

getting greener!



Background for project proposals

The Lower Georges River Sustainability Initiative (LGRSI) aims to improve water management, biodiversity, business sustainability, and household sustainability across the Lower Georges River catchment.

getting greener! is a community partnerships program which supports the aims of the LGRSI by offering community groups an opportunity to address issues of sustainability which interest them.

Who is eligible?	<p>Community groups operating within the catchment of the Lower Georges River may apply for support.</p> <p>The definition of a community group is deliberately broad to encourage participation from a wide range of community-based organisations.</p> <p>For example, eligible groups may be: involved in on-ground works or advocacy; promoting sectional interests which benefit its members; associated with a government organisation but not a government agency; or faith communities.</p>
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Community briefing forums will be held to provide more information and support with developing your ideas into an achievable project plan.



What activities are eligible?	All project ideas that will engage the local community to improve sustainability at home, at work or at play will be considered for support. Projects may involve activities on public or private land, and some inspiring examples of projects from elsewhere can be found in the <i>getting greener! Booklet of Ideas</i> .
What outcomes should the project provide?	Adoption of more sustainable practices within households or businesses. Improvement in the extent or condition of bushland, biodiversity or riparian zones.
How much funding is available?	\$300,000 is available in total in the <i>getting greener!</i> program. There is no specific minimum or maximum funding amount, and a suite of small and larger projects will be funded to reflect a range of sustainability issues and geographic areas.
How do we apply? <i>A 4-step process.</i>	1) Submit an Expression of Interest using the Expression of Interest Template by 16 June 2010. 2) The Project Manager will contact you to discuss the feasibility of your proposal, and invite you to a briefing session and a project development workshop. 3) Your group will be assisted to develop a project plan. 4) The project plan will be assessed against the project selection criteria.
What are the project selection criteria?	The selection criteria relate to the extent to which the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a comprehensive Project Plan; • engages interest, active participation and contribution from the wider community; • provides an on-going public legacy; • is a good investment to produce desired outcomes; and • has a strong capacity of proponents to (co-) deliver.

For more information about *getting greener!* or to receive a hard copy of the *getting greener! Booklet of Ideas* contact Col Freeman:

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