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18 January 2019

Sir/Madam

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** is to be held in the **Council Chambers** on the 2nd Floor of the Council Administration Building, 45 Roderick Street, Ipswich commencing at **11.30 am or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Communities Committee, whichever is the earlier** on **Tuesday, 22 January 2019**.

<u>MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</u>	
Greg Chemello (Interim Administrator) (Chairperson)	

Yours faithfully

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

11.30 am or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Communities Committee, whichever is the earlier on **Tuesday, 22 January 2019**
Council Chambers

Item No.	Item Title	Officer
1	Sustainable Ipswich Strategy Action Status Update	Coord(Sust)
2	Environment and Sustainability Community Grant Applications for Round 1 of 2018–2019	A/SPC
3	Nature Conservation Grants Round 1, 2018–2019 Proposed Amendment	PO(NE)
4	Outcomes of the Second Round of the 2018–2019 Nature Conservation Grants Program	PO(NE)

** Item includes confidential papers

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE NO. 2019(01)

22 JANUARY 2019

AGENDA

1. **SUSTAINABLE IPSWICH STRATEGY ACTION STATUS UPDATE**

With reference to a report by the Coordinator (Sustainability) dated 17 December 2018 concerning the six-monthly status update of the implementation of the Sustainable Ipswich Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and the contents noted.

2. **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR ROUND 1 OF 2018–2019**

With reference to a report by the Acting Strategic Projects Coordinator dated 13 December 2018 concerning applications received under the Environment and Sustainability Community Grant Program, Round 1 of 2018–2019.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

That Council provide funding of \$8,000.00 (incl GST) through the Environment and Sustainability Community Grant program to the applicants outlined in the report by the Acting Strategic Projects Coordinator dated 13 December 2018 for Round 1 of the 2018–2019 program.

3. **NATURE CONSERVATION GRANTS ROUND 1, 2018–2019 PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

With reference to a report by the Program Officer (Natural Environment) dated 2 January 2019 concerning the Nature Conservation Grant Applicant NCG17/18006 from the first round of the Nature Conservation Grants for the 2018–2019 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

That the previous resolution of Council for funding of successful applicants in the 2018–2019 Round 1 of the Nature Conservation grants Program, as per Recommendation A of Conservation and Environment Committee No. 2018(09) of 11 September 2018, adopted at Council on 18 September 2018, be amended by the removal of Eligible Application No. NCG17/18006 from Table 1 of the report by the Program Officer (Natural Environment) dated 10 September 2018, as it was later found that this application was ineligible.

4. OUTCOMES OF THE SECOND ROUND OF THE 2018-2019 NATURE CONSERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM

With reference to a report by the Program Officer (Natural Environment) dated 24 December 2018 concerning the outcome of the second round of the Nature Conservation Grants Program (NCG) for the 2018–2019 Financial Year.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

That the funding for the successful applicants in the 2018–2019 Round 2 of the Nature Conservation Grants Program be approved.

** Item includes confidential papers

and any other items as considered necessary.

Environment Committee	
Mtg Date: 22.01.19	OAR: YES
Authorisation: Bryce Hines	

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17 December 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: SPORT RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER
FROM: COORDINATOR (SUSTAINABILITY)
RE: SUSTAINABLE IPSWICH STRATEGY ACTION STATUS UPDATE

INTRODUCTION:

This is a report by the Coordinator (Sustainability) dated 17 December 2018 concerning the six-monthly status update of the implementation of the Sustainable Ipswich Strategy.

BACKGROUND:

The Sustainable Ipswich Strategy set out four pathways under which a number of actions and targets were identified to be delivered upon over the coming years. The purpose of this report is to provide a status update on these actions to Council.

SUMMARY OF SUSTAINABLE IPSWICH PATHWAYS PROGRESS:

A summary of the key outcomes or outstanding items for further consideration is provided below. Further summary detail of Sustainable Ipswich pathways, targets and actions can be found in Attachment A.

Pathway 1: The promotion of city wide sustainability through education, awareness and community involvement

All actions have commenced or completed, and are now incorporated into core business to achieve the targets. For 2018, the Youth Sustainability Summit and EnviroForum was combined to promote Sustainability Week – a new initiative to streamline marketing and promotion of the sustainability message.

Pathway 2: The protection of urban ecology and the natural environment

The implementation of Beautiful Ipswich and Greening Ipswich will continue to contribute towards achieving the target of 150,000 new trees by 2021.

Protection of the natural environment will be achieved through the delivery of the Nature Conservation Strategy and the Enviroplan Levy.

A reduction in city wide greenhouse gas emissions / carbon footprint will be addressed through a Carbon Reduction Strategy (see Pathway 3 below).

Pathway 3: Corporate Sustainability

These actions will be achieved through the development and adoption of a Carbon Reduction Strategy, which will be developed in early 2019.

Council is continuing to monitor energy, water and fuel consumption to identify opportunities to reduce our annual consumption or identify alternative sources e.g. irrigation of sporting fields from alternative water sources (non-potable).

Work has been undertaken to develop a sustainable events guide for Council run events and events that are held on Council land/ properties.


Pathway 4: Supporting sustainable industry

Council is working with a sub-regional alliance of neighbouring councils to promote sustainable industry in the waste management and resource recovery sector via the development of an expression of interest (EOI).

CONCLUSION:

The actions from the Sustainable Ipswich strategy will continue to be delivered until the review of the strategy occurs which is expected in 2019. It is further proposed that corporate sustainability reporting be undertaken on an annual basis starting from December 2019.

ATTACHMENT:

Name of Attachment	Attachment
Sustainable Ipswich – Action Status as of December 2018.	 Attachment A

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Samantha Smith
COORDINATOR (SUSTAINABILITY)

I concur with the recommendation/s contained in this report.

Kaye Cavanagh
SPORT RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER

I concur with the recommendation/s contained in this report.

Bryce Hines
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (WORKS PARKS AND RECREATION)

ATTACHMENT

SUSTAINABLE IPSWICH (adopted March 2017) | ACTION STATUS as at December 2018

ATTACHMENT A

ICC MODALITY	PATHWAYS	TARGETS	TARGET REPORTING	ACTIONS	STATUS – December 2018	RESPONSIBILITY
(Community)	<u>Pathway 1</u> The promotion of city wide sustainability through education, awareness and community involvement	1. Minimum 10,000 residents (including students) participating in conservation and sustainability activities each year; 2. 20 schools will be actively involved in the Youth Sustainability Summit by 2021 (inaugural summit, commencing 2017).	1. Number of residents participating in conservation and sustainability in 2018 – 11,118 (target reached) 2. Number of schools actively involved in the Youth Sustainability Summit in 2018 – 20 (target reached)	a. Inaugural Youth Sustainability Summit ; b. Ipswich City Council Sustainability Awards ; c. DigiCon Digital Application; d. Koala Conservation.	a. Undertaken in 2017 and 2018. To continue in 2019. b. Undertaken in 2017 and 2018. To continue in 2019. c. 2017 (DigiCon Hackathon) – launched in October 2017. Ongoing development. d. Ongoing	a. HSRS, WPR b. Events c. WPR d. WPR
(Environment)	<u>Pathway 2:</u> The protection of urban ecology and the natural environment	1. 150,000 new trees planted by 2021; 2. 15,000 hectares of public and private land will be managed for conservation outcomes by 2021.	1. Number of trees planted in 2018 – 14,050 (lagging) 2. Number of hectares of public and private land managed for conservation – 13,779 ha (on track)	a. Management of conservation estates ; b. Ipswich EnviroPlan – expansion of existing programs; c. Healthier waterways – through natural areas restoration; d. Resource recovery and the circular economy; e. Beautiful Ipswich ; f. Reduction in citywide carbon emissions, including through renewable energy; g. Strong environmental compliance regulatory framework.	a. BAU – CWP b. BAU – delivery of NCS c. BAU – Habitat connections d. NEW – Recycle 4 launched in May 2018. Waste Management and Resource Recovery EOI being developed for release early 2019 e. BAU - ongoing f. NEW – carbon neutral, see Pathway 3 g. BAU	a. WPR b. WPR c. WPR d. WPR + sub-regional alliance e. WPR f. WPR g. HSRS
(Resource Efficiency and Carbon Reduction)	<u>Pathway 3:</u> Corporate Sustainability	1. Council will work with partners towards becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2021; 2. Council will deliver a 100% roll out of domestic green waste collection services by 2021; 3. Council will explore the establishment of a local glass reuse system in concrete used by Council for all types of works; 4. Council will explore the establishment of a concrete recycling process to be used by Council in Council drainage works (local suppliers).	1. Initial carbon baseline developed. Carbon reduction strategy to be developed early 2019. (In progress) 2. Revise green waste collection target in relation to sub-regional alliance EOI outcomes. (In progress) 3. Glass separated from kerbside collection (yellow-top) bins in May 2018. Glass only drop off bins set up in four locations as at December 2018. Glass being used for higher order recycling at this stage (addition to concrete is considered lower order). (In progress)	a. Auditing , monitoring and analysis of Council’s resources – resource consumption and opportunities for efficiency; b. Good governance – lead, promote and integrate sustainability across Council operations); c. Buy smarter – responsible procurement practices (financial, environmental); d. Use less – efficient and effective management of resource consumption across Council operations; e. Reduction – reduction in	a. BAU/NEW – moving to new sustainability reporting platform – ENVIZI. Baseline carbon footprint understood and carbon modelling to be undertaken. b. BAU c. BAU d. BAU/NEW – see CESAP e. BAU/NEW – in development f. BAU/ NEW – continual improvement. Introducing sustainable events guide for council events.	a. WPR b. All c. Procurement/Finance d. WPR e. WPR f. WPR

ICC MODALITY	PATHWAYS	TARGETS	TARGET REPORTING	ACTIONS	STATUS – December 2018	RESPONSIBILITY
			4. No action to date. (lagging)	Council's carbon emissions (see carbon neutral target); f. Waste less – reduce Council's waste generated.		
(Sustainable Development)	<u>Pathway 4:</u> The promotion of city wide sustainability through education, awareness and community involvement	1. 10,000 tonnes of waste will be diverted from landfill so it can be reprocessed and add value to local product and industry; 2. Council will promote the establishment of a Bio-diesel Plant by industry in the Ipswich area.	1. New target to be set and in alignment with the Materials Recovery Plan 2017-2031. (In progress) 2. No action to date. (lagging)	a. Partnerships with industry and local businesses to promote sustainability across the city; b. Promotion of existing industries recognised as being involved in sustainable industry practices; c. Attraction of sustainable industries and businesses to Ipswich; d. City of Ipswich Biofutures Summit ; e. Renewable power – investigations into Solar Farm; f. Materials Recovery – Council of Mayors Working Group – commercialisation of new resource recovery businesses <u>that support circular economy</u> .	a. NEW – to be developed b. NEW – to be developed c. NEW – in progress d. NEW – to be reviewed e. BAU – in progress f. NEW – development of a sub-regional alliance EOI	a. EDM b. EDM c. EDM d. EDM e. WPR/EDM f. WPR

Environment Committee	
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13 December 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: SPORT, RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER

FROM: ACTING STRATEGIC PROJECTS COORDINATOR

RE: ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR
ROUND 1 OF 2018-2019

INTRODUCTION:

This is a report by the Acting Strategic Projects Coordinator dated 13 December 2018 concerning applications received under the Environment and Sustainability Community Grant Program, Round 1 of 2018/2019.

BACKGROUND:

The Environment and Sustainability Community Grant Program provides funding assistance for community led projects that contribute to the protection, enhancement and sustainability of the environment within the Ipswich City Council area.

Projects completed under this program will not only enable applicants to achieve better environmental and sustainability outcomes from individual projects, but overall, residents of the City will benefit from improved liveability.

Community groups, schools and child care centres are able to apply for grant funding up to \$2,000.00 including GST. Individual wildlife carers are able to apply for grant funding up to \$1,000.00 including GST. Each successful applicant must contribute at least 50% of the total project cost.

GRANT APPLICATION FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR ROUND 1 OF 2018/2019:

For the first round of grants in the 2018-2019 year, Council received four eligible applications and one ineligible application. Eligible Applications are detailed in the table below. The ineligible application was deemed ineligible as the proposed project would not be undertaken within the Ipswich City Council area.

Applicant	Project	Funding Amount Requested	Total Project Cost	Funding Amount Recommended
Ipswich State High School	Ipswich State High School Recycling Project	\$3,856.50	\$7,713.00	\$2,000.00
YMCA Springfield Lakes Community Centre	Native Garden - Bush Tucker	\$2,000.00	\$7,789.15	\$2,000.00
Queensland Trust for Nature	Threatened Species Refugia Restoration	\$2,200.00	\$5,229.00	\$2,000.00
Garden of Eden Group	Garden of Eden Project	\$2,000.00	\$10,982.00	\$2,000.00
Total		\$10,056.50	\$37,713.15	\$8,000.00

Applications were assessed against the set assessment criteria to determine the recommended funding amount. An overview of the assessments extracted from Smarty Grants can be seen in Attachment A.


BUDGET:

A total of \$10,000.00 in funding is available for the first round of 2018-2019 applications. The total recommended funding amount for Round 1 of 2018-2019 is \$8,000 which is within the allocation.

CONCLUSION:

Round 1 of Council's 2018-2019 Environment and Sustainability Grant program has been completed with four eligible applications received. It is recommended to provide grant funding to these applications in support of environment and sustainable activities across the city for community benefit.

ATTACHMENT:

Name of Attachment	Attachment
Overview of Grant Assessments	 Attachment A

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

That Council provide funding of \$8,000.00 (incl GST) through the Environment and Sustainability Community Grant program to the applicants outlined in the report by the Acting Strategic Projects Coordinator dated 13 December 2018 for Round 1 of the 2018-2019 program.

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ACTING STRATEGIC PROJECTS COORDINATION

I concur with the recommendation/s contained in this report.

Kaye Cavanagh

ACTING SPORT, RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER

I concur with the recommendation/s contained in this report.

Bryce Hines

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (WORKS, PARKS AND RECREATION)

ATTACHMENT A**Environment and Sustainability Grant Program Assessment Review****Round 1 2018/19**

Application ID	ESC18/1904
Grant Round	Environment and Sustainability Community Grant 2018/19
Organisation Name	Queensland Trust for Nature
Project Title	Cats claw creeper eradication and education operation
Brief Project Description	To undertake eradication of cats-claw creeper in a critical riparian corridor that provides refuge for koalas and brush-tailed rock wallabies in a changing climate scenario and in times of drought. The project will engage primary school students from local areas to work along side contractors in the eradication of a Weed of National Significance. Students will observe impacts of cats-claw creeper and undertake education opportunities in the importance of protecting threatened species habitat.
Project Start Date	01/03/2019
Project End Date	01/10/2019
Total Project Cost	\$5,229
Total Amount Requested	\$2,200
Weighted Score	24
Assessing Officer Decision	Approved
Funding Amount Approved	\$2,000

Application ID	ESC18/1905
Grant Round	Environment and Sustainability Community Grant 2018/19
Organisation Name	The Ipswich State High School
Project Title	Ipswich State High School Recycling Project
Brief Project Description	Ipswich State High School aims to effectively engage students and the community to be involved in environmental sustainability to improve waste reduction, reuse and recycling. ISHS aims to increase awareness and understanding of the value of the natural environment and sustainability issues and impacts. ISHS intends to include students in learning about recycling through the curriculum as well as hands on experiences in the recycling centre. We intend to purchase 50 recycling bins and fit out an existing shed with collection cages for sorting of rubbish from the school and the community to take to the recycling centres.
Project Start Date	02/11/2018
Project End Date	03/11/2023
Total Project Cost	\$7,713
Total Amount Requested	\$3,856.50
Weighted Score	19
Assessing Officer Decision	Approved
Funding Amount Approved	\$2,000

Application ID	ESC18/1906
Grant Round	Environment and Sustainability Community Grant 2018/19
Organisation Name	Kirsty's Bird Sanctuary & Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc
Project Title	Establishing a Sustainable Natural Food Source
Brief Project Description	To purchase plants which can be used as sustainable food sources for our Bird Sanctuary and Wildlife Rehab Centre
Project Start Date	01/12/2018
Project End Date	17/02/2019
Total Project Cost	\$3,934.30
Total Amount Requested	\$1,934.30
Assessing Officer Decision	Declined (ineligible)

Application ID	ESC18/1907
Grant Round	Environment and Sustainability Community Grant 2018/19
Organisation Name	YMCA Springfield Lakes Community Centre
Project Title	Native Garden - Bush Tucker
Brief Project Description	We aim to create a native food - bush tucker garden on underutilised land at the community centre. Working with our volunteers, local garden club and Indigenous school we aim to create a space for native food and bush tucker to increase local biodiversity and also provide an opportunity for community education.
Project Start Date	28/01/2019
Project End Date	02/11/2019
Total Project Cost	\$7,789.15
Total Amount Requested	\$2,000
Weighted Score	19
Assessing Officer Decision	Approved
Funding Amount Approved	\$2,000

Application ID	ESC18/1908
Grant Round	Environment and Sustainability Community Grant 2018/19
Organisation Name	Garden of Eden Group
Project Title	Garden of Eden Project
Brief Project Description	<p>The stabilisation and indigenous re-vegetation of the riparian area of the Western Bank of the Bremer River from the North Eastern corner of Cribb Park, North Ipswich, adjacent to the Bank Street easement heading South to the Riparian Area adjacent to old timber mill fence at Canning Street.</p> <p>The removal of all noxious plants and reintroduction of soil stabilising plants including trees, grasses and shrubs. The ongoing maintenance of the riparian zone for both irrigation of establishing flora and the removal of introduced noxious and exotic plants. This grant is intended to include plants required for planting.</p>
Project Start Date	16/02/2019
Project End Date	16/11/2019
Total Project Cost	\$10,982
Total Amount Requested	\$2,000
Weighted Score	23
Assessing Officer Decision	Approved
Funding Amount Approved	\$2,000

Environment Committee	
Mtg Date: 22.01.19	OAR: YES
Authorisation: Bryce Hines	

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2 January 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: SPORT RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER

FROM: PROGRAM OFFICER (NATURAL ENVIRONMENT)

RE: NATURE CONSERVATION GRANTS ROUND 1, 2018-2019 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTION:

This is a report by the Program Officer (Natural Environment) dated 2 January 2019 concerning the Nature Conservation Grant Applicant NCG17/18006 from the first round of the Nature Conservation Grants for the 2018-2019 financial year.

BACKGROUND:

The committee report for the Conservation and Environment Committee dated the 10 September 2018 (Attachment A) contained a recommendation that the funding of the successful applicants in the 2018-2019 Round 1 of the Nature Conservation Grants Program be approved. One of the successful applicants specified in the report was NCG17/18006.

Prior to contacting the successful applicants from Round 1 of the 2018-2019 Nature Conservation Grant, it was identified that application NCG17/18006 was in-fact ineligible for a Nature Conservation Grant and the application should not have been assessed by the assessment panel.

The application should have been deemed ineligible because the weed control methods proposed are not considered environmental best-practice and may result in further damage to native vegetation.

It should be noted that the applicant has since applied for Round 2 of the 2018-2019 Nature Conservation Grants with an amended application. The amended application was


considered eligible and their application was recommended for funding as per a subsequent committee report to be presented to Environment Committee 22 January 2019.

CONCLUSION:

The committee report for Round 1 of the Nature Conservation Grants for the 2018-2019 financial year contained a recommendation that the funding for the successful applicants be approved, including application NCG17/18006. NCG17/18006 has since been deemed ineligible for the grant as the proposed weed control method is not considered environmental best-practice, and it is recommended that the prior approved for this application be repealed.

The applicant has resubmitted an amendment application to Round 2 of the Nature Conservation Grants. This application has been recommended for funding at the Environment Committee 22 January 2019.

ATTACHMENT/S:

Name of Attachment	Attachment
Committee Report "Outcomes of the 2018-2019 Nature Conservation Grants Program and Ongoing Program"	 Attachment A

RECOMMENDATION:

That the interim administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

That the previous resolution of Council for funding of successful applicants in the 2018-2019 Round 1 of the Nature Conservation grants Program, as per Recommendation A of Conservation and Environment Committee No. 2018(09) of 11 September 2018, adopted at Council on 18 September 2018, be amended by the removal of Eligible Application No. NCG17/18006 from Table 1 of the report by the Program Officer (Natural Environment) dated 10 September 2018, as it was later found that this application was ineligible.

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PROGRAM OFFICER (NATURAL ENVIRONMENT)

I concur with the recommendation/s contained in this report.

Kaye Cavanagh

SPORT RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER

I concur with the recommendation/s contained in this report.

Bryce Hines

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (WORKS, PARKS AND RECREATION)

Conservation and Environment Committee	
Mtg Date: 11.09.18	OAR: YES
Authorisation: Bryce Hines	

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ATTACHMENT A

The Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council has determined this matter is of real urgency and approval has been given to submit this report to the Conservation and Environment Committee as a late item.

10 September 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: ACTING SPORTS RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER

FROM: PROGRAM OFFICER (NATURAL ENVIRONMENT)

RE: OUTCOMES OF THE 2018-2019 NATURE CONSERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM AND ONGOING PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION:

This is a report by the Program Officer (Natural Environment) dated 10 September 2018 concerning the outcomes of the Nature Conservation Grants Program (NCG) for the 2018-2019 Financial Year, and a proposal for the ongoing program delivery.

It proposes that a Round 2 Nature Conservation Grants Program funding opportunity open to landholders who were considered unsuccessful and ineligible from the current round of funding and open to eligible landholders in the Landholder Partnerships Program who did not submit an application due to time constraints.

BACKGROUND:

The Nature Conservation Grant Program (NCG) is a core program delivered under Ipswich City Council's Enviroplan to support the protection and management of conservation values on private property across the City.

A key component of the program is the provision of financial incentives to support on-ground property management actions from small to large-scale projects. In kind contributions from successful applicants highlight the level of commitment that land owners have to the ongoing management of their project sites.

The NCG is an annual funding opportunity offered to all levels of Voluntary Conservation Agreement (VCA) landholders, including: the Nature Conservation, Bushland Conservation, Koala Conservation and Waterway Conservation Agreements. Along with current VCA landholders, the Grants are also offered to landholders under previous VCA arrangements including Rural Conservation, Vegetation Retention and Partnering Agreements. Eligible landholders can apply for grant funding up to \$6,000 per annum.

A total of \$100,000 is available for the 2018-2019 Financial Year.

NATURE CONSERVATION GRANTS OUTCOMES 2018-2019:

For the 2018–2019 FY, Ipswich City Council (Council) received the highest number of submissions from eligible landholders to date. Forty-seven (47) applications were received in total via the online Smartygrants database.

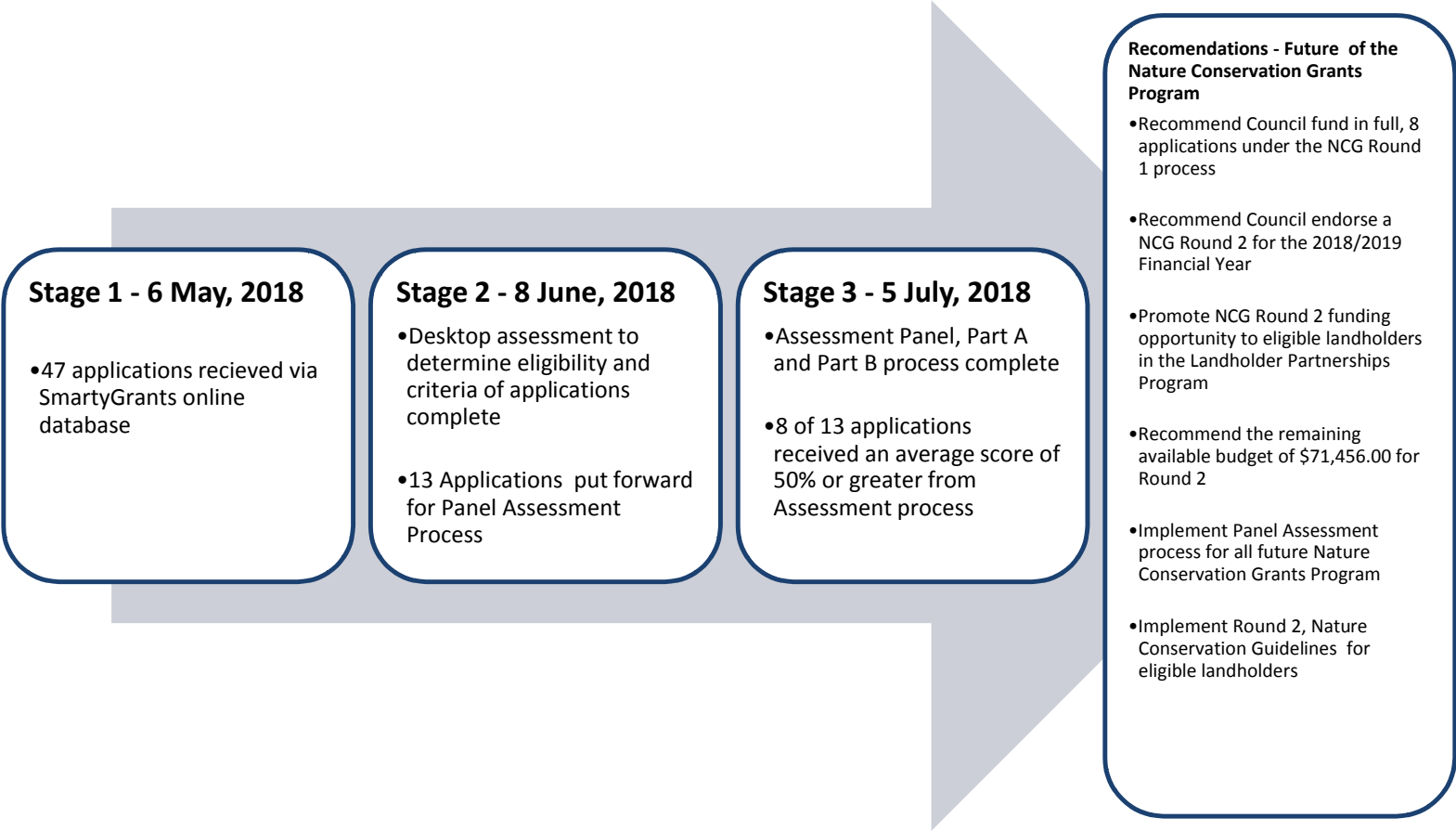
The high number of submissions was due partly to the Landholder Partnerships Program growing in popularity per annum, in addition to the active promotion of the NCG through interactions between landholders and Program Officers of the Landholder Partnerships Program since January 2018. Promotion included updating the NCG landholder guidelines and introducing Information Sessions to allow landholders an even greater opportunity to ask questions about proposed projects/activities before formal submissions are made by applicants.

Although a high number of submissions were received, thirteen (13) applications were considered eligible for a panel assessment, with eight (8) recommended to receive funding. The main reasons for ineligibility include:

- Incomplete or incorrectly completed budget information. Most applicants have not included enough detail or description in the budget table to demonstrate project costs
- The requirement to provide sufficient detailed information on the proposed project / activity so they can be fully assessed.

Figure 1 below summarises the Nature Conservation Grants submission and assessment process for the 2018-2019 Financial Year and recommendations moving forward with the Program.

Figure 1. Summary of the Nature Conservation Grants Submission and Assessment Process for 2018 / 2019 Financial Year and Recommendations for future process



The following table summarises the eligible applications recommended for funding from the Panel Assessment process.

Table 1. Eligible Applications Recommended for Funding – Panel Assessment outcomes, Round 1

App. No.	Project Name	Project Suburb	Divisional Council Area	In-kind contribution	Recommended funding amount	Total Project Cost	Assessment Panel Score (Average)
18018	Vine Thicket Restoration	Pine Mountain	Division 10	\$9,188.00	\$6,000.00	\$15,188.50	74.33%
18015	Weed Management And Rehabilitation In Pine Mountain	Pine Mountain	Division 10	\$6,700.00	\$988.89	\$7,688.89	67.67%
18048	Bremer River Urban Corridor Conservation Plan	East Ipswich	Division 5	\$13,281.00	\$5,971.08	\$19,281.00	57%
18024	Invasive pest plant control - north east corner	Tallegalla	Division 10	\$2,280.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,080.00	55%
18037	Provide refuge for native fauna and flora via fencing off large freshwater dam	Tallagalla	Division 10	\$1,772.00	\$1,750.00	\$3,522.00	55%
18006	Weed Control and Rehabilitation	Grandchester	Division 10	\$3,120.00	\$1,102.00	\$4,222.00	52.67%
18032	Remnant Vegetation Rehabilitation Lot 71	Pine Mountain	Division 10	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00	52%
18020	Weed Management along Franklin Vale Creek	Mount Mort	Division 10	\$4,932.00	\$4,932.00	\$9,864.00	52%
8	Totals			\$47,273.00	\$28,544.00	\$75,846.00	58.67%

All projects recommended for funding contribute to the conservation and improvement of the natural environment within Ipswich.

Projects recommended for funding for the 2018-2019 Financial Year include:

- Weed control and restoration of dry vine rainforest
- Propagation of endemic species to be used within the project area
- Stock exclusion fencing from accessing water body / wetland
- Revegetation to create wildlife corridors and minimise sediment runoff
- Reducing fire hazards

Funding was delivered under budget as detailed below:

Nature Conservation Grant Program (2018-2019 Financial Year)	8 grants approved \$28,544.00 approved funding \$47,273.00 landholder contribution to the project (in-kind) \$75,846.00, total on-ground expenditure \$71,456.00 remaining available budget for Round 2
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The overall outcomes of the projects recommended to receive funding for this round of grant funding is detailed in **Table 3**. The following table outlines the overall outcomes of the projects for this round of grant funding.

Table 2. 2018-2019 Project Outcomes recommended to receive funding

Task	Unit/m ²
Weed control and management	113,000m ²
Fencing installations to protect sensitive areas	16,000m ²
Native plant revegetation	25,000m ²
Erosion Control installations	1,000m ²

Eligible applications in the 2018-2019 Nature Conservation Grants Program were assessed against a set of criteria to determine funding (Attachment B). Applicants recommended for funding scored over 50% for their proposed project/activity (**Table 1**.)

Those applications considered unsuccessful from the Nature Conservation Grants Program – Round 1 are detailed in the following table.

Table 3. Unsuccessful Applications – Panel Assessment outcomes, Round 1

App. No.	Project Name	Project Suburb	Divisional Council Area	In-kind contribution	Requested funding amount	Total Project Cost	Assessment Panel Score (Average)
18040	McAdam's Scrub	Marburg	10	\$1,347.50	\$1,347.50	\$2,695.00	47.67%
18058	Operation Environmental Weed Control – Phase 2	Tivoli	5	\$7,270.00	\$6,000.00	\$13,270.00	47%
18002	Creek Revegetation	Sadliers Crossing	7	\$13,800.00	\$6,000.00	\$19,800.00	44.67%
18047	Bremer River Gallery Forest Section	Woodend	7	\$4,458.97	\$4,458.97	\$8,917.94	42.67%
18031	Erosion Gully Remediation and Remnant Veg Environmental Weed Control	Pine Mountain	10	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00	42.33%
5	Totals			\$32,876.47	\$23,806.47	\$56,682.94	44.87%

BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMERS:

The Nature Conservation Grants Program provides funding assistance to private landholders to carry out on-ground conservation work that benefit the community. The control and removal of weeds minimises seed dispersal to neighbouring properties and high-valued conservation estates. Waterway rehabilitation and revegetation works, improves and increases riparian vegetation and broader water quality outcomes for waterway recreation users, conservation and aesthetic purposes.

REVIEW OF THE NATURE CONSERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM

The Nature Conservation Grant Program provides a high level support mechanism for landholders participating in the Landholder Partnerships Program, specifically Voluntary Conservation Agreement (VCA) landholders and those under historical conservation agreements. The NCG Program provides council with measureable conservation outcomes, indicators for ecosystem improvements and ongoing commitment to conservation.

The highest number of applications received for the 2018-2019 round (forty-seven in total), indicate that there is a demand for a grant of this type to assist landholders with their on-ground projects/activities.

It is proposed to:

1. Offer a second round of the Nature Conservation Grants with the \$71,456.00 remaining available budget
2. To promote the Round 2 Nature Conservation Grants to eligible landholders
3. Implement Attachment B Assessment score sheet for Round 2 Nature Conservation Grants Program
4. Promote the updated Landholder Guidelines for Round 2 of the Nature Conservation Grant Program (refer to Attachment C)
5. Request that the annual budget for the Nature Conservation Grants Program be increased from the 2019-2020 budget of \$100,000 to \$120,000

The proposed changes for the Nature Conservation Grants Program will allow for:




- an opportunity for applicants who did not have an eligible application, an opportunity to improve their applications and re-submit
- an increase in the quality of submissions from applicants in Round 2 and future rounds
- an improved procedure to better receive, assess, score and allocate funding
- an increase in the number of submissions received annually

Applications for Round 2 2018 -2019 Nature Conservation Grants, will again be assessed in a competitive process against criteria linked to current Council strategic objectives (refer to ATTACHMENT B). The grant applications will be assessed by a panel to ensure transparency and applicants will be required to submit an acquittal after completion of the project.

CONCLUSION:

Council’s 2018-2019 round of the Nature Conservation Grants Program has been completed with 8 eligible applications received and grant funding recommended. Having reviewed the first round of the grant program for the 2018-2019 Financial Year and having 5 unsuccessful and 30 ineligible, it is proposed to run a Round 2 grant program for the 2018-2019 Financial Year for the remaining budget.

ATTACHMENT/S:

Name of Attachment	Attachment
Ineligible and withdrawn applications for the 2018-2019 Financial Year funding	 Attachment A
Assessment Criteria used for scoring eligible applications in Round 1, Nature Conservation Grants Program for the 2018-2019	 Attachment B
Nature Conservation Grants Program Guidelines, Round 2	 Attachment C

RECOMMENDATION:

That the interim administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

- A. That the funding for the successful applicants in the 2018-2019 Round 1 of the Nature Conservation Grants Program be approved.
- B. That the Nature Conservation Grants Program review as outlined in the report by the Program Officer dated 10 September 2018, be adopted with the grant program opened for Round 2 for the 2018–2019 Financial Year.
- C. That the Nature Conservation Grants Program – Round 2 be promoted to applicants considered ineligible and unsuccessful from Round 1 and promoted to landholders who did not submit an application in Round 1 due to time constraints.
- D. That the Nature Conservation Grants Program – Round 2, Landholder Guideline be endorsed.

Melanie Mott

PROGRAM OFFICER (NATURAL ENVIRONMENT)

I concur with the recommendation/s contained in this report.

Kaye Cavanagh

ACTING SPORT RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER

I concur with the recommendation/s contained in this report.

Bryce Hines

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (WORKS, PARKS AND RECREATION)

ATTACHMENT A – INELIGIBLE AND WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2018/2019 FINANCIAL YEAR FUNDING

ATTACHMENT AA

Application Status	App. No.	Project Name	Project Suburb	Div. Council Area	In-kind contribution	Requested Amount	Total Project Cost
INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS	18045	Linking Koala Corridors in the Little Liverpool Range	Grandchester	10	\$6,900.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,900.00
	18053	Watercress Creek	Pine Mountain	10	\$7,800.00	\$6,000.00	\$13,800.00
	18044	Weed Control	Rosewood	10	\$10,004.45	\$17,008.90	\$27,013.35
	18026	Lantana Removal	Grandchester	10	\$4,560.00	\$4,560.00	\$9,120.00
	18038	Lantana Control	Grandchester	10	\$4050.00	\$3,800.00	\$7,850.00
	18023	Access Tracks For Weed And Fire Management	Mount Walker	10	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,600.00
	18003	Creek Connection	Pine Mountain	10	\$15,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$28,000.00
	18051	Paddock to Bushland and Creek bank Restoration	Blackstone	4	\$4280.50	\$5275.50	\$11056.50
	18022	Pest Weed Eradication Along Gully	Woolshed	10	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
	18016	Salvinia Control and Management	Purga	10	\$360.00	\$60.50	\$420.50
	18030	Rejuvenation	Camira	1	\$8940.00	\$21,500.00	\$30440.00
	18013	Bundamba Restoration	Bundamba	4	\$11,520.00	\$6000.00	\$17520.00
	18017	Riparian Restoration Of The Bundamba Creek Bank	Bundamba	4	\$6420.00	\$8,920.00	\$15340.00
	18009	2018 Creek and Riparian Restoration	Blackstone	4	\$13915.00	\$13915.00	\$27,830.00
	18056	Chad's Forest	Moores Pocket	5	\$3,200.00	\$12780.00	\$15,980.00
	18012	East Ipswich Echidna Reserve	East Ipswich	5	\$10940.50	\$6000.50	\$16941.00
18025	Native Regeneration and Waterway Sediment Erosion Control	Bundamba	4	\$9500.00	\$6000.00	\$15,500.00	

Application Status	App. No.	Project Name	Project Suburb	Div. Council Area	In-kind contribution	Requested Amount	Total Project Cost
	18039	Improve Access of Happy Jack Gully and ongoing Revegetation	Bellbird Park	2	\$3740.00	\$3,844.88	\$7,584.32
	18027	Woods End Sandpaper Fig Project	Woodend	7	\$21,590.00	\$22,010.00	\$51185.32
	18019	Property Erosion And Weed Management - Stage 1	Karalee	5	\$2850.00	\$1045.00	\$3,895.00
	18028	Guillfoyles Gully Tributary Creek Remediation	Walloon	10	\$9990.00	\$12750.00	\$22,740.00
	18052	Revegetation Of A Contaminated Site	Peak Crossing	8	\$2690.00	\$3254.00	\$5,944.00
	18043	Dan's Erosion Control And Habitation Zone	Karalee	5	\$6000.00	\$5606.5.50	\$11606.50
	18054	Erosion Control, Weed Management and Revegetation Along The Brisbane River	Karalee	5	\$3510.00	\$2046.50	\$5,556.50
	18010	Name of Property Owner	Karalee	5	\$13,500.00	\$14,000.00	\$27,500.00
	18029	Fence, Land Clearing And Planting Of Trees Along River.	East Ipswich	5	\$8785.00	\$8785.00	\$17570.00
	18041	Lantana Removal Project	Muirlea	5	\$4,840.00	\$4,480.00	\$9,700.00
	18049	Conservation Revegetation	Woolshed	10	\$3,640.00	\$11,000.00	\$14,640.00
	18033	Biocontrol release	Goodna	2	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
	18057	Gully planting and revegetation	Pine Mountain	Division 10	\$20,616.00	\$6,000.00	\$26,616.00
	30	Sub-totals			\$222,778.45	\$224,828.78	\$456,692.99
WITHD RAWN	18036	Remnant Vegetation Rehabilitation	Pine Mountain	10	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
	18035	Remnant Vegetation Rehabilitation	Pine	10	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00

Application Status	App. No.	Project Name	Project Suburb	Div. Council Area	In-kind contribution	Requested Amount	Total Project Cost
			Mountain				
	18034	Remnant Vegetation Rehabilitation	Pine Mountain	10	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
	18050	Leucaena Eradication	Calvert		\$18,360.00	\$455.00	\$18,815.00
	4	Totals			\$259,138.45	\$248,828.78	\$511,507.99

ATTACHMENT B – ASSESSMENT SCORE SHEET TEMPLATE (USED FOR ROUND 1 – NATURE CONSERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM 2018/2019 FY)

ATTACHMENT Ab

PART A – Strategic Values of Project – Desktop Assessment completed by Program Officer											
Application No:											
Criteria											Score
1. Level of On-going Protection											
1.1 Landholder Partnership Program Type	NCA	4	BCA KCA	3	WCA	2	Historical partnerships – PA, VRA etc.	1	Nil	0	/4
2. Nature Conservation Strategy 2015 Alignment											
2.1 Ipswich Habitat Network Status <i>(Refer NCS map P 13 & 14)</i>	Core Habitat Area	8	Strategic Remnant	6	Urban Node	4	Not mapped in NCS, but adjacent to area identified as high, medium, low protection level	2	No connectivity	0	/8
2.2 Corridor Status <i>(Refer NCS map P 13 & 14)</i>	Regional Cross-border Terrestrial Corridor	8	Priority Local Corridor	6	Corridor	4	Urban Corridor	2	Not within a mapped corridor	0	/8
2.3 Waterway or Wetland presence <i>(Waterway – NCS P13 & 14; Wetlands Map 7 P50 NCS Background Report)</i>	Contains or is immediately adjacent to a waterway or wetland	3	Does not contain or isn't immediately adjacent to a waterway or wetland	0							/3
2.4 Iconic species habitat <i>(NCS P9) (Advice from Biodiversity Planning Officer)</i>	YES	2	NO	0							/2
3. Koala Conservation and Habitat Management Plan Alignment											
3.1 Koala Habitat Management Status <i>(Figure 13 P36.)</i>	Core Habitat Area	4	Priority Rehabilitation Area	3	Urban Consolidation Area	2	Impact Mitigation Area	1	Nil	0	/4
4. Franklin Vale Initiative Alignment											
4.1 Contained within Franklin Vale Initiative Area	YES	3	NO	0							/3
5. State & Commonwealth Legislation Alignment											
5.1 EVNT recorded sighting within 1km of project site <i>(NCA 1992)</i>	YES	3	NO	0							/3
5.2 Regional Ecosystem Status <i>(under VMA 1999)</i>	Endangered dominant regional ecosystem	5	Endangered sub dominant, of concern dominant regional ecosystems	4	Of concern sub dominant	3	Other regional ecosystem	2	No Regional Ecosystem status	0	/5
5.3 Threatened Ecological Community Status <i>(EPBC Act 1999)</i>	Critically Endangered	5	Endangered	4	Vulnerable	3	NA	NA	No status	0	/5
SUBTOTAL											/45

Name of Assessor: _____

Signature of Assessor: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT B – ASSESSMENT SCORE SHEET TEMPLATE (USED FOR ROUND 1 – NATURE CONSERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM 2018/2019 FY)

PART B – On-ground Values of Project – Panel Assessment										
Application No:										
6. Value for Money & Landholder Commitment										
6.1 Landholder contribution	Landholder contributes greater than 50% to the project cost	5	Landholder contributes 50% to the project costs	3						/5
6.2 Landholder commitment to delivery (refer to Specific Outcomes, Project Timeline/Action Plan in the application form and additional information in H Drive)	Has it been demonstrated that the project can be completed by end of financial year? Hint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is the project practical? does the application have a detailed action plan - what they will doing, when and for how long e.g. a weed control and revegetation project should show the time of year they will be controlling the weeds and what species that will be controlled first 									/10
6.3 Landholder commitment to maintenance (refer to Future Plans, Maintenance and Follow-up Work of application plan)	How well has it been demonstrated that the project will be maintained once completed? Hint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects are generally long-term as a minimum, as a minimum more than 1 year maintenance e is required for any revegetation projects Has the applicant described any monitoring that will occur (photo monitoring at different times of year etc.) 									/10
6.4 Cost effectiveness (Refer to Project Budget and funding required)	Hint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the project application include a budget breakdown and total budget cost? Is the applicant contributing at least 50% in-kind (either their own time and their own money) Is there more than one quote (more than one quote will help in determining value for money for that particular activity) How well does the project demonstrate effective use of funds across all budget line items? (E.g.is each line item necessary?) 									/10
7. Improvements to Nature Conservation Values Nature Conservation Value Improvements										
7.1 Project demonstrates: improvements to nature conservation values within the applicants land	YES	5	NO	0						/5
7.2 Project demonstrates: improvements to nature conservation values in the wider community (Refer to How will the success benefit nature conservation on your land and the wider community of application form)	YES	5	NO	0						/5
8. Methodology Alignment										
8.1 Project Practicality (Refer to List of Actions to Achieve Tasks, How will you manage risks that may affect the success of your project and the Budget table also)	How practical are the actions being proposed? Actions demonstrate good environmental practice, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focusing from areas of least impact to greatest impact; Uses fauna friendly design; Appropriate herbicide and application technique; Suitable plant species and technique 									/10
SUBTOTAL										/55
OVERALL SCORE										/100

Name of Assessor: _____

Signature of Assessor: _____

Date: _____

Nature Conservation Grants Round 2

Applicant Guidelines



Rose Robin, Chris, Pine Mountain.



The Nature Conservation Grants Program – Overview

The Nature Conservation Grants Program (NCG) will provide up to \$71,456.00 from Ipswich City Council's (Council) remaining NCG budget for the 2018-2019 Financial Year. The remaining budget will go toward assisting landholders who have an existing Voluntary Conservation Agreement (VCA) or historical conservation partnership agreement with Council undertake on-ground activities to rehabilitate degraded landscapes, protect and improve habitat and biodiversity and improve the climate resilience of Ipswich's natural environment.

How much can I apply for?

Applicants in this round may seek funding for grants up to \$6,000 (excluding GST).

A proposed project/activity may be partly funded.

When can I apply for the grant?

Applications are open from Saturday 1 September, 2018 and will close midnight 30 September, 2018. Proposals must start from December 2018 when funds are distributed to successful applicants. Successful applicants will have 12 months to acquit the project in full with all reporting requirements due within two weeks of project completion.


How is the grant paid?

All successful applicants will receive a letter with the approved funding from Council subject to the terms and conditions that the applicant signs and returns to Council. Council, then deposits the grant amount into the nominated bank account. Funding is expected to be available to successful applicants for Round 2 in December, 2018.

Guidelines for applicants

Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the online Smartygrants Database before beginning the application process.

All applications must be submitted online via SmartyGrants for assessment by



Council Officers. The SmartyGrants online database can be accessed at www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/landholderpartnerships.

Only under exceptional circumstances, may a landholder submit their application by hand. Handwritten submissions must be arranged and agreed to by the Program Officer of Sport, Recreation and Natural Resources Branch (SRNR) prior to the application close date. All handwritten submissions will be submitted electronically via the online SmartyGrants database by a Council Officer of SRNR word for word. The original hand-written application will be uploaded as an attaching document via the online SmartyGrants database. Any printed photos and other relevant documents received, will be scanned and uploaded into the online application form as is.

Applicants will have a minimum of four (4) weeks to submit their application. It is expected that if landholders are interested in applying for a grant, that research has been conducted on the type of project they wish to carry out, including research into best environmental practice for the particular activity prior to submitting an application. In addition, it is expected that all relevant development approval advice and/or approvals are obtained and documentation is ready to submit with their application.

No extensions will be given to an applicant.

Throughout the application period, landholders have an opportunity to contact Program Officers to ask questions, clarify their project eligibility and conduct any pre-lodgement site visits.

In the last two weeks of the application period, at least one information session will be organized as an opportunity for landholders to come in and ask final questions before submitting their application. Representatives from the SRNR will organise and run the information session(s).



Eligible Applicants

To be eligible for funding under the Nature Conservation Grants Program, landholders must:

- ✓ have a Voluntary Conservation Agreement (VCA) which includes: Bushland Conservation Agreement (BCA), Nature Conservation Agreement (NCA), Koala Conservation Agreement (KCA) or Waterway Conservation Agreement (WCA)
OR
- ✓ have an historical conservation agreement including a Partnering Agreement (PA), Vegetation Retention Agreement (VRA), Rural Conservation Agreement (RCA) or Nature Corridors Conservation Agreement (NCC)


Two or more eligible landholders can work in partnership on a single project to undertake on-ground activities across two or more properties. Partnership applications must be of a joint nature – where one applicant submits the application with a letter of commitment from the second landholder.

A representative acting on behalf of an eligible applicant may submit an application with a letter of approval from the eligible applicant.

Eligible Projects/Activities

Funding provided under the Nature Conservation Grants Program will be for on-ground projects which have an environmental benefit. Projects which have an environmental benefit will be those that:

- rehabilitate natural landscapes by enhancing the condition and quality of ecologically significant areas (waterways, wetlands, revegetation areas or remnant vegetation) including projects that:
 - control invasive plants
 - control pest animals
 - install fauna-friendly fencing to restrict stock access to ecologically significant areas. The fence must be maintained
 - install off-stream watering points to restrict stock access to ecologically significant areas
 - modify existing fencing to upgrade it to be more wildlife friendly
 - increase the area and connectivity of native vegetation by planting native

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- tubestock plant species (revegetation) and allowing plants to naturally grow (regeneration)
 - use fire for ecological purposes
 - rehabilitate degraded landscapes through projects that:
 - control erosion and minimises sediment runoff
 - protect and enhance groundcover

Note:

Other projects/activities may be considered eligible after consultation with your Program Officer. Applicants should consider discussing proposed projects with their Program Officer prior to submission. A site visit may be arranged to discuss these activities with the landholder.

Your own labour should be used for all activities where possible.


Ineligible Applicants

- a landholders who does not have an existing VCA, historical conservation or partnering agreement are not eligible to apply for a grant
- an applicant who has not satisfactorily acquitted a previous NCG grant
- an applicant who has been successful to receive a grant from Round 1 of the Nature Conservation Grants Program cannot apply for funding in Round 2

Ineligible Projects / Activities

Projects and activities that will not be considered for funding include:

- an application requesting the landholder's labour for a project be funded
- projects that do not have a primary aim of improving environmental values of an area (e.g. landscaping and planting of ornamental plants)
- construction of buildings, bridges, boardwalks, pathways or roads
- activities that are a planning approval requirement
- activities that contravene any local, state or commonwealth legislation or policy
- weed management activities in production or domestic areas (e.g. within an



orchard, pastures, crops, gardens, lawns, around dwellings are the responsibility of the landholder (e.g. requirements to provide an enclosure for animals, property rates payments, approval fees, upgrades, maintenance or repairs to property infrastructure such as dams, weirs, drains, fences, driveways, roads, boardwalks and formal paths, control of pest plant species that landholders are legally required to report to an appropriate authorised officer)

Refer to **Appendix 1**. for an example of a past project that has been approved for funding.

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What expenses are eligible and ineligible?

The table below provides a list of eligible and ineligible expenses.

Eligible expenses (including but not limited to)	Ineligible expenses (including but not limited to)
<p>Examples of eligible expenses includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ purchase and installation of irrigation systems associated with off-stream watering points✓ purchase of chemicals, native tubestock plants, mulch and tree guards✓ purchase and installation of fencing material✓ purchase of catering for volunteers participating in working bees✓ contractor fees✓ hire of specialised equipment used to complete the project including mulcher and post hole digger	<p>Examples of ineligible expenses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ your own labour✗ the purchase, servicing and/or associated costs of equipment (e.g. fuel, oil etc)✗ works or purchases that have already been undertaken prior to submitting an application✗ contractor fees for the purposes of planting tubestock granted from another council incentive program (e.g. Land for Wildlife)✗ insurances (e.g. public liability, volunteer)✗ entertainment, event or celebration expenses✗ alcohol✗ gifts/sponsorship/membership fees✗ materials associated with the construction of a formal pathway, bridge or boardwalk



Submitting your Application

Required Information

All applicants must:

- ✓ If applicable, provide evidence of permission from eligible landholder(s) to undertake the proposed activity on the site
- ✓ If applicable provide at least one quote (refer to **Appendix 2**. What to include in a quote). Failure to provide at least one quote where applicable may affect the success of the application. Quotes can be in written form (email quotes are acceptable)

Please consider:

Whilst not required, obtaining more than one quote can be beneficial to determine value for money.


For more information on what should be included in a quote, please refer to **Attachment 2**. of these guidelines.

- ✓ provide a detailed map of the project area and before photographs of the project site location and the project activities location
- ✓ answer all questions on the online Smartygrants application form
- ✓ clearly demonstrate how the project outcomes will be achieved
- ✓ clearly demonstrate the project's environmental benefits beyond their property boundary
- ✓ ensure at least a 50 per cent (50%) co-contribution to the project is evident in the application and budget table

Please note: Co-contribution is your contribution to the project. This can either be your own financial or labour contribution. The current wage rate for volunteers in Queensland is \$40.35. Your labour can be charged at this rate.

(<https://volunteeringqld.org.au/volunteers>)

- ✓ clearly demonstrate management and maintenance of the project throughout the acquittal

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- ✓ clearly demonstrate future plans, maintenance and follow up work that will occur after the acquittal period is complete
 - ✓ ensure all permits and other approvals relating to the application are obtained prior to submitting your application. Evidence of planning approvals must be provided with your application
 - ✓ satisfactorily met all acquittal conditions of the previous financial year's Nature Conservation Grant

Remember:

When determining value for money, among other information such as submitting two quotes in your application, the assessment panel will look at how much 'in-kind' or co-contribution that you will be providing to the overall project cost.

Applications should provide enough information to allow someone with no prior knowledge of the project to carry out an assessment and provide a score.


Applicants seeking funding for significant capital works including contour banks, diversion banks, and levees are required to seek professional technical advice and development approval advice prior to submitting the application. This advice and any approvals required must be provided with the application.

The approval of this type of works does not guarantee that funding from the Nature Conservation Grants Program will be offered to the applicant.

Please call Ipswich City Council for more information.

How will projects be assessed?

All applications will be assessed in two parts, Part A focusses on the strategic alignment of the project / activity. Part A is a desktop assessment which will be completed by Council Officers of the Sport, Recreation and Natural Resources Branch. Part B criteria, assesses the on-ground value of the project. Part B is assessed by an Assessment Panel, made up of at least three (3) Council Officers with expertise in natural area management or similar.



Part A will be assessed against the following assessment criteria:

Strategic alignment of the project / activity (45% weighting)

- Does the proposed project / activity align with the NCG strategic goals and focus area(s) for the NCG for the financial year?
- What conservation agreement level does the applicant belong to?
- Does the proposed project / activity align with the Nature Conservation Strategy 2015
- Does the location of the proposed project / activity have iconic species habitat
- Does the location of the proposed project / activity align with the Koala Conservation and Habitat Management Plan
- Does the proposed project / activity align with State and Commonwealth legislation (i.e. the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*, the *Environment, Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*)

Part B will be assessed against the following assessment criteria:


On-ground values of the project (55%)

- Has the applicant contributed at least 50% or more to the total project cost?
- Does the proposed project / activity demonstrate value for money?
- Has the applicant demonstrated in the application that the proposed project / activity can be completed within 12 months?
- Has the applicant demonstrated in the application that the proposed project / activity will be maintained after the grant acquittal timeline?
- Does the proposed project / activity demonstrate improvements to nature conservation values within the project area and in the wider community?
- How practical is the proposed project / activity?
- Do the actions demonstrate best practice environmental management methodology?

Applications are assessed against a weighted assessment matrix and will be assessed and scored within four (4) weeks, from the following business day once applications have closed for submissions.

Please note:

Where relevant, an applicant's past performance, including if there are any outstanding acquittal reports from the previous financial year, will be taken into



consideration.


Where can I find more information to help me with my application?

There are a range of websites available which may provide useful reference material for applicants during the application stage:

1. Pest Plants (weeds) – <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/land-management/health-pests-weeds-diseases/weeds-diseases>
2. Pest Animals - <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/plants/weeds-pest-animals-ants/pest-animals>.
3. Threatened species – <http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/threatened-species/index.html>.
4. WetlandInfo – <https://wetlandinfo.ehp.qld.gov.au/wetlands/>.
5. Fire and Biodiversity information – Fire and Biodiversity Consortium of Southeast Queensland www.fireandbiodiversity.org.au (individual property planning kits, ecological guidelines and resources)
6. The Land for Wildlife Queensland *Note Series 2016*, introduce key terms and concepts relevant managing a property for wildlife conservation in mind. You will also find a number of regional ecosystem fact sheets. Visit <https://www.lfwseq.org.au/notes/> to view all notes
1. South East Queensland Ecological Restoration Framework. The Guideline can be accessed at http://hlw.org.au/u/lib/cms/seqerf_guidelines_web.pdf, the manual can be accessed at http://hlw.org.au/u/lib/cms/seqerf_manual_web.pdf

Ipswich City Council Reference Material

2. Landholder Partnerships Program – <http://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/landholderpartnerships>
3. Koala Conservation (Koala Conservation and Habitat Management Plan, fact sheets etc.) - https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/about_ipswich/environment/wildlife/koala-conservation.

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4. Riparian Corridor Revegetation -
https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/about_ipswich/environment/conservation/riparian_corridor_revegetation.
 5. Ipswich Native Plant Guides -
https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/about_ipswich/environment/conservation/native_plants.
 6. Catchments and Waterways (including Riparian Corridor Revegetation Guidelines and Waterway and Channel Guidelines, catchment studies etc.) -
https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/about_ipswich/environment/waterways
 7. Nature Conservation Strategy and Background Report -
https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/about_council/corporate_publications/nature_conservation_strategy.

Do you have any other questions?

Please contact your Program Officer by telephone on (07) 3810 666 or by email at Partnerships@ipswich.qld.gov.au for further clarification of these guidelines or your project. Please note, the Program Officer will be able to provide you with the best advice based on the information provided to them. All decisions to a grant application will be made based on the information contained in that application.



Appendix 1. An example of a past project that has been approved for funding

Chris and Al of Pine Mountain

About their Property

Chris and Al moved into their 23 ha Pine Mountain property in 2016. The property has several isolated patches of Dry Vine Forest (12.11.13) classified as 'of concern' under Queensland legislation.

Chris and Al have a high level conservation agreement as Bushland Conservation Agreement partners and were successful in receiving a grant application for their project 'Central Vine Forest Restoration' for the 2017-2018 Financial Year. They sought funding for weed management, collecting and propagating seed and planting within one of their vine scrub patches (1 ha size).

How much did they request from Council?

Chris and Al were approved for the full \$6,000 funding from Council, with their total project costs estimated at \$18,514.50 with the following budget (next page).

Why were they accepted for a grant?

Chris and Al demonstrated in their application that they were providing a minimum of 50% co-contribution to the project by using their own labour toward the project. They purchased the herbicide, mulch, potting mix, tubestock plants and fertilizer themselves. They contributed more than double the amount they were requesting from Council, demonstrating value for money. Chris and Al supported their application by demonstrating that their project met the Nature Conservation Strategy by referring to particular sections of the Strategy. They submitted a hand written quote as well as a follow up email from the contractor who had specialized skills and experience in revegetation and restoration work. The quote included components listed in

Attachment 2. Chris and Al also submitted jpeg images of all other purchases they were paying themselves (co-contribution to the project).

Chris and Al also provided detailed information on how they will monitor and track their project by stating that they will keep a journal of recorded hours, keeping their

receipts of purchases, keeping a record of propagated species, planted species and planting success and by setting up several photo monitoring points at their project site. All of this information will be provided to Council when they acquit their grant through the Smartygrants webpage.

Chris and Al are in a key strategic area under the Nature Conservation Strategy 2015 of Pine Mountain and highlighted the alignment to the strategy in their application form. Some key actions that demonstrated good environmental practice including engaging a contractor who was a specialist in the field of restoration ecology. In addition, their application also stated that seed from their property would be used for propagation and eventually revegetation.

Chris and Al's Budget Table

<i>How much are you putting into the project? In-kind MUST be 50% of the total project cost. If you are not providing 50% in-kind contribution, the application is considered ineligible.</i>			<i>How much are you spending on the project, this column is what you are requesting from Council.</i>	
In-kind Contributions (list all contributions)	In-kind Amount (total dollar amount)	Expenditure (List all project items)	Expenditure (total dollar amount)	Attachment
		Contractor labour costs for weeding and planting	\$6,000.00	Attached quote
Landholder labour for weeding, planting and propagation - 360 hrs @\$30/hr	\$10,800.00			
Herbicide purchase – 2 x 20L glyphosate \$210/L	\$420.00			
Potting Mix, fertilizer – 150L potting mix @ \$0.36/L, 300 forestry tube @ \$17.50 p/100	\$106.50			
Mulch - 40m3 forest mulch @ \$29.70/m3	\$1,188.00			
Budget Totals				
Total in-kind costs (how much I am contributing to the project?)	\$12,514.50	Total Expenditure Amount (Requested amount of funding from council)	\$6,000.00	

Total Project Cost: \$18,514.50



Hint:

Please provide a new line for each expense/co-contribution item.

You must contribute at least 50% of the total project cost. Your application will not be accepted if 50% of co-contribution is not demonstrated in your budget table.

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Appendix 2. What to include in a quote

A thorough, well-written quote demonstrates the businesses professionalism, attracts new customers, meets your consumer obligations and protects you from legal and financial risks.

A good quote will include the following components:

Business details

Providing an Australian Business Name (ABN) and contact information is a legal requirement.

Total cost

Details the specifics of the job and outlines what the costs cover, also making notes of what is not covered. For example, 'cost covers labour of planting but does not include delivery of plants'.

Breakdown of costs

Describes the job proposal, detailing the elements involved, and itemise costs for labour and materials.

Variations

Explains how different scenarios or variations will affect the cost. For example, 'This quote covers the cutting and poisoning of woody weeds, mulching is an additional 15%'.

Revisions

Explains that if the job changes, the quote can be revised once work has begun.

Schedule for work

Indicates when they will start the job and how long it will take. When you use the contractor, they will be contractually obliged to finish it in this time so make sure it is reasonable. If your project schedule is based on variables, such as good weather, make sure you request that the contractor have this in the quote.

Payment terms and conditions

Indicates when they require payments and for how much. For example, periodical payments, half up front and half on completion. It is advised that you pay an unfamiliar contractor at the end of the job or periodically and have this detailed on the quotation.

Quote expiry date

Clearly notes the date the quote needs to be accepted by and often has an expiry date. Remember that the NCG assessment period can be up to two months. Make sure that the quotation has an expiry date of at least 6 months from the date of the quote to cover at least the application submission period and the assessment period.

Customer acceptance signature

Include a 'sign here' statement to fix the agreement, such as 'I, [name], accept the above terms and conditions. Signed _____ . Date _____.'

Payment methods

Indicates the contractors preferred method of payment. Please note that the NCG cannot make a direct payment to the contractor. You must pay the contractor and ensure you keep all the receipts, invoices etc. to acquit the grant successfully.

Reference: Business Queensland <http://www.business.qld.gov.au/>



Environment Committee	
Mtg Date: 21.01.19	OAR: YES
Authorisation: Bryce Hines	

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24 December 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: SPORT RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER

FROM: PROGRAM OFFICER (NATURAL ENVIRONMENT)

RE: OUTCOMES OF THE SECOND ROUND OF THE 2018-2019 NATURE
CONSERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION:

This is a report by the Program Officer (Natural Environment) dated 24 December 2018 concerning the outcome of the second round of the Nature Conservation Grants Program (NCG) for the 2018-2019 Financial Year.

BACKGROUND:

The Nature Conservation Grants Program (NCG) is a core program delivered under Ipswich City Council's Enviroplan to support the protection and management of conservation values on private property across the City.

A key component of the program is the provision of financial incentives to support on-ground property management actions from small to large-scale projects. In kind contributions from successful applicants highlight the level of commitment that land owners have to the ongoing management of their project sites.

The NCG is an annual funding opportunity offered to all levels of Voluntary Conservation Agreement (VCA) landholders, including: the Nature Conservation, Bushland Conservation, Koala Conservation and Waterway Conservation Agreements. Along with current VCA landholders, the Grants are also offered to landholders under previous VCA arrangements including Rural Conservation, Vegetation Retention and Partnering Agreements. Eligible landholders can apply for grant funding up to \$6,000 per annum.

NATURE CONSERVATION GRANTS OUTCOMES FOR ROUND 2 OF THE 2018-2019 FINANCIAL YEAR:

Twenty (20) applications were received in total via the online Smartygrants database.

One application was ineligible for funding as no quotes were submitted with the application. One application was part-eligible for funding as the property owner did not have an approved fire management plan supported by the Rural Fire Brigade as required under the Ipswich Planning Scheme. Furthermore, the contractor quote for the requested works was inadequate. Therefore, the panel assessment was limited to the eligible components of the application.

Of the eligible applications, fourteen (14) applicants were successful as they received an assessment score above fifty. Five (5) applicants were unsuccessful as they received an assessment score below fifty.

Figure 1 below summarises the Nature Conservation Grants submission and assessment process for the 2018-2019 Financial Year and recommendations moving forward with the Program.

The following table summarises the eligible applications recommended for funding from the Assessment process.

Table 1. Eligible Applications Recommended for Funding – Panel and Desktop Assessment outcomes, Round 2

App. No.	Project Name	Project Suburb	In-kind contribution	Total expenditure	Total Project Cost	Requested funding amount	Recommended funding amount	Assessment Score
NCG18/19R202	Woods End Sandpaper Fig Project	Woodend	\$21,590	\$474	\$22,064	\$474	\$474	50
NCG18/19R205	Wildlife Friendly Conservation Area Exclusion Fencing	Walloon	\$6,688.40	\$5,861.93	\$12,550.33	\$5,861.93	\$5,861.93	61
NCG18/19R206	Remnant Veg Environmental Weed Management	Pine Mountain	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	65
NCG18/19R207	Linking Koala Corridors	Mt Mort	\$11,100	\$6,000	\$17,100	\$6,000	\$6,000	73
NCG18/19R208	Creek Revegetation Project	Pine Mountain	\$13,049.56	\$5,951.81	\$19,001.37	\$5,951.81	\$5,951.81	66
NCG18/19R212	McAdam's Scrub	Marburg	\$594.00	\$484.00	\$1,078	\$484.00	\$484.00	55
NCG18/19R213	Watercress Creek	Pine Mountain	\$5,043.00	\$4,950.00	\$9,993	\$4,950.00	\$4,950.00	64
NCG18/19R215	Weed eradication in vicinity of Ivorys Rock	Peak Crossing	\$3,064.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,064	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	73
NCG18/19R216	Biocontrol release Woogaroo Creek	Goodna	\$1,694.70	\$746.40	\$2,441.10	\$746.40	\$746.40	53
NCG18/19R217	Weed Control and Rehabilitation (paper form application. Refer to A5154681 objective file)	Grandchester	\$4,196.40	\$1,102.00	\$5,298.40	\$1,102.00	\$1,102.00	70
NCG18/19R218	Woodend Gallery Forest	Woodend	\$7,409.84	\$4,210.58	\$11,620.42	\$4,210.58	\$4,210.58	54
NCG18/19R220	Gully Restoration	Pine Mountain	\$12,547.10	\$6,000.00	\$18,547.10	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	64
NCG18/19R223	Weed Control	Rosewood	\$4,035.00	\$2,667.40	\$6,702.40	\$2,667.40	\$2,667.40	70
NCG18/19R225	Noxious Weed and Regrowth Control	Woolshed	\$1,700.00	\$1,465	\$3,165	\$1,465.00	\$465.00	67
14	Totals		\$98,712	\$48,913.12	\$147,625.12	\$48,913.12	\$47,913.12	

All projects recommended for funding contribute to the conservation and improvement of the natural environment within Ipswich.

Projects recommended for funding for the 2018-2019 Financial Year include:

- Exclusion fencing
- Weed management
- Revegetation
- Erosion control programs
- Establish off-stream water points

Funding was delivered under budget as detailed below:

Nature Conservation Grant Program Round 2 (2018-2019 Financial Year)	Fourteen grants approved \$47,913.12 approved funding \$98,712 landholder contribution to the project (in-kind) \$147,625.12 total on-ground expenditure
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The overall outcomes of the projects recommended to receive funding for this round of grant funding is detailed in **Table 3**. The following table outlines the overall outcomes of the projects for this round of grant funding.

Table 2. 2018-2019 Project Outcomes recommended to receive funding

Task	Unit/m ² Approximate
Weed control and management	113, 000 m ²
Fencing installations to protect sensitive areas	47, 000 m ²
Native plant revegetation	49, 000 m ²
Erosion Control installations	10,000 m ²

Those applications considered unsuccessful from the Nature Conservation Grants Program – Round 2 are detailed in the following table.

Table 3. Unsuccessful Applications – Panel Assessment outcomes, Round 2

App. No.	Project Name	Project Suburb	In-kind contribution	Requested funding amount	Recommended funding amount	Assessment Panel Score (Average)
NCG18/19R203	Hawthorne Creek Rehabilitation	Sadliers Crossing	\$19,206.60	\$6,000	\$0	46
NCG18/19R204	Creek restoration	Bundamba	\$13,222	\$6,000	\$0	44
NCG18/19R211	Bundamba Creek	Bundamba	\$9,280.00	\$3,653.00	\$0	48
NCG18/19R219	Operation environmental weed removal at 25 Tantivy Street – Phase 2	Tivoli	\$6,370.00	\$6,000.00	\$0	47
NCG18/19R221	Tree removal & weed maintenance of Happy Jack Gully	Bellbird Park	\$3,017.00	\$3,000.00	\$0	45
NCG18/19R224	2018_Zone3 rehabilitation (ineligible)	Blackstone	\$4,925.00	\$4,925.00	\$0	
6	Totals		\$51,095.60	\$29,578.00	\$0.00	



BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMERS:

The Nature Conservation Grants Program provides funding assistance to private landholders to carry out on-ground conservation work that benefit the community. The control and removal of weeds minimises seed dispersal to neighbouring properties and high-valued conservation estates. Waterway rehabilitation and revegetation works, improves and increases riparian vegetation and broader water quality outcomes for waterway recreation users, conservation and aesthetic purposes.

CONCLUSION:

Council’s second round of the 2018-2019 Nature Conservation Grants Program has been completed with fourteen eligible applications received and grant funding recommended.

ATTACHMENT/S:

Name of Attachment	Attachment
Nature Conservation Grant Assessment Form 2018/19 - Part A	 Attachment A
Nature Conservation Grant Assessment Form 2018/19 - Part B	 Attachment B

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

That the funding for the successful applicants in the 2018-2019 Round 2 of the Nature Conservation Grants Program be approved.

Danielle Andlemac

PROGRAM OFFICER (NATURAL ENVIRONMENT)

I concur with the recommendation/s contained in this report.

Kaye Cavanagh

ACTING SPORT RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER

I concur with the recommendation/s contained in this report.

Bryce Hines

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (WORKS, PARKS AND RECREATION)

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Strategic Values of Project - Desktop Assessment completed by Program Officer

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1. Level of On-going Protection

1.1 Landholder Partnership Program Type

Assessment/Weighting:

- No Agreement - 0 points
- Historical Partnerships (PA, VRA, etc.) - 1 point
- Waterways Conservation Agreement - 2 points
- Koala Conservation Agreement - 3 points
- Bushland Conservation Agreement - 3 points
- Nature Conservation Agreement - 4 points

Scoring: *

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2. Nature Conservation Strategy 2015 Alignment:

2.1 Ipswich Habitat Network Status

(Refer NCS map P13 & 14)

Assessment/Weighting:

- No connectivity - 0 points
- Not mapped in NCS, but adjacent to area identified as high, medium, low protection level - 2 points
- Urban Node - 4 points
- Strategic Remnant - 6 points
- Core Habitat Area - 8 points

Scoring: *

0 2 4 6 8

2.2 Corridor Status

(Refer NCS map P13 & 14)

Assessment/Weighting:

- Not within a mapped corridor - 0 points
- Urban Corridor - 2 points
- Corridor - 4 points
- Priority Local Corridor - 6 points

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- Regional Cross-border Terrestrial Corridor - 8 points

Scoring: *

- 0 2 4 6 8

2.3 Waterway or Wetland Presence

(Waterway - NCS P13 & 14; Wetlands Map 7 P50 NCS Background Report)

Assessment/Weighting:

- Does not contain or isn't immediately adjacent to a waterway or wetland - 0 points
- Contains or is immediately adjacent to a waterway or wetland - 3 points

Scoring: *

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2.4 Iconic Species Habitat

(NCS P9) (Advice from Biodiversity Planning Officer)

Assessment/Weighting:

- No - 0 points
- Yes - 2 points

Scoring: *

- 0 2

3. Koala Conservation and Habitat Management Plan Alignment

3.1 Koala Habitat Management Status

(Figure 13 P36)

Assessment/Weighting:

- Nil - 0 points
- Impact Mitigation Area - 1 point
- Urban Consolidation Area - 2 points
- Priority Rehabilitation Area - 3 points
- Core Habitat Area - 4 points

Scoring: *

- 0 1 2 3 4

4. Franklin Vale Initiative Alignment

4.1 Contained within Franklin Vale Initiative Area

Assessment/Weighting.

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- No - 0 points
- Yes - 3 points

Scoring: *

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5. State & Commonwealth Legislation Alignment

5.1 EVNT recorded sighting within 1km of project site

(NCA 1992)

Assessment/Weighting:

- No - 0 points
- Yes - 3 points

Scoring: *

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5.2 Regional Ecosystem Status

(under VMA 1999)

Assessment/Weighting:

- No Regional Ecosystem Status - 0 points
- Other Regional Ecosystem - 2 points
- Of Concern Sub Dominant - 3 points
- Endangered Sub Dominant, of Concern Dominant Regional Ecosystems - 4 points
- Endangered Dominant Regional Ecosystem - 5 points

Scoring: *

0 2 3 4 5

5.3 Threatened Ecological Community Status

(EPBC Act 1999)

Assessment/Weighting:

- No status or NA - 0 points
- Vulnerable - 3 points
- Endangered - 4 points
- Critically Endangered - 5 points

Scoring: *

0 3 4 5

Assessing Officer Summary:

Overall Score:

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Assessing Officer: *

Title First Name Last Name

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Position: *

Assessment Date: *

Must be a date.

On-ground Values of Project - Panel Assessment

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6. Value for Money & Landholder Commitment

6.1 Landholder Contribution

Assessment/Weighting:

- Landholder contributes 50% to the project costs - 3 points
- Landholder contributes greater than 50% to the project costs - 5 points

Scoring: *

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6.2 Landholder commitment to delivery

(Refer to Specific Outcomes, Project Timeline/Action Plan in the Application form and additional information in H Drive)

Has it been demonstrated that the project can be completed by the end of financial year?

HINT:

- Is the project practical?
- Does the application have a detailed action plan - what they will be doing, when and for how long e.g. a weed control and revegetation project should show the time of year they will be controlling the weeds and what species that will be controlled first.

Scoring: *

Score is out of 10

Please provide comments to justify the score given *

6.3 Landholder commitment to maintenance

(Refer to Future Plans, Maintenance and Follow-up Work of application plan)

How well has it been demonstrated that the project will be maintained once completed?

HINT:

- Projects are generally long-term - as a minimum more than 1 year maintenance is required for any revegetation project
- Has the applicant described any monitoring that will occur (photo monitoring at difference times of year etc.)

Scoring: *

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Score is out of 10

Please provide comments to justify the score given *

6.4 Cost effectiveness

(Refer to Project Budget and funding required)

HINT:

- Does the project application include a budget breakdown and total budget cost?
- Is the applicant contributing at least 50% in-kind? (Either their own time and/or their own money)
- Is there more than one quote? (More than one quote will help in determining value for money for that particular activity)
- How well does the project demonstrate effective use of funds across all budget line items? (E.g. is each line item necessary?)

Scoring: *

Score is out of 10

Please provide comments to justify the score given *

7. Improvements to Nature Conservation Values

7.1 Project demonstrates improvements to Nature Conservation Values within the applicants land

Scoring: *

Score is out of 5

Please provide comments to justify the score given *

7.2 Project demonstrates improvements to Nature Conservation Values in the wider community

(Refer to 'How will the success benefit Nature Conservation on your land and the wider community of the Application Form')

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Scoring: *

Score is out of 5

Please provide comments to justify the score given *

8. Methodology Alignment

8.1 Project Practicality

(Refer to List of Actions to Achieve Tasks, How will you manage risks that may affect the success of your project and the Budget table)

How practical are the actions being proposed?

Actions demonstrate good environmental practice, such as:

- Focusing from areas of least impact to greatest impact;
- Uses fauna friendly design;
- Appropriate herbicide and application technique;
- Suitable plant species and technique.

Scoring: *

Score is out of 10

Please provide comments to justify the score given *

Assessing Officer Summary:

Overall Score: *

This number/amount is calculated.

Comments:

Assessing Officer: *

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Position: *

Assessment Date: *

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