- > Realistic and detailed project budget
- > Equity and need

## What activities does the Yates Junior Landcare Grant support?

- > Bush tucker and native gardens
- > Vegetable gardens
- > Sensory gardens
- > Composting and green waste recycling activities
- > Purchase of gardening infrastructure and equipment (pallets, garden beds, gloves, shovels, watering cans etc).

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

- > Consultancy fees
- > Wages, administration and labour costs
- > Airfares and other travel costs
- > Delivery and postage costs
- > Water tanks or irrigation equipment totalling more than 50% of funding sought
- > Paving, concreting, fencing or seating materials totalling more than 50% of funding sought
- > Chicken coop or garden shed materials totalling more than 50% of funding sought
- > Synthetic grass and flowers
- > Cooking equipment
- > Lawnmowers

### Yates products:

Yates are pleased to provide successful applicants with up to \$500 RRP of [Yates products](#) as part of the grant. Yates will work directly with each group to determine which products will best suit their needs, and may include items such as herb and vegetable seeds, or products from the Nature's Way range.

### How to apply:

Groups can apply for the Yates Junior Landcare Grants 2016 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 '**Yates Junior Landcare Grants 2016**'.
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 [grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto: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 [help@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:help@landcareaustralia.com.au).

### **Conditions of receiving a grant:**

All funding for the Yates Junior Landcare Grants 2016 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 and photographs of the project at the end of Term 4 2016, Term 1 2017 and Term 2 2017.
- > Provide a final report on outcomes of the project, including how funds were spent, by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.
- > Permit Landcare Australia and Yates 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 Yates.

If you have any questions about the Yates Junior Landcare Grants 2016, please email [grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:grants@landcareaustralia.com.au).

### **Frequently asked questions:**

#### **Can I apply if I have received a Junior Landcare grant in the past?**

Yes, however priority will be given to those groups who have not received a Junior Landcare grant in the past two years.

Groups with outstanding final reports from previous grants are ineligible for further funding until all reporting requirements are met.

#### **Can my group submit more than one application?**

No, only one application per group 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 concern, 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 group need an ABN to receive a grant?**

Yes, however if your group 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 \$1,500 + 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 late August. 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.

- > 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 the Landcare Australia and Yates partnerships managers for review.
- > Stage 4: Successful and unsuccessful applicants notified by email.

Landcare Australia will endeavor ensure that the geographical spread of grant recipients across states and territories is equitable. Preference will be given to groups that have not received funding from Landcare Australia in the last two years.