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EnvironmentNT Grants: Territorians are the winners!

The creation of an animated character who will promote sustainable living messages on television is a highlight of this year's EnvironmentNT Grants round.

Environment Minister Marion Scrymgour said community service announcements featuring "Enviro Girl" tied in well with this year's EnvironmentNT Grants focus on sustainable living.

Minister Scrymgour said Enviro Girl's creators COOLmob, who received \$12,000, were one of 23 organisations to share almost \$245,000 in individual grants with six other organisations receiving \$200,000 in operational grants.

These grants are on top of the \$25,000 provided to schools earlier this year as part of the EnvironmentNT Grants program, which is in its third year.

"Territorians should feel blessed to live in a unique environment, which helps sustain our brilliant lifestyle," Ms Scrymgour said.

"This is why the NT Government set up the Territory's very first Environment Grants three years ago – to give all Territorians the opportunity to help protect our Environment."

Ms Scrymgour said that "Enviro Girl's" messages are something we can all take on board," Minister Scrymgour said.

"Whether it is saving energy and reducing greenhouse gases by driving more efficiently or in fact riding a bicycle instead of driving when possible, this not only saves money but also saves the environment.

"Enviro Girl also tells us how we can conserve energy and reduce expenses in the home, with useful tips such as using automatic timers to manage the amount of time pool and spa pumps are used.

"I congratulate COOLmob and all other grants recipients for the great work they do in working hard to raise community awareness of environmental issues and encourage community action and more sustainable lifestyles."

Other individual grant recipients include the Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT) which will receive \$9900 for its Integrated Waste Management Capacity Building Project. This project involves the creation of a web site to provide practical information for regional and

remote community government councils on how to manage landfill operations, recycling initiatives, hazardous wastes and related environmental health and safety issues.

LGANT will also work with relevant government agencies to plan and deliver a series of Integrated Waste Management Workshops in regional centres throughout the Territory to promote the web site and its tools and to develop participants' understanding and skills in waste management services.

Operational grants recipients include the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (NT), Arid Land Environment Centre and Environment Centre (NT).

A full list of operational and individual grants recipients is attached below.

Operational Grants Recipients

- \$80,000 to the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (NT).
- \$35,000 to the Arid Lands Environment Centre.
- \$65,000 to Environment Centre (NT).
- \$10,000 to the Environmental Defenders Office NT.
- \$10,000 to Australian Marine Conservation Society.

Individual Grants Recipients with Summary Details

- \$3000 to Anzac Hill High School to build relationships with the local indigenous community in showcasing traditional ecological knowledge and native flora to make the school precinct (drive-way) more diverse and reflective of the cultural landscape of central Australia.
- \$7000 to the Arid Lands Environment Centre to coordinate and promote locally-relevant educational resources on climate-change for Alice Springs educators. It will work with the Sustainable Schools Program (and Environmental Educators Network), to help develop a collection of resources to support educators in middle years and high school who wish to have a local message about climate change.
- \$3000 to the Casuarina Coastal Reserve Landcare Group to address the impacts of increasing human development and movement on specific project sites on Casuarina Coastal Reserve including Tiwi Creek, Sandy Creek and the Coastal Dune Site. The habitat is important for a wide range of marine and terrestrial creatures including Orange Footed Scrub fowl, Olive Ridley and Flatback turtles and pardalotes.
- \$12,000 to COOLmob to produce four Community Service Announcements (CSA) for airing on local television, delivered by an animated character, known as Enviro Girl. Each CSA will have a different theme and each theme will focus on an important area of sustainable living.
- \$8000 to DKA COOLmob to expand Desert Knowledge Australia COOLmob's scope of action to incorporate a wider "sustainable lifestyle" approach, specifically focusing on the high water usage in Alice Springs.
- \$5500 to Engineers Australia to establish the Society of Sustainable Environmental Engineering Chapter in the Northern Territory and conduct a series of public seminars discussing issues such as the history and development of sustainable development principles and sustainable development's relationship to planning, mining and legislation.
- \$9900 to the Environment Centre to facilitate a World Environment Day Expo in 2007 that builds on the success of the 2006 Expo held in Darwin.



- \$4500 to the Environmental Defenders Office to cover numerous activities such as actively engaging the public in seminars and forums to improve public knowledge in relation to rights and the procedures for engaging with environmental laws and working with VET and high school classes to improve awareness of environmental issues and how the law applies to them.
- \$5000 to Greening Australia NT to produce a publication about growing local native plants in central Australia and consolidate all current knowledge into an attractive publication which is accessible to the wider community.
- \$10,000 to Greening Australia NT to develop an attractive and informative reference book to provide practical gardening and landscaping advice on using a wide range of attractive and useful plants native to the Top End and northern Australia in our gardens, parks and streetscapes.
- \$5000 to Greening Australia NT which has recently developed a manual on bushland management to assist the rural community in the greater Darwin region to better understand and manage their land. This project aims to introduce and demonstrate these skills in a series of practical workshops on all aspects of native vegetation management.
- \$20,000 to Keep Australia Beautiful Council (NT) to extend the Territory Tidy Towns Forum to be delivered regionally with community speakers, Local Government and NT Government agencies to deliver information workshops and relevant field trips in Arnhem Land, Alice Springs, Katherine and Timber Creek.
- \$40,000 to Keep Australia Beautiful Council (NT) for the Territory Tidy Towns Program, which is an annual incentive program promoting and encouraging positive community behaviour and attitudes in our communities in the areas of civic pride and amenity, litter management and nutrition through a system of awards for performance.
- \$10,000 to Keep Australia Beautiful Council (NT) for the Cleansweep Program which will work in partnership with the Larrakia Community Harmony Program and link with the Larrakia Intervention and transport service to provide an intense and ongoing community litter education program focussing on indigenous itinerants in Darwin. The project aims to establish a model that can be applied to other regional communities where similar itinerant and litter problems are experienced.
- \$10,000 to Keep Australia Beautiful Council (NT) to establish a new "Pick of the Litter Award" in the popular Territory Tidy Towns Program and encourage the participation of remote communities in the trial of the *Remote Community Litter/Rubbish Abatement & Resource Recovery Program*. This new innovative program is being delivered by the Packaging Stewardship Forum and includes the delivery of a Litter Awareness Education program, assistance and advice in developing a community specific Clean-up Plan program and a "Litter Alert" program to help improve sustainable waste management in remote communities.
- \$10,000 to Keep Australia Beautiful Council (NT) which will work with Toadshow to develop and learn the skills to maintain a workable and self manageable website. The new website will be linked to websites such as the National Keep Australia Beautiful website and the Local Government Association NT and will provide and exchange information that benefits remote indigenous communities. It will host a forum to share inspirational good news stories and publish information about programs, initiatives and opportunities to bring improvement in environmental management in the remote communities across the Territory.
- \$10,000 to Land for Wildlife to develop a Garden for Wildlife Scheme in Alice Springs. The scheme aims to create a new sub-program within the "Land for Wildlife" scheme (or a new complementary scheme) to engage landholders in Alice Springs who do not have enough land or the right type of vegetation to fit the current registration criteria.
- \$9900 to the Local Government Association NT (LGANT) to develop an Integrated Waste Management web site for use by all councils and communities in the Northern Territory and to deliver a series of regional workshops on waste management issues. The web site will provide information on how to develop and implement an Integrated Waste Management Strategy in

remote communities. It will also cover how to manage hazardous wastes, recycling initiatives, and safety issues.

- \$20,000 to the Motor Trades Association for its Green Stamp Program. The Green Stamp Program is an eco-efficiency project being undertaken by the Motor Trades Association of the Northern Territory (MTA(NT)) in partnership with the Australian Government through the Department of Environment and Heritage. The Program aims to develop and champion a range of eco-efficiency initiatives and communication processes between members and across production and supply chains in the retail motor trades industry in the NT.
- \$9960 to the Pine Creek Aboriginal Advancement Association to deliver range of skills and training to the indigenous Wagiman-Guwardagun Rangers and to assist them to attend capacity building forums. Littlefish will train rangers and traditional owners in financial decision making, understanding the ranger program finances, and how to access and manage grant funding.
- \$16,200 to the Tangentyere Council Inc for its Toward Sustainable Economies; Seed Collection Training for Indigenous Peoples project. Indigenous plants are part of a growing market for bush tucker, medicine and native landscaping plants. This project wishes to address the danger that little of the benefits of this industry will flow to indigenous people whose culture originally held the knowledge about these plants. It aims to provide opportunities for indigenous people to be trained in the collection and use of native plants, and to recognize where opportunities may arise for economic participation in the marketplace.
- \$10,000 to Walangeri Ngumpinku Community Government Council to improve waste management practices at Yarralin. It will redesign the waste facilities to establish litter fencing and recycling infrastructure to divert waste from the landfill.
- \$6000 to Wilgi Outstation for its Marine Debris Capacity Building Mount Norris Bay workshop. In this project, local Traditional Owners will work with the local pearling industry to improve environmental management of marine debris related to the industry.

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