



PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT TRUST (POET) COMMITTEE

30 March 2023



COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028

ONE – CENTRAL COAST IS THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) FOR THE CENTRAL COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

ONE – CENTRAL COAST DEFINES THE COMMUNITY'S VISION AND IS OUR ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE

ONE – CENTRAL COAST BRINGS TOGETHER EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO SET KEY DIRECTIONS AND PRIORITIES

One - Central Coast will shape and inform Council's business activities, future plans, services and expenditure. Where actions are the responsibility of other organisations, sectors and groups to deliver, Council will work with key partners to advocate on behalf of our community.

Ultimately, every one of us who live on the Central Coast has an opportunity and responsibility to create a sustainable future from which we can all benefit. Working together we can make a difference.

RESPONSIBLE

WE'RE A RESPONSIBLE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY, COMMITTED TO BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS AND DELIVERING A GREAT CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE IN ALL OUR INTERACTIONS.

We value transparent and meaningful communication and use community feedback to drive strategic decision making and expenditure, particularly around the delivery of essential infrastructure projects that increase the safety, liveability and sustainability of our region. We're taking a strategic approach to ensure our planning and development processes are sustainable and accessible and are designed to preserve the unique character of the coast.

 **Good governance and great partnerships**

G2 Engage and communicate openly and honestly with the community to build a relationship based on trust, transparency, respect and use community participation and feedback to inform decision making

There are 5 themes, 12 focus areas and 48 objectives

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028 FRAMEWORK

All council reports contained within the Business Paper are now aligned to the Community Strategic Plan. Each report will contain a cross reference to a Theme, Focus Area and Objective within the framework of the Plan.

The infographic details the following structure:

- THEME: BELONGING**
 - Focus Area: OUR COMMUNITY (Objectives: G1, G2, G3, G4)
 - Focus Area: COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND LOCAL IDENTITY (Objectives: G5, G6, G7, G8)
- THEME: SMART**
 - Focus Area: A GROWING AND COMPETITIVE REGION (Objectives: C1, C2, C3, C4)
 - Focus Area: A PLACE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE (Objectives: C5, C6, C7, C8)
- THEME: GREEN**
 - Focus Area: ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING FOR THE FUTURE (Objectives: E1, E2, E3, E4)
 - Focus Area: INCREASED RAIN WATER RESILIENCE (Objectives: E5, E6, E7, E8)
- THEME: RESPONSIBLE**
 - Focus Area: GOOD GOVERNANCE AND GREAT PARTNERSHIPS (Objectives: G9, G10, G11, G12)
 - Focus Area: BELONGING THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE (Objectives: G13, G14, G15, G16)
 - Focus Area: SAFE, ACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Objectives: G17, G18, G19, G20)
- THEME: LIVEABLE**
 - Focus Area: RELIABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIONS (Objectives: L1, L2, L3, L4)
 - Focus Area: SAFE AND HEALTHY LIVES (Objectives: L5, L6, L7, L8)
 - Focus Area: HEALTHY LIFESTYLES (Objectives: L9, L10, L11, L12)



Meeting Notice

**The Protection of the Environment Trust (POET) Committee
of Central Coast Council
will be held in the Council Chamber,
2 Hely Street, Wyong or Remotely – Online,
on Thursday 30 March 2023 at 2.00pm,
for the transaction of the business listed below:**

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Gary Chestnut
Chairperson

**1.1 INTRODUCTION: WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY,
APOLOGIES, DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Gary Chestnut
Chairperson

*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and play.
We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging and recognise their continued
connection to these lands and waterways.
We acknowledge our shared responsibility to care for and protect our place and people.*

1.2 PREVIOUS BUSINESS: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES, REVIEW ACTION LOG

Gary Chestnut
Chairperson

Attachments

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| 1 | D15472791 Meeting Record - Protection of the Environment Trust
Management Committee (PoET) Minutes - 12 December 2022 | D15608169 |
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Minutes

Protection of the Environment Trust Management Committee



Date: 12 December 2022

Time: 1.00pm – 2.36pm

Location: Wyong Administration Building and Microsoft Teams (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Gary Chestnut

Coordinator: Edward Hock, Unit Manager Governance, Risk and Legal

Attendance

Members:

Gary Chestnut

Joy Cooper

Barbara Wills

Status:

Present

Present

Present

Staff:

Peter Correy, Group Financial Controller, Finance

Edward Hock, Unit Manager Governance, Risk and Legal

Luke Sulkowski, Unit Manager Environmental Management

Larry Melican, Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity

Teresa Walters, Section Manager Communication and Engagement

Sharyn Styman, Environmental Management and Projects Officer

Carolyn Patelis, Civic Support Officer

Jade Maskiewicz, Assistant Internal Ombudsman

Present

Present

Present

Present

Apology

Present

Present

Present

1 Introduction

Gary Chestnut was requested by the Committee to Chair the meeting. The Chairperson welcomed the Committee and completed an Acknowledgement of Country.

The following apologies were received for the meeting:

Teresa Walters, Section Manager Communication and Engagement

The Chairperson called for any disclosures of interest and none were received.

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2 Brief progress reports on: The Scenic Road Bushland Reserve Offset area Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland

Sharyn Styman (Environmental Management and Projects Officer) spoke to the two progress reports provided, noted as read by the Committee.

The Scenic Road Bushland Reserve Offset area

- A subsequent recommendation needs to be made to Council as Trustee, to approve release of the funds according to the adopted 15 year plan, as per the second recommendation made by staff in the report to the Committee presented at the meeting held on 15 June 2022.

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommend that Council as Trustee approve release from funds listed in the report (The Scenic Road Bushland Reserve Offset Area Year 1) held in the Trust for Scenic Road Bushland Reserve Offset Area to Central Coast Council project number 26186 POET – Conservation Agreement COSS The Scenic Road Bushland Reserve Offset Area as per the adopted 15 year plan.

Action:

The Committee agrees with the recommendation to release funds for The Scenic Road Bushland Reserve Offset Area Year 1, with amendments made to ensure it is referred to as The Scenic Road, rather than Scenic Road.

Unanimous

Moved – Barbara Wills, Seconded – Joy Cooper

Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland

- A subsequent recommendation needs to be made to Council as Trustee to approve release of the funds as per the confirmed budget, as per the second recommendation made by staff in the report to the Committee presented at the meeting held on 15 June 2022.

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommend that Council as Trustee approve release of:

- a. \$82,000 in February 2023 of the 2022/23 financial year;
- b. \$51,000 in July 2023 of the 2023/24 financial year from funds held in the Trust for 'Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland' to Central Coast Council project number 26187 'POET – Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland Management and Rehabilitation' for management actions as per the confirmed budget.

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Action:

The committee agrees to the recommendation and that the third year of the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland be a future report back to the Committee.

Moved – Ed Hock, Seconded – Gary Chestnut

3 Update from Finance (standing agenda item)

Peter Correy (Group Financial Controller, Finance) provided an update to the Committee on the Trust income statement noted as read by the Committee.

Financial statements, including breakdown of the information contained, was discussed. It is noted there has been no major activity since June 2022.

Group Financial Controller, Finance invited any specific comments from the Committee, either at special meeting (should it be convened) or out of session.

4 Code of Conduct Training

Assistant Internal Ombudsman, Jade Maskiewicz presented the Committee and Chair with a Code of Conduct presentation. Participants were, Gary Chestnut, Joy Cooper and Barbara Wills.

5 General business

Update from Larry Melican, Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity regarding Grant applications, report provided noted as read by the Committee.

Two new grant applications received since last meeting in June 2022.

- Peninsula Environment Group (PEG) for project (POET002 202122):
Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden - Promoting Protection of Flora and Fauna.
 - Seeking funding from the Trust to support the serving, pruning and appropriate management of vegetation at the community garden
 - To promote wildlife habitat, insect hotels and delivery of educational workshop for native bees

After discussion, the Committee did not support the application from the Peninsula Environment Group for project POET002 202122 in its current form. Committee request the removal of the tree pruning aspect of the application, and support funding for the other aspects of biodiversity.

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Action:

Environmental Management Staff to review grant application for project (POET002 202122) and request applicant remove, or further explain the tree maintenance aspect of their application, then report back to the next meeting.

- Crommelin Native Arboretum Incorporated for project (POET001 202223):
Land Survey Ecological Report on the Pearl Beach Arboretum.
 - Two parts to application being:
 - Part A – to engage a surveying company to prepare a digital land survey of the Arboretum and;
 - Part B – Engagement of a consultant to prepare a report on the ecology of the Arboretum

After discussion, the Committee requests further information on the basis for the digital land survey. The Committee invite further information about the application of the information to be gleaned from the survey and consultant reports. Seek confirmation from the proponent that the information gleaned from the activities to be funded to be shared with Council.

Action:

Environmental Management Staff to review grant application for project (POET001 202223) and request applicant further explain the digital survey aspect of their application and what the net benefit would be, then report back to the next meeting.

Update from Larry Melican, Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity regarding change to the Protection of Environment Trust Grant Guidelines, report provided noted as read by the Committee.

- The grant guidelines finalised in 2018/2019 do not specifically include Council as an organisation that the grants are open to. Council officers have not applied to the grant program since 2017/2018.
- The Background section of the Trust's grant guidelines state that 'The grants program is open to community groups and organisations, incorporated associations, not-for-profit organisations, non-commercial cooperatives, education organisations and research organisations'.
- Request that the Protection of the Environment Trust Committee consider changing the Trust's grant guidelines to include Central Coast Council among the groups and organisations that the grant program is open to.

The Committee notes that Council is not currently precluded from lodging grant applications that comply with the assessment criteria.

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10 [Close](#)

Next meeting: 30 March 2023.

Meeting closed at 2.36pm

Minutes approved by the Coordinator and Chairperson on 22 December 2022.

Action log

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Action Number	Meeting Date	Action	Responsible Party	Action Update	Status
103	1/07/2021	10 Year Plan for Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland to be revisited at applicable meeting in 2022.	Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity	<p>Update provided at the June 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Motion moved that the budget be confirmed for a 2-year period, as an alternative to the 3-year period proposed and that staff seek grants to compliment this. Moved – Gary Chestnut, Seconded – Joy Cooper</p> <p>Gary Chestnut suggested information provided regarding Council funds and expenditure for this project over 2 years.</p> <p>Action Peter Correy, Group Financial Controller, Finance to provide this financial report.</p> <p>Action: Distribution of report to Committee: <i>Action #103: Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland Year 1 (2021-22) Update and Revisit 10 year plan</i></p>	Complete

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Action Number	Meeting Date	Action	Responsible Party	Action Update	Status
105	1/07/2021	15 Year Plan for Scenic Road Bushland Reserve Offset Area to be revisited at applicable meeting in 2022.	Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity	<p>Update provided at the June 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Committee agrees to adopt 15 year plan for Scenic Road Bushland Reserve Offset Area.</p> <p>Distribution of report to Committee: <i>Action #105: Scenic Road Bushland Reserve Offset Area Year 1 (2021-22) update and revisit 15 year plan</i></p>	Complete
107	1/07/2021	Communications staff to attend next meeting to discuss opportunities for promoting the Trust including media releases about projects funded, encouraging ongoing philanthropic support through donations, and geo-targeting ads on Facebook.	Section Manager Communication and Engagement	<p>Further update as at June 2022.</p> <p><i>Communications Plan POET 2021</i> to be re-distributed to Committee member with request to provide their feedback to be used in progressing the finalisation and then commence implementation of the Plan.</p> <p>Committee expressed desire to explore out-of-session meeting (prior to next quarterly meeting of September 2022) to further process the marketing and promotional activities component.</p>	Ongoing

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Action Number	Meeting Date	Action	Responsible Party	Action Update	Status
112	5/10/2021	Unit Manager Governance Risk and Legal to liaise with Comms and provide an update at the next meeting on geo-targeting ads on Facebook to promote the Trust with regard to local projects funded.	Unit Manager Governance Risk and Legal	<p>Further update as at June 2022.</p> <p>Action: Council staff to cross reference the POET material published online and update to remove any references/photographs to emu.</p> <p>Question from Committee regarding whether it is possible to put a copy of the Trust Deed on the website.</p> <p>Action Unit Manager Governance, Risk and Legal to provide further advice to Committee on this matter.</p>	Ongoing
115	5/10/2021	The Protection of the Environment Trust Management Committee do not support funding being provided by the Trust for road barriers at Remembrance Drive Wamberal (grant application POET005202021)	Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity	Applicant advised of outcome.	Complete
116	5/10/2021	The Protection of the Environment Trust Management Committee recommend that the request for road barriers at Remembrance Drive Wamberal be referred to Council's Infrastructure Services Directorate for consideration.	Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity	Request referred to Infrastructure Services. Jeanette Williams acknowledged receipt of advice.	Complete

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Action Number	Meeting Date	Action	Responsible Party	Action Update	Status
117	5/10/2021	Environmental Management Staff to review grants received over the past 3 years and report back to the next meeting.	Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity	Reported to 24 November 2021 Extraordinary Meeting.	Complete
118	5/10/2021	The Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland report provided at the 1 July 2021 meeting to be attached to the minutes of the 5 October 2021 Protection of the Environment Trust Management Committee Meeting.	Meeting Support Officer	Completed.	Complete
119	24/11/2021	The PoET Communications Plan to be circulated to Committee Members for review and to provide information and comments back to advisorygroups@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au by CoB Wednesday 8 December 2021.	Meeting Support Officer	Communications Plan circulated to Committee Members 24/11/2021 No feedback received.	Closed
120	24/11/2021	An update to be provided at the next Ordinary Meeting on the Protection of the Environment Trust Website including a link from the Central Coast Council website and the ability to make donation.	Unit Manager Governance Risk and Legal	Further update provided at the June 2022 meeting.	Ongoing
121	24/11/2021	The Committee agree to maintain the current situation where applications to the Protection of the Environment Trust Grant Program can be made throughout the financial year, and that applications are referred to a subsequent Trust Committee Meeting for consideration.	Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity	Advice noted by Larry Melican.	Complete
122	24/11/2021	That the Communications Plan being developed by the Management Committee consider a promotional window for grant applications twice per year.	The Committee/ Communications	Update: Plan has been developed, now seeking input from the Committee regarding activities which are proposed to be promoted.	Ongoing

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Action Number	Meeting Date	Action	Responsible Party	Action Update	Status
				Communications Plan circulated. To be recirculated with a request for any feedback from the community members within 2 weeks.	
123	15/07/2022	Grant applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022/2023 year is now active – one grant application received, from Woy Woy Peninsula Community environment group, for work in their community garden. 	Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity	Environmental Management Staff to review grant application received and report back to the next meeting. Update: 12/12/2022 Environmental Management Staff to review grant application for project (POET002 202122) and request applicant remove, or further explain the tree maintenance aspect of their application, then report back to the next meeting.	Ongoing
124	12/12/2022	Grant application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crommelin Native Arboretum Incorporated for project (POET001 202223): Land Survey Ecological Report on the Pearl Beach Arboretum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two parts to application being: 	Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity	Environmental Management Staff to review grant application for project (POET001 202223) and request applicant further explain the digital survey aspect of their application and what the net benefit would be, then report back to the next meeting.	Ongoing

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Action Number	Meeting Date	Action	Responsible Party	Action Update	Status
		Part A – to engage a surveying company to prepare a digital land survey of the Arboretum and; Part B – Engagement of a consultant to prepare a report on the ecology of the Arboretum			

Item No: 2.1
Title: Update from Finance
Department: Corporate Services



30 March 2023 Protection of the Environment Trust (POET)
Committee

Reference: F2018/00732 - D15607832
Author: Emma Galea, Chief Financial Officer

Financial report as of 31 January 2023.

Attachments

1 Poet 31 January 2023 Finance report v1 D15612043

Protection of the Environment Trust - 31 January 2023

Income Statement

	This Month			YTD			Last Year		
	Public Funds	Trust Funds	PoET Total	Public Funds	Trust Funds	PoET Total	Public Funds	Trust Funds	PoET Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income									
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Recei	790.45	5,046.36	5,836.81	4,012.83	32,714.05	36,726.88	0.00	19,921.60	19,921.60
Total Income	790.45	5,046.36	5,836.81	4,012.83	32,714.05	36,726.88	0.00	19,921.60	19,921.60
Expenditure									
Bank Fees	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	25.24	25.24	0.00	335.33	335.33
Project Exper	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,570.00	0.00	66,570.00
Total Expenditure	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	25.24	25.24	66,570.00	335.33	66,905.33
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	790.45	5,046.33	5,836.78	4,012.83	32,688.81	36,701.64	(66,570.00)	19,586.27	(46,983.73)

Statement of Financial Position

	YTD			Last Year		
	Public Funds	Trust Funds	PoET Total	Public Funds	Trust Funds	PoET Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current Assets						
Cash at Bank	312,755.39	512,926.25	825,681.64	308,742.56	480,237.49	788,980.05
Total Current Assets	312,755.39	512,926.25	825,681.64	308,742.56	480,237.49	788,980.05
Net Assets	312,755.39	512,926.25	825,681.64	308,742.56	480,237.49	788,980.05
Equity						
Accumulated Surplus	312,755.39	512,926.25	825,681.64	308,742.56	480,237.49	788,980.05
Total Equity	312,755.39	512,926.25	825,681.64	308,742.56	480,237.49	788,980.05

Balance by Purpose

Purpose	YTD			Last Year		
	Public Funds	Trust Funds	PoET Total	Public Funds	Trust Funds	PoET Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bush Regeneration	652.86		652.86	644.48		644.48
MacMasters Beach Bush Regeneration	41,773.96		41,773.96	41,237.97		41,237.97
Interest Coastal Open Space (\$1,500,000 COSS)		512,926.25	512,926.25		480,237.49	480,237.49
Davistown Wetlands	208.89		208.89	206.21		206.21
General Donations	1,742.38		1,742.38	1,720.03		1,720.03
Pearl Beach Scraping	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Conservation Agreement COSS The Scenic Rd - 26186	81,436.79		81,436.79	80,391.91		80,391.91
Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (45 Hillview St, Woy Woy) - 26187	186,940.51		186,940.51	184,541.96		184,541.96
Geo Targeting ads on Facebook - 26233	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Community Environmental Network - Friends of COSS Workshop - 26234	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL	312,755.39	512,926.25	825,681.64	308,742.56	480,237.49	788,980.05

Refer - Cost Centre 51367. Protection of the Environment



Item No: 2.2
Title: POET Grant applications - Additional information on applications considered on 12 December 2022
Department: Environment and Planning

30 March 2023 Protection of the Environment Trust (POET) Committee

Reference: F2018/00732 - D15603881
Author: Larry Melican, Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity
Manager: Luke Sulkowski, Unit Manager Environmental Management

Recommendation

1. That the Protection of the Environment Trust Committee recommend release of \$12,200 to the Crommelin Native Arboretum Inc Pty Ltd to undertake both Parts A and B of the project titled Land Survey Ecological Report on the Pearl Beach Arboretum.
2. That the Protection of the Environment Trust Committee recommend release of \$1,320 to the Peninsula Environment Group (PEG) to undertake community education components of the project titled Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden - Promoting Protection of Flora & Fauna.

Report purpose

Crommelin Native Arboretum

To report the additional information requested by the Protection of the Environment Trust Committee on 12 December 2022 from the Crommelin Native Arboretum Inc in support of their application, number POET001 202223, requesting \$12,200 for the project titled Land Survey Ecological Report on the Pearl Beach Arboretum.

Peninsula Environment Group

To report the additional information requested by the Protection of the Environment Trust Committee on 12 December 2022 from the Peninsula Environment Group (PEG) in support of their application, number POET002 202122, initially requesting \$3,410 for the project titled Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden - Promoting Protection of Flora & Fauna.

Executive Summary

Crommelin Native Arboretum

2.2 POET Grant applications - Additional information on applications considered on 12 December 2022 (contd)

On 12 December 2022, The Protection of the Environment Trust Committee considered an application from the Crommelin Native Arboretum Incorporated Pty Ltd for project (POET001 202223): Land Survey Ecological Report on the Pearl Beach Arboretum and requested further information about the project.

The Secretary of the Crommelin Native Arboretum Inc has provided additional information about the two parts of the project for consideration by the Protection of the Environment Trust Committee. The information provided is included in this report.

Peninsula Environment Group

On 12 December 2022, The Protection of the Environment Trust Committee considered an application from the Peninsula Environment Group (PEG) for project (POET002 202122): Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden. The committee requested that the tree maintenance aspect of the application be removed or further explained.

Advice from the Woy Woy Peninsula Community team has been received. The tree maintenance element of the project has been funded by another funding body and funding from the Protection of the Environment Trust that part of the project is no longer being sought.

Background

Crommelin Native Arboretum

On 12 December 2022, The Protection of the Environment Trust Committee considered an application from the Crommelin Native Arboretum Incorporated for project (POET001 202223) titled Land Survey Ecological Report on the Pearl Beach Arboretum.

The project is comprised of two parts:

Part A: Engagement of a surveying company to prepare a digital land survey of the Arboretum.

Part B: Engagement of a suitably qualified consultant to prepare a report on the ecology of the Arboretum including:

- an updated vegetation map of the Arboretum ground, mapping native and planted vegetation accordingly;
- having particular focus on the threatened and other significant ecological communities present including the Burrawang Scrubby Woodland (and its relationship to the Umina Sandplain Woodland) and the wetland and riparian areas; and
- provide any management guidelines and/or information for visitors as may be applicable. After discussion, the Committee requests further information on the basis for the digital land survey.

2.2 POET Grant applications - Additional information on applications considered on 12 December 2022 (contd)

The Protection of the Environment Trust Committee requested further information about the application of the information to be gleaned from the survey and consultant reports. Confirmation is to be sought from the proponent that the information gleaned from the activities to be funded is to be shared with Council.

Action: Environmental Management Staff to review grant application for project (POET001 202223) and request applicant further explain the digital survey aspect of their application and what the net benefit would be, then report back to the next meeting.

Peninsula Environment Group

On 12 December 2022, The Protection of the Environment Trust Committee considered an application from the Peninsula Environment Group (PEG) for project (POET002 202122): Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden - Promoting Protection of Flora & Fauna and requested

Action: Environmental Management Staff to review grant application for project (POET002 202122) and request applicant remove, or further explain the tree maintenance aspect of their application, then report back to the next meeting.

Current Status

Crommelin Native Arboretum

A decision on the Crommelin Native Arboretum Inc Pty Ltd's grant application, number POET001 202223, for the project titled Land Survey Ecological Report on the Pearl Beach Arboretum has been postponed pending the consideration of additional information requested by the Protection of the Environment Trust.

Peninsula Environment Group

A decision on the Peninsula Environment Group's grant application, number POET002 202122, for the project titled Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden - Promoting Protection of Flora & Fauna has been postponed pending the consideration of the additional information requested by the Protection of the Environment Trust.

Report

Crommelin Native Arboretum

The Secretary of the Crommelin Arboretum Inc Pty Ltd provided information on 13 February 2023 in response to questions sent by Council's Section Manager Natural Asset and Biodiversity as per the Action of the Protection of the Environment Trust Committee minutes of 12 December 2022. The information provided by the Secretary in response to the questions is:

POET Committee (Council) Questions Part A (Survey of the Arboretum):

2.2 POET Grant applications - Additional information on applications considered on 12 December 2022 (contd)

1. *Can you identify the net benefit of the digital land survey aspect of the application? – Please see the PoET Committee’s question above?*

Answer 1A: Benefits of a land survey in terms of the PoET grant objectives:

1. Promotion of the protection or conservation of the natural environment, an aspect of it, or flora and fauna indigenous to the area.
2. Provision of information and education of carrying out of research about the natural environment, an aspect of it, or flora and fauna indigenous to the area

In order to: promote particular areas of ecological importance; carry out research; and to provide information and education to the community it is useful to have an accurate survey of where the important ecological features are; and the routes to get to those features. For example the Arboretum has wildlife cameras and nesting boxes in addition to the approximate boundaries of ecological communities. The Arboretum also has some rare mammal and plant species which we need to accurately locate and monitor. We are also keen to have a record for future monitoring of the movement of our watercourses. The survey will also allow for bushfire “asset protection zones” to be more accurately located.

Answer 1B: Other benefits of the land survey:

The land survey has other benefits in terms of making any future upgrades to the Arboretum paths, bridges and boardwalks more accessible (e.g. by accurately knowing land levels) and making our visitor wayfinding and educational information more useful. In particular we are keen to replace the wetland boardwalk which was washed away in the February 2022 floods. We plan to relocate this boardwalk to increase its accessibility and to minimise impacts on the wetland ecology.

2. *Will the digital land survey also identify existing constructed features such as walking tracks, bridges, buildings, and signs?*

Yes it will be a priority to locate tracks, bridges, buildings, and signs (also nesting boxes). This will enable the Arboretum to accurately monitor the impact of visitors and infrastructure on the Arboretum. The impacts (positive or negative) of any future upgrades to this infrastructure can also be better managed.

3. *The application states says that the digital land survey is seen as an essential basis for further research into the ecology of the Arboretum and to facilitate environmentally sustainable management. Are you able to provide additional explanation about why it is essential and include some examples of how it will be used for further research and to facilitate environmentally sustainable management?*

This question has been largely answered under 1A above. In order to monitor and conserve important ecological communities it is useful to understand the boundaries of those communities. For example the “rare burrawang scrubby woodland”, the wetland, the creek lines, potential habitat area for rare and endangered species. The Arboretum is home to some healthy specimens of rare *Prostanthera* species.

2.2 POET Grant applications - Additional information on applications considered on 12 December 2022 (contd)

The digital survey will:

- assist in monitoring the boundaries of communities over time, particular how they may move following fire or flood events.
- open up student research opportunities for studying community boundary dynamics relative to landform of the burrawang scrubby woodland, wetlands and other communities.
- facilitate post-disturbance studies into *Prostanthera askania* and other targeted significant species.
- assist in future plantings within the Arboretum, so that the most appropriate locations might be identified for specific species (e.g. those that require better drainage on slightly higher ground).
- provide opportunity to include 3-D mapping of vegetation and habitats within the Arboretum that could be used for educational purposes.

4. *Is there a proposed date that the development of a master plan for the Arboretum may be undertaken?*

We would like to have the masterplan complete in 2023 so that we can work to a 5 to 10-year plan for increasing accessibility and other improvements in the Arboretum. While the current Arboretum Management Committee is committed to carefully considered forward planning for maintenance and improvements, there have been past instances where works have been carried out at the Arboretum in an ad hoc manner, which have proved unsuccessful and have had to be (or will be) remediated. The land survey and masterplan would have assisted in better outcomes. Committee membership is renewed every year at the Arboretum AGM (usually in September).

POET Committee (Council) Question Part B (Ecological Survey):

1. *The current management plan attached to the grant application is dated November 2022. How long after the ecological report is complete do you think the ecological guidelines or recommendation of the report would be able to be incorporated into the management plan?*

As the Management Plan was written by the Arboretum Committee, the findings will be incorporated within 6 months of the ecological report being complete. If necessary the Arboretum would be willing to pay the Ecological Report consultant to assist with the required edits to the Management Plan.

Peninsula Community Group

The Woy Woy Community Garden group has advised that financial support for the vegetation and tree work included in the application has been provided by a local club. This element of their application is therefore not required.

Consultation

2.2 POET Grant applications - Additional information on applications considered on 12 December 2022 (contd)

Crommelin Native Arboretum

Crommelin Native Arboretum Incorporated Pty Ltd has been engaged to provide additional information about grant application POET001 202223 titled Land Survey Ecological Report on the Pearl Beach Arboretum.

Peninsula Environment Group

Peninsula Environment Group and the Woy Woy Community Garden group has been engaged to provide additional information about grant application POET002 202122 Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden - Promoting Protection of Flora & Fauna.

Financial Considerations

At its meeting held 19 October 2020, Council resolved the following:

1108/20 That any motions put before Council for the remainder of this term of Council that have financial implications require the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report on how those additional costs will be met.

The following statement is provided in response to this resolution of Council.

Recommendations by the Protection of the Environment Trust Committee to fund grant applications received does not affect Council's general fund.

Link to Community Strategic Plan

Theme 3: Green

Choose Focus Area

G-F1: Protect our rich environmental heritage by conserving beaches, waterways, bushland, wildlife corridors and inland areas, and the diversity of local native species.

Risk Management

Crommelin Native Arboretum

There is considered to be low risk of the Crommelin Arboretum Inc Pty Ltd not being able to deliver the Land Survey Ecological Report on the Pearl Beach Arboretum project.

Peninsula Environment Group

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There is considered to be low risk of the Peninsula Environment Group and the Woy Woy Community Garden group not being able to deliver the community education and biodiversity elements of the Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden - Promoting Protection of Flora & Fauna project.

Options

Crommelin Native Arboretum

The main options for Protection of the Environment Trust Committee are to recommend:

- Funding both Parts A and B of the Land Survey Ecological Report on the Pearl Beach Arboretum project. **Recommended.**
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Peninsula Environment Group

The options for Protection of the Environment Trust Committee are to recommend:

- Funding the elements of the Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden - Promoting Protection of Flora & Fauna project that promote community knowledge about biodiversity. **Recommended.**
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Critical Dates or Timeframes

A decision on the grant application at this meeting would benefit the applicant in project planning and potentially sourcing alternative funding

Attachments

- 1 POET001 202223 - application - Crommelin Native Arboretum for Land Survey Ecological Report on the Pearl Beach Arboretum - Protection of the Environment Trust D15605833

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information materials produced and research results). All funds need to be acquitted as detailed in the Funding Agreement. 7.7 Applicants that do not complete and return a final report by the due date may be ineligible for future funding from the Trust. In the case of any foreseeable delays in project completion, applicants must contact POET@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au for possible extension.

8. Additional Information 8.1 For incorporated organisations, the following documentation will be required to be provided with your application: • A copy of your most recent audited financial statement (or a statement of income and expenditure signed by your finance manager, if your organisation is not subject to audit requirements). • Your organisation's most recent Annual Report – minimum of Form A12, if this is your annual reporting obligation to the NSW Fair Trading. • A copy of your organisation's Certificate of Incorporation or evidence of being a legally constituted not-for-profit organisation or Authority to Fundraise from the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing. • A copy of your organisation's public liability insurance certificate or a written quotation for public liability insurance cover for \$20 million. 8.2 Applicants will be requested to provide two quotes for each item valued at \$1000 or more for capital works and/or equipment. 8.3 Offers of funding by The Protection of the Environment Trust in no way implies any on-going funding commitment or obligation by the Trust. 8.4 Approval of a grant does not imply that Central Coast Council has given any consent required for the project or works. Applicants should note that events and the use of Council facilities or land have established approval processes that must be followed. Applicants are reminded to consider approval processes in their project planning. 8.5 To ensure an accountable and transparent assessment process is maintained, Council staff and funding assessors are required to declare any potential pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflict of interest. 8.6 All written and verbal communication regarding an application will only be with the applicant of the contact person listed in the application.

Lodging an Application To lodge an application, please click on the link and follow the instructions: <https://centralcoast.smartygrants.com.au/POET202122>

Ask us a Question

For any further questions, please send an email to: POET@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Organisation Information

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Organisations Details

Organisation Name * Peninsula Environment Group (PEG)

Organisation Email * info@peg.org.au
Must be an email address

Organisation Postal Address 6 Stebbing Ln
Woy Woy NSW 2256 Australia
Must be an Australian post code

Organisations ABN 40 080 341 647

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	40 080 341 647

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Entity name	Peninsula Environment Group (PEG)
ABN status	Active
Entity type	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	No
DGR Endorsed	No
ATO Charity Type	Not endorsed More information
ACNC Registration	No
Tax Concessions	No tax concessions
Main business location	2256 NSW
<i>Information retrieved at 10:37am today</i>	

Is your organisation Not For Profit? *

- No
 Yes

Is your Organisation Incorporated? *

- No
 Yes

Briefly describe what services, activities and/or facilities are offered by your organisation? *

PEG is a voluntary group promoting and supporting sustainable living in the Woy Woy area. Our group activities span across the multiple projects listed below.
 Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden
 Organic Food-buying co-operative
 Biennial Woytopia Festival
 Nature Play Group for Under-5s
 GUST planting street shade trees
 Must be no more than 50 words

Contact Person Details

Contact Person *

Mr Grant Focas

Contact Person Email Address *

woywoycommunitygarden@gmail.com

Contact Person Phone Number

Julie 43446178

Contact Person Mobile Number *

0422 061 701

Position in Organisation *

President
 Applicant must hold a position listed

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Project Information

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Project Details

Project Name *	Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden - Promoting Protection of Flora & Fauna
Describe your proposed project / activity? *	<p>Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden is a non-profit, volunteer-run communal garden governed by PEG. The garden allows members of the local community to come together to create a beautiful communal garden, including edibles and native plants, using sustainable, organic and permaculture gardening principles.</p> <p>We are seeking funds from the trust to support the servicing, pruning and appropriate management of vegetation at the community garden eg Angophora, bloodwood, acacia, wattle & sheoak trees. All work will be done by a qualified council nominated arborist and informed through councils DCP 2012 subject to asset owner's (council) approval .</p> <p>Our aim is to improve safety at the garden through responsible pruning and clearing and to educate and raise awareness within the community of the benefits of encouraging bees, insects and small creatures into their gardens.</p> <p>The project will promote wildlife habitat, insect hotels and include the delivery of a specialised workshop to share information and educate attendees about the benefits of native bees. eg "Bees are an absolutely vital part of any environment or landscape they inhabit".</p> <p>These initiatives will encourage more wildlife into local community gardens, promote the conservation of the natural environment and contribute to the protection and biodiversity of the flora and fauna indigenous to the area. <small>Must be no more than 250 words</small></p>
Proposed Start Date *	01/07/2022 <small>Must be a date</small>
Proposed Finish Date *	28/02/2023 <small>Must be a date</small>
What is the location of your project *	85-87 Moana Street Woy Woy
Have you recieved funding under this program in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2015 <input type="checkbox"/> 2018 <input type="checkbox"/> 2014 <input type="checkbox"/> 2017 <input type="checkbox"/> 2013

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KEY CRITERIA

EXPECTED PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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Explain how your project meets the expected program outcomes:

Servicing the vegetation at the garden will in itself promote the protection and conservation of the natural environment indigenous to the area. Pruning and appropriate management of trees and vegetation will help to improve habitat of local flora and fauna and tidy up the scenic landscape characteristics of the garden to enhance the aesthetics.

Our local educational workshop addressing the benefits of encouraging bees, insects and small creatures into gardens will provide information to participants expanding their knowledge and understanding of how to preserve our wildlife, biodiversity and liveability of the Central Coast.

Additional Criteria

**COMMUNITY BENEFIT:
How will the community
benefit from your
project?**

The community will benefit from increased safety and beautification of their local community garden resource.

Our educational workshop will inform participants of the benefits of setting up habitat boxes in their own gardens.

The promotion of wildlife boxes and insect hotels will encourage community members to install their own new habitats boxes to attract more wildlife activity into their gardens.

**SUCCESS: How will you
measure the success of
your project?**

Community feedback will inevitably reflect the success of the general servicing of the trees as it will help preserve the trees into the future and provide more security for participants in the garden.

The garden plans on presenting a few habitat boxes, bee hotels and native bee boxes as lucky door prizes at the workshop and demonstrations at the upcoming Woytopia festive in Nov 2022. This promotion will further enhance the success of the project by raising more awareness of both the garden and the benefits of improved habitat for our wildlife and therefore become an additional measure of the success of this project within the community.

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**VALUE FOR MONEY: How
does the project offer
value for money?**

The project is environmentally based ensuring the garden is promoting the installation of local wildlife habitat and maintaining vegetation at the garden in a safe manner.

Servicing the trees appropriately will provide value for money to the project, help the long term health of the trees and improve safety for the local community.

**SUSTAINABILITY:
How does the project
demonstrate ongoing
sustainability including
Economic, Social,
Environmental and
Governance?**

The Peninsula Environment Group (PEG) is a voluntary group promoting and supporting sustainable living in the LGA of Gosford.

Helping sustain and protect the environment is PEG's focus and the garden's sustainability is demonstrated below.

Economic - The community garden has a recycle program affiliated with Envirobank collecting recycled containers for bulk pick up. The electricity costs are fully covered through their solar system.

Both recycling and solar incomes support the annual building insurance and garden supplies and maintenance are usually funded through small grants, recycling rebates and fundraising activities.

Social -The garden is open to the community and people from all age groups, race, and social backgrounds. There are many different ethnic nationalities and social groups that frequent the garden eg scouts, disabled groups, play groups, singing groups, Japanese, Spanish, Italian etc.

The garden is managed by volunteers through working bees, produce swaps and participation at the garden is constantly increasing especially post COVID where community are seeking new outdoor activities to meet new people.

Environmental - The Woy Woy Peninsula community garden is a fully sustainable organic garden, maintaining local food waste programs with a fruit shop, a homeless kitchen, coffee shops and fruit juice shop.

All organic food waste is repurposed to make garden compost and feed worm farms effectively reducing food waste to landfill in our local area.

The gardens power comes from solar renewable energy and the water supply is sourced through water tanks and a complex bore water irrigation system. They also have CCTV cameras to help secure the community resource into the future.

The above strategies have been implemented to reduce the garden's environmental footprint. All work done at the garden is subject to council approval as asset owner and must comply with government environmental regulations.

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Governance - The PEG group was set up in 2008 and has organised talks, films, picnics, festivals, a solar panel bulk-buying schemes and local recycling guides.

The Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden runs under the umbrella of PEG, with PEG providing oversight, insurance, and a legal entity for banking, making grant applications and other administrative functions.

How will your group manage and maintain this project without continuing financial help from the Trust?

This project consists of a one off on the ground activity, a local workshop and a market stall at Woytopia. We will not require continuing financial help from the trust.

Project Budget

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Budget Information

It is important to provide an accurate budget.

The budget shows the organisation/applicant contribution in cash or in-kind and identifies the cash contribution/resources requested from the Trust for the project.

To calculate in-kind community contributions use the cost price of the supplies, materials, or services contributed as a guide. To calculate the volunteer time or labour you contribute to a project, use the fee of \$25 per hour. For professional or contractor fees, use \$75 per hour.

Please note: Any capital work of equipment items that are valued at \$1000 or more will need to have two or more accompanying quotes with the submission.

Amount of Funding Being Applied For:

Requested Trust Contribution (Table A)

Project Item	\$ Value
One day on ground servicing vegetation and trees	\$2,090.00
Market stall fees	\$90.00
Bee hotels 2 * \$30	\$60.00
Possum boxes 2 *\$35.00	\$70.00
Native bee boxes 2 * \$130	\$260.00
Project Contingency/Auspicing management	\$180.00
Native Bee workshop Preparation, travel, set up, Facilitation, delivery & packup of workshop 8hrs * \$75	\$600.00

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Workshop flyers, resource materials and snacks for approx 25 attendees.	\$150.00
	Must be a dollar amount.

Value of In-kind activities and Cash you are contributing to the Project

Applicant Contribution - In-kind (Table B)

For example resources, volunteer time, labour etc. at no cost to the project.

Project Item	\$ Equivalent Value
Cleanup crew 4 volunteers * 5hrs each total 20hrs	\$500.00
2 volunteers making possum boxes 5hrs each total 10hrs	\$250.00
2 volunteers making insect hotels 5hrs each total 10hrs	\$250.00
5 volunteers preparing, transporting, manning & packup marketing stall 6hrs each 35 hrs	\$875.00
2 volunteers supervising organising NB workshop 4hrs	\$200.00
	Total: \$2,075.00

Applicant Contribution - Cash (Table C)

Project Item	\$ Value
All inkind	\$0.00
	Must be a dollar amount.

Total Project Cost *

\$5,575.00

This number/amount is calculated.
Must be a dollar amount

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The Total Project Cost figure is equal to the total value of all items listed in the budget Tables A, B & C.

Total Amount Requested from Trust *

\$3,500.00

This number/amount is calculated.
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The Total Amount Requested from the Trust figure is equal to the total value of all items listed in Table A.

Is there any other funding sources being sought for this project? *

No Yes

If Yes, please list

Support from local club to assist with servicing vegetation and trees - YTBA see attached supporting document
Eg. Fundraising

Attachments

Please attach the following documents prior to submitting your application

Organisations Certificate of Incorporation

Filename: Original Certificate of Incorporation.pdf
File size: 29.9 kB

Current Certificate of Public Liability Insurance and/or professional indemnity

Filename: Certificate of Placement - Landcare Liability Key stone 2022 - Peninsula Environment Group (PEG).pdf
File size: 261.4 kB

Supporting documents / information, eg. Business Case, Letters of Support.

Filename: WWPCG PEG supporting document.docx
File size: 2.1 MB
Only if needed

Attached two quotes for each capital work project and equipment over \$1000.00

Filename: treecorp quote 2090.png
File size: 14.1 MB

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6. Assessment Process 6.1 Applications are only accepted through Central Coast Council's website: www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au and the appropriate online application form. Assistance is provided to any group or individual if requested to ensure access and support with the online system. 6.2 Applications will be assessed by the Protection of the Environment Trust Committee and reported to Council. 6.3 The Protection of the Environment Trust and/or Central Coast Council have the right to request further information in considering any application, as well as the right to reject any application that does not meet the assessment criteria. 6.4 The Protection of the Environment Trust has the right to award a different amount than applied for if it is assessed that the amount requested is not justified by the information provided in the application, or the full amount is not available at the time of the request. 6.5 All decisions of the Trust are final and no negotiations will be entered into.

7. Notification and Payment 7.1 All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application. 7.2 Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to seek feedback from the Trust contact about their application, to assist in later applications. 7.3 Successful applicants will be required to sign a Funding Agreement outlining the requirements of their grant. The Funding Agreement must be signed before funding will be provided. An invoice must accompany the completed Funding Agreement. 7.4 Projects are typically to be completed within 12 months of receiving grant funding from the Trust. 7.5 Successful applicants may be required to provide an interim report on their project as per their Funding Agreement. 7.6 A final project report must be submitted no later than 12 months from the commencement of the project. The project report is to include evidence of the project outputs (including where applicable; before and after photos for the on-ground works, copies of education,

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information materials produced and research results). All funds need to be acquitted as detailed in the Funding Agreement. 7.7 Applicants that do not complete and return a final report by the due date may be ineligible for future funding from the Trust. In the case of any foreseeable delays in project completion, applicants must contact POET@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au for possible extension.

8. Additional Information 8.1 For incorporated organisations, the following documentation will be required to be provided with your application: • A copy of your most recent audited financial statement (or a statement of income and expenditure signed by your finance manager, if your organisation is not subject to audit requirements). • Your organisation's most recent Annual Report – minimum of Form A12, if this is your annual reporting obligation to the NSW Fair Trading. • A copy of your organisation's Certificate of Incorporation or evidence of being a legally constituted not-for-profit organisation or Authority to Fundraise from the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing. • A copy of your organisation's public liability insurance certificate or a written quotation for public liability insurance cover for \$20 million. 8.2 Applicants will be requested to provide two quotes for each item valued at \$1000 or more for capital works and/or equipment. 8.3 Offers of funding by The Protection of the Environment Trust in no way implies any on-going funding commitment or obligation by the Trust. 8.4 Approval of a grant does not imply that Central Coast Council has given any consent required for the project or works. Applicants should note that events and the use of Council facilities or land have established approval processes that must be followed. Applicants are reminded to consider approval processes in their project planning. 8.5 To ensure an accountable and transparent assessment process is maintained, Council staff and funding assessors are required to declare any potential pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflict of interest. 8.6 All written and verbal communication regarding an application will only be with the applicant of the contact person listed in the application.

Lodging an Application To lodge an application, please click on the link and follow the instructions: <https://centralcoast.smartygrants.com.au/POET202122>

Ask us a Question

For any further questions, please send an email to: POET@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Organisation Information

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Organisations Details

Organisation Name * Peninsula Environment Group (PEG)

Organisation Email * info@peg.org.au
Must be an email address

Organisation Postal Address 6 Stebbing Ln
Woy Woy NSW 2256 Australia
Must be an Australian post code

Organisations ABN 40 080 341 647

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	40 080 341 647

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Entity name	Peninsula Environment Group (PEG)
ABN status	Active
Entity type	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	No
DGR Endorsed	No
ATO Charity Type	Not endorsed More information
ACNC Registration	No
Tax Concessions	No tax concessions
Main business location	2256 NSW

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Is your organisation Not For Profit? *

- No
 Yes

Is your Organisation Incorporated? *

- No
 Yes

Briefly describe what services, activities and/or facilities are offered by your organisation? *

PEG is a voluntary group promoting and supporting sustainable living in the Woy Woy area. Our group activities span across the multiple projects listed below.

Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden
Organic Food-buying co-operative
Biennial Woytopia Festival
Nature Play Group for Under-5s
GUST planting street shade trees
Must be no more than 50 words

Contact Person Details

Contact Person *

Mr Grant Focas

Contact Person Email Address *

woywoycommunitygarden@gmail.com

Contact Person Phone Number

Julie 43446178

Contact Person Mobile Number *

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Position in Organisation *

President
Applicant must hold a position listed

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Project Information

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Project Details

Project Name *	Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden - Promoting Protection of Flora & Fauna						
Describe your proposed project / activity? *	<p>Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden is a non-profit, volunteer-run communal garden governed by PEG. The garden allows members of the local community to come together to create a beautiful communal garden, including edibles and native plants, using sustainable, organic and permaculture gardening principles.</p> <p>We are seeking funds from the trust to support the servicing, pruning and appropriate management of vegetation at the community garden eg Angophora, bloodwood, acacia, wattle & sheoak trees. All work will be done by a qualified council nominated arborist and informed through councils DCP 2012 subject to asset owner's (council) approval .</p> <p>Our aim is to improve safety at the garden through responsible pruning and clearing and to educate and raise awareness within the community of the benefits of encouraging bees, insects and small creatures into their gardens.</p> <p>The project will promote wildlife habitat, insect hotels and include the delivery of a specialised workshop to share information and educate attendees about the benefits of native bees. eg "Bees are an absolutely vital part of any environment or landscape they inhabit".</p> <p>These initiatives will encourage more wildlife into local community gardens, promote the conservation of the natural environment and contribute to the protection and biodiversity of the flora and fauna indigenous to the area. Must be no more than 250 words</p>						
Proposed Start Date *	01/07/2022 Must be a date						
Proposed Finish Date *	28/02/2023 Must be a date						
What is the location of your project *	85-87 Moana Street Woy Woy						
Have you recieved funding under this program in the past?	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2019</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2018</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2017</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2013</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019	<input type="checkbox"/> 2015	<input type="checkbox"/> 2018	<input type="checkbox"/> 2014	<input type="checkbox"/> 2017	<input type="checkbox"/> 2013
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KEY CRITERIA

EXPECTED PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The expected outcomes of grants funded by the Protection of the Environment Trust are to be consistent with the intentions of the Protection of the Environment Trust and to benefit the geographic area formerly identified as Gosford Local Government area. These outcomes should either or both of the following objectives:

1. Promotion of the protection or conservation of the natural environment, an aspect of it, or flora and fauna indigenous to the area.
2. Provision of information and education or carrying out of research about the natural environment, an aspect of it, or flora and fauna indigenous to the area.

Explain how your project meets the expected program outcomes:

Servicing the vegetation at the garden will in itself promote the protection and conservation of the natural environment indigenous to the area. Pruning and appropriate management of trees and vegetation will help to improve habitat of local flora and fauna and tidy up the scenic landscape characteristics of the garden to enhance the aesthetics.

Our local educational workshop addressing the benefits of encouraging bees, insects and small creatures into gardens will provide information to participants expanding their knowledge and understanding of how to preserve our wildlife, biodiversity and liveability of the Central Coast.

Additional Criteria

COMMUNITY BENEFIT: How will the community benefit from your project?

The community will benefit from increased safety and beautification of their local community garden resource.

Our educational workshop will inform participants of the benefits of setting up habitat boxes in their own gardens.

The promotion of wildlife boxes and insect hotels will encourage community members to install their own new habitats boxes to attract more wildlife activity into their gardens.

SUCCESS: How will you measure the success of your project?

Community feedback will inevitably reflect the success of the general servicing of the trees as it will help preserve the trees into the future and provide more security for participants in the garden.

The garden plans on presenting a few habitat boxes, bee hotels and native bee boxes as lucky door prizes at the workshop and demonstrations at the upcoming Woytopia festive in Nov 2022. This promotion will further enhance the success of the project by raising more awareness of both the garden and the benefits of improved habitat for our wildlife and therefore become an additional measure of the success of this project within the community.

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**VALUE FOR MONEY: How
does the project offer
value for money?**

The project is environmentally based ensuring the garden is promoting the installation of local wildlife habitat and maintaining vegetation at the garden in a safe manner.

Servicing the trees appropriately will provide value for money to the project, help the long term health of the trees and improve safety for the local community.

**SUSTAINABILITY:
How does the project
demonstrate ongoing
sustainability including
Economic, Social,
Environmental and
Governance?**

The Peninsula Environment Group (PEG) is a voluntary group promoting and supporting sustainable living in the LGA of Gosford.

Helping sustain and protect the environment is PEG's focus and the garden's sustainability is demonstrated below.

Economic - The community garden has a recycle program affiliated with Envirobank collecting recycled containers for bulk pick up. The electricity costs are fully covered through their solar system.

Both recycling and solar incomes support the annual building insurance and garden supplies and maintenance are usually funded through small grants, recycling rebates and fundraising activities.

Social -The garden is open to the community and people from all age groups, race, and social backgrounds. There are many different ethnic nationalities and social groups that frequent the garden eg scouts, disabled groups, play groups, singing groups, Japanese, Spanish, Italian etc.

The garden is managed by volunteers through working bees, produce swaps and participation at the garden is constantly increasing especially post COVID where community are seeking new outdoor activities to meet new people.

Environmental - The Woy Woy Peninsula community garden is a fully sustainable organic garden, maintaining local food waste programs with a fruit shop, a homeless kitchen, coffee shops and fruit juice shop.

All organic food waste is repurposed to make garden compost and feed worm farms effectively reducing food waste to landfill in our local area.

The gardens power comes from solar renewable energy and the water supply is sourced through water tanks and a complex bore water irrigation system. They also have CCTV cameras to help secure the community resource into the future.

The above strategies have been implemented to reduce the garden's environmental footprint. All work done at the garden is subject to council approval as asset owner and must comply with government environmental regulations.

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Governance - The PEG group was set up in 2008 and has organised talks, films, picnics, festivals, a solar panel bulk-buying schemes and local recycling guides.

The Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden runs under the umbrella of PEG, with PEG providing oversight, insurance, and a legal entity for banking, making grant applications and other administrative functions.

How will your group manage and maintain this project without continuing financial help from the Trust?

This project consists of a one off on the ground activity, a local workshop and a market stall at Woytopia. We will not require continuing financial help from the trust.

Project Budget

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Budget Information

It is important to provide an accurate budget.

The budget shows the organisation/applicant contribution in cash or in-kind and identifies the cash contribution/resources requested from the Trust for the project.

To calculate in-kind community contributions use the cost price of the supplies, materials, or services contributed as a guide. To calculate the volunteer time or labour you contribute to a project, use the fee of \$25 per hour. For professional or contractor fees, use \$75 per hour.

Please note: Any capital work of equipment items that are valued at \$1000 or more will need to have two or more accompanying quotes with the submission.

Amount of Funding Being Applied For:

Requested Trust Contribution (Table A)

Project Item	\$ Value
One day on ground servicing vegetation and trees	\$2,090.00
Market stall fees	\$90.00
Bee hotels 2 * \$30	\$60.00
Possum boxes 2 *\$35.00	\$70.00
Native bee boxes 2 * \$130	\$260.00
Project Contingency/Auspicing management	\$180.00
Native Bee workshop Preparation, travel, set up, Facilitation, delivery & pickup of workshop 8hrs * \$75	\$600.00

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Workshop flyers, resource materials and snacks for approx 25 attendees.	\$150.00
	Must be a dollar amount.

Value of In-kind activities and Cash you are contributing to the Project

Applicant Contribution - In-kind (Table B)

For example resources, volunteer time, labour etc. at no cost to the project.

Project Item	\$ Equivalent Value
Cleanup crew 4 volunteers * 5hrs each total 20hrs	\$500.00
2 volunteers making possum boxes 5hrs each total 10hrs	\$250.00
2 volunteers making insect hotels 5hrs each total 10hrs	\$250.00
5 volunteers preparing, transporting, manning & packup marketing stall 6hrs each 35 hrs	\$875.00
2 volunteers supervising organising NB workshop 4hrs	\$200.00
	Total: \$2,075.00

Applicant Contribution - Cash (Table C)

Project Item	\$ Value
All inkind	\$0.00
	Must be a dollar amount.

Total Project Cost *

\$5,575.00

This number/amount is calculated.
Must be a dollar amount

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The Total Project Cost figure is equal to the total value of all items listed in the budget Tables A, B & C.

Total Amount Requested from Trust *

\$3,500.00

This number/amount is calculated.
Must be a dollar amount

The Total Amount Requested from the Trust figure is equal to the total value of all items listed in Table A.

Is there any other funding sources being sought for this project? *

No Yes

If Yes, please list

Support from local club to assist with servicing vegetation and trees - YTBA see attached supporting document
Eg. Fundraising

Attachments

Please attach the following documents prior to submitting your application

Organisations Certificate of Incorporation

Filename: Original Certificate of Incorporation.pdf
File size: 29.9 kB

Current Certificate of Public Liability Insurance and/or professional indemnity

Filename: Certificate of Placement - Landcare Liability Key stone 2022 - Peninsula Environment Group (PEG).pdf
File size: 261.4 kB

Supporting documents / information, eg. Business Case, Letters of Support.

Filename: WWPCG PEG supporting document.docx
File size: 2.1 MB
Only if needed

Attached two quotes for each capital work project and equipment over \$1000.00

Filename: treecorp quote 2090.png
File size: 14.1 MB



Item No: 2.3
Title: POET Grant Applications - New Applications 2022-23
Department: Environment and Planning

30 March 2023 Protection of the Environment Trust (POET) Committee

Reference: F2018/00732 - D15603884
Author: Larry Melican, Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity
Manager: Luke Sulkowski, Unit Manager Environmental Management

Recommendation

1. That the Protection of the Environment Trust Committee recommend release of \$3,230 to the Peninsula Environment Group (PEG) to undertake Project POET003 202223 titled Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland Species Corridor subject to the works being undertaken in accordance with the written approval from Council's Section Manager, Parks and Reserves dated 9 December 2022 and ongoing consultation with the Section Manager, Parks and Reserves during the detailed planning and implementation of the project.
2. That the Protection of the Environment Trust Committee recommend release of \$4,500 to the Matcham Hall Incorporated to undertake Project POET005 202223 titled the Matcham Holgate Feral Fox Control Program subject to the project works complying with all relevant legislation and in consultation with the NSW Government's Local Land Services agency.

Report purpose

Peninsula Environment Group

To provide information on grant application POET003 202223 to the Protection of the Environment Trust from the Peninsula Environment Group to undertake the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland Species Corridor Project.

Matcham Hall

To provide information on grant application POET005 202223 to the Matcham Hall Incorporate to undertake the Matcham Holgate Feral Fox Control Program

Executive Summary

Peninsula Environment Group

The Peninsula Environment Group (PEG) has applied for \$3,230 to undertake the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species corridor project at Paul Street Park at Umina. The Peninsula Environment Group will contribute an in-kind contribution to the value of \$4,717 to the project.

Council's Section Manager Parks and Reserves provided written approval on 9 December 2022 for the project to be undertaken on Paul Street Park, Umina.

The project is consistent with the two-part purpose of the Protection of the Environment Trust.

Matcham Hall

Application has been made by the Matcham Hall Incorporated has applied for \$4,500 from the Protection of the Environment Trust Grants Program to assist in the delivery of the Matcham Holgate Feral Fox Control Program. Matcham Hall Incorporated will provide an in-kind contribution to the value of \$1,950 to the project.

The works will be undertaken on the properties are participants in the program.

The project is consistent with the two-part purpose of the Protection of the Environment Trust.

Background

Peninsula Environment Group

Application has been made by the Peninsula Environment Group to for funds from the Protection of the Environment Trust Grants Program to assist in the delivery of the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species corridor project.

Matcham Hall

Application has been made by the Matcham Hall Incorporated for funds from the Protection of the Environment Trust Grants Program to assist in the delivery of the Matcham Holgate Feral Fox Control Program

Current Status

Peninsula Environment Group

Paul Street Park is an approximately 1,600 m² reserve managed by Council's Parks and Reserves Section which is not developed. A sewer pub station is located in a corner of the reserve. Written permission has been provided by the Section Manager, Parks and Reserves to the Peninsula Environment Group to plant Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species at Guyangil Park in Australia Avenue and Paul Street Park, Umina

Matcham Hall

The Matcham-Holgate community instigated and funded its own fox control program in early 2022 with outstanding success. Over 30 foxes were eliminated in a six-month period.

Council's fox control program does not undertake works on private land. The neighbourhood approach to fox control being used by landowners in the Matcham-Holgate area provides an opportunity for fox control to be undertaken across an environmental living landscape where foxes typically roam across multiple properties.

Report**Peninsula Environment Group**

Application number POET003 202223, from the Peninsula Environment Group for the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland Species Corridor Project includes:

The proposal is to purchase Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species of plants and trees, for planting in a pocket park in Paul Street Umina Beach. The UCSW species are listed as threatened and endangered. USCW is a unique group of plants and animals that occur on the coastal sands of the Umina-Woy Woy Peninsula and is listed as an endangered ecological community (EEC). It was originally the dominant vegetation across the Peninsula but has since been extensively cleared for urban development. There exists fragmented sites in Umina Beach, as identified by Robert Payne (2006) which remain vulnerable. The CCC UCSW Management Plan lists as a HIGH priority the revegetation and promotion of the planting of species native to the Umina Sandplain. The species listed on this plan would be purchased for planting. If the availability of the UCSW is limited, local endemic species would be purchased. This project would assist with providing a corridor for wildlife which has seen its habitat threatened and reduced. Birds, insects could use this site as a stepping off point for feed, shelter and habitat.

The Peninsula Environment Group has requested \$3,230 from the Protection of the Environment Trust and will provide in kind works to the value of \$4,717. The total value of the project is \$7,947.

The project is consistent with the two-part purpose of the Protection of the Environment Trust

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Matcham Hall

Application number POET005 202223, from Matcham Hall Inc. for the Matcham Holgate feral fox control program includes:

Feral foxes are decimating our local native wildlife and our pets (mostly poultry). Local community members wish to continue to engage a licensed and insured vermin control contractor to work with our local community and respond to sightings of foxes in our district. The Matcham Holgate community instigated and funded its own program in early 2022 with outstanding success - eliminating over 30 foxes in a 6 month period. We found, and supported by the contractor, that this type of community program is far more effective responding to sightings than just applying random control efforts across 100' or 1,000s of acres of land in public ownership. Our approach is efficient, accountable and does not lead to indiscriminate and unintentional poisoning through a baiting program. The contractor will employ a number of methods including scent baits & audio device to lure foxes in, approved trapping and cages & shooting. This community led program proved cost effective, efficient, and accountable, with data sheets recording each success. The continuation of the community initiative would work in parallel to and compliment any Council or other agency vermin control efforts but utilise the eyes (and cameras) of the community to focus efforts where current fox activity is occurring. The process is managed by a small team of community members to liaise with the broader community, the engaged vermin controller and to keep records of the program at no further cost to government.

The Matcham Hall Incorporated has applied for \$4,500 from the Protection of the Environment Trust Grants Program to assist in the delivery of the Matcham Holgate Feral Fox Control Program. Matcham Hall Incorporated will provide an in-kind contribution to the value of \$1,950 to the project. The total value of the project is \$6,450.

The project is consistent with the two-part purpose of the Protection of the Environment Trust

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Consultation

Peninsula Environment Group

Written approval for the Peninsula Environmental Group to undertake planting of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species at Paul Street Park was provided on 9 December 2022 has been provided by Council's Section Manager, Parks and Reserves.

Matcham Hall

The community in the Matcham-Holgate area has undertaken fox control on the properties of willing participants in the program since early 2022. Consultation with both Council and the NSW Government's Local Land Services agency has occurred in the establishment of the fox control program.

Critical Dates or Timeframes

A decision on the grant application at this meeting would benefit the applicant in project planning and potentially sourcing alternative funding.

Financial Considerations

At its meeting held 19 October 2020, Council resolved the following:

1108/20 That any motions put before Council for the remainder of this term of Council that have financial implications require the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report on how those additional costs will be met.

The following statement is provided in response to this resolution of Council.

Recommendations by the Protection of the Environment Trust Committee to fund grant applications received does not affect Council's general fund.

Link to Community Strategic Plan

Theme 3: Green

Choose Focus Area

G-F1: Protect our rich environmental heritage by conserving beaches, waterways, bushland, wildlife corridors and inland areas, and the diversity of local native species.

Risk Management**Peninsula Environment Group**

There is considered to be low risk of the Peninsula Environment Group not being able to deliver the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species corridor project.

Matcham Hall

There is considered to be low risk of the Matcham Hall Inc not being able to deliver the Matcham Holgate Feral Fox Control Program.

Options**Peninsula Environment Group**

The options for Protection of the Environment Trust Committee are to:

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- Fund the Peninsula Environment Group’s application to the amount of \$3,230 for the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species corridor. **Recommended.**
- Fund part of the Peninsula Environment Group’s application for the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species corridor. **Not recommended as fewer plants would be able to be purchased resulting in lesser environmental outcomes being achieved.**
- Not fund the Peninsula Environment Group’s application for the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species corridor. **Not recommended as the project is consistent with the purpose of the Protection the Environment Trust and delivers on ground works to support the listed endangered ecological community.**

Matcham Hall

The options for Protection of the Environment Trust Committee are to recommend:

- Funding the Matcham Hall Incorporated’s application to the amount of \$4,500 for the Matcham Holgate Feral Fox Control Program. **Recommended.**
- Funding part of the Matcham Hall Incorporated’s application for the Matcham Holgate Feral Fox Control Program species corridor. **Not recommended as lesser success in controlling foxes would be anticipated to be achieved.**
- Not funding the Matcham Hall Incorporated’s application for the Matcham Holgate Feral Fox Control Program. **Not recommended as the project is consistent with the purpose of the Protection of the Environment Trust and delivers on ground fox control works.**

Critical Dates or Timeframes

A decision on the grant application at this meeting would benefit the applicant in project planning and potentially sourcing alternative funding

Attachments

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|---|--|-----------|
| 1 | POET003 202223 - application - Peninsula Environment Group for Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland Species Corridor Project - Protection of the Environment Trust | D15605782 |
| 2 | POET005 202223 - application Matcham Hall for Matcham Holgate Feral Fox Control Program - Protection of the Environment Trust | D15605776 |

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Protection of the Environment Trust Grant Program

BACKGROUND

What is the Protection of the Environment Trust?

The Protection of the Environment Trust (the trust) was established in 2006 with a twofold purpose:

- To promote the protection and enhancement of the natural environment or of a significant aspect of the natural environment and in particular, the conservation of flora and fauna indigenous to the Local Government area; and
- For the provision of information or education or the carrying on of research about the natural environment or a significant aspect of the natural environment in particular relating to flora and fauna of the area for the benefit of persons with the Local Government area.

What is the Protection of the Environment Trust Grant Program?

The Protection of the Environment Trust is able to provide small amounts of financial support to individuals, groups and organisations in the community that are able to deliver projects and works that contribute to the stated purpose of the Trust. The projects and works are not restricted to on-ground activities.

The Protection of the Environment Trust may elect to preferentially fund projects that are consistent with a particular topic or theme within the Trust's stated purpose. The Trust may, for example, choose to fund different organisations to deliver complementary projects about a significant native species.

The grants program is open to community groups and organisations, incorporated associations, not-for-profit organisations, non-commercial cooperatives, education organisations and research organisations.

Available Funding

The annual funding available for the Protection of the Environment Trust is in the order of \$60,000, however this amount may vary between years. The Trust will aim to fund multiple projects each year with available funds. Funding requests by eligible applications should therefore be scaled accordingly.

Program Information and Guidelines

Please [click here](#) to read the full Protection of the Environment Trust Grant Guidelines for additional information including criteria, eligibility and program objectives.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

1. Expected Program Outcomes The expected outcomes of grants funded by the Protection of the Environment Trust are to be consistent with the intentions of the Protection of the Environment Trust and to benefit the geographic area formerly identified as the Gosford Local Government area. These outcomes should deliver on either or both of the following objectives:

1.1 Promotion of the protection or conservation of the natural environment, an aspect of it, or flora and fauna indigenous to the area. 1.2 Provision of information and education of carrying out of research about the natural environment, an aspect of it, or flora and fauna indigenous to the area.

2. Types of Activities/Projects Supported 2.1 On-ground projects that are consistent with the purpose of The Trust. 2.2 Information, education programs and/or activities that are

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consistent with the purpose of the Trust. 2.3 Research that is consistent with the purpose of the Trust.

3. Eligibility 3.1 Applicants must be a legally constituted not-for-profit organisation or be auspiced by a legally constituted not-for-profit organisation. 3.2 The applicant must be able to demonstrate capability to obtain all regulatory approvals for the event/project/activity, if relevant, before receiving funding. 3.3 All applicants must meet the grant program eligibility criteria and address one or more program outcome(s).

4. The following are ineligible 4.1 Applications that are not consistent with the purpose of the Trust. 4.2 Incomplete applications. 4.3 Applicants who have overdue acquittals from previous funding from the Protection of the Environment Trust. 4.4 Applications for purchases or expenses related to privately owned items. 4.5 Applications seeking funds for projects which may have an adverse impact on neighbouring residents or businesses. 4.6 Applications where the consent of the land owner(s) is not provided in writing. 4.7 Applications seeking funds for salaries, accommodation or travel costs that are not directly related to the project activities.

4.8 Applications seeking funds for projects of a commercial nature that is for profit or that raise funds for philanthropic purposes for other organisations. 4.9 Applications seeking funds for goods or services to 'on-sell' for a commercial benefit and without prior approval of the Trust. 4.10 Applicants who have an outstanding debt to Council or are seeking funds for debt repayment.

5. Assessment Criteria

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Organisation Information

* indicates a required field

Organisations Details

Organisation Name *	Peninsula Environment Group
Organisation Email *	gust@peg.org.au Must be an email address
Organisation Postal Address	6 Stebbing Ln Woy Woy NSW 2256 Australia Must be an Australian post code
Organisations ABN	40 080 341 647

Information from the Australian Business Register	
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Entity name	Peninsula Environment Group (PEG)
ABN status	Active
Entity type	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	No
DGR Endorsed	No
ATO Charity Type	Not endorsed More information
ACNC Registration	No
Tax Concessions	No tax concessions
Main business location	2256 NSW

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Is your organisation Not For Profit? *

- No
 Yes

Is your Organisation Incorporated? *

- No
 Yes

Briefly describe what services, activities and/or facilities are offered by your organisation? *

PEG is a voluntary group promoting and supporting sustainable living in the Woy Woy area. Activities include the Woytopia biennial festivals, community garden, nature play, planting of street trees for liveability (through the Grow Urban Shade Trees group), bushwalks, an organic food buying group

Must be no more than 50 words

Contact Person Details

Contact Person *

Mr Mark Mann

Contact Person Email Address *

sustainadelic@gmail.com

Contact Person Phone Number

0432 550 255

Contact Person Mobile Number *

0432 550 255

Position in Organisation *

Secretary

Applicant must hold a position listed

Project Information

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Project Details

Project Name *

Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species corridor

Describe your proposed project / activity? *

The proposal is to purchase Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species of plants and trees, for planting in a pocket park in Paul Street Umina Beach. The UCSW species are listed as threatened and endangered. UCSW is a unique group of plants and animals that occur on the coastal sands of the Umina-Woy Woy Peninsula and is listed as an endangered ecological community (EEC). It was originally the dominant vegetation across the Peninsula but has since been extensively cleared for urban development. There exists fragmented sites in Umina Beach, as identified by Robert Payne (2006) which remain vulnerable. The CCC UCSW Management Plan lists as a HIGH priority the revegetation and promotion of the planting of species native to the Umina Sandplain.

The species listed on this plan would be purchased for planting. If the availability of the UCSW is limited, local endemic species would be purchased. This project would assist with providing a corridor for wildlife which has seen its habitat threatened and reduced. Birds, insects could use this site as a stepping off point for feed, shelter and habitat.

Must be no more than 250 words

Proposed Start Date *

31/03/2023

Must be a date

Proposed Finish Date *

30/06/2023

Must be a date

What is the location of your project *

Paul Street Reserve Umina Beach

Are you as the applicant, the owner of ALL the land referred to in this application? *

- Yes
 Not applicable, provide reason below
 No, please see instruction below

INSTRUCTION: If you are NOT the owner of the land, you will need to attach a Letter of Consent from all the legal landowner/s, which includes any conditions that may apply. Please attach the Letter of Consent/s at the end of this application.

If your answer to the above question is Not applicable, please provide reason

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Have you received funding under this program in the past?

- 2019
 2018
 2017
 2016

- 2015
 2014
 2013
 2012

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Explain how your project meets the expected program outcomes:

This project meets the program outcomes through conservation of flora indigenous to the area. Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW) is listed as an Endangered Ecological Community, with less than 2ha remaining. This project aims to revegetate a small, little used suburban park using UCSW species, to encourage expansion of this EEC and return pockets of the Peninsula to a more natural state following broad scale clearing for suburban development. Expected flow on effects would see increased habitat provision for native fauna, as a diverse selection of species will be selected to ensure a similar assemblage to wild UCSW.

Additional Criteria**COMMUNITY BENEFIT:**
How will the community benefit from your project?

The project is already underway, with two successful community planting days organised by Grow Urban Shade Trees, who are seeking additional funds to expand the project. Impressive volunteer turnouts have seen a wide demographic get involved, from toddlers to retirees, showing that the community is already invested in such projects. The community will benefit from this project through provision of suburban green space, which offers shade, aesthetic value, a point of interest and connection with nature. Umina and neighbouring suburbs have been historically over-cleared and developed, which has resulted in an urban heat effect driving average temperatures up by 5°C. Therefore, revegetation projects which not only provide a succession of future shade trees, but also a diverse understorey for habitat provision, are vital for the liveability of areas such as the Peninsula.

SUCCESS: How will you measure the success of your project?

- Number of plants installed
- Percentage increase in canopy cover (long term)

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- Species diversity: Number of species present at project completion vs number present prior to works
- Note any increase in visiting birds and wildlife that visit the site

VALUE FOR MONEY: How does the project offer value for money?

The project is already underway, which has been funded by GUST. The money requested in this grant will aid in project expansion so that benefits can be maximised. Many volunteer hours have already gone into this project and will continue to be the driving force maintaining the project in the long term. This funding will assist the efforts of dedicated volunteers. Plants for the project will be purchased at wholesale prices from a local native nursery, ensuring local provenance stock is acquired at the best prices possible.

SUSTAINABILITY: How does the project demonstrate ongoing sustainability including Economic, Social, Environmental and Governance?

The project is economically and socially sustainable because it is run by a group of dedicated local volunteers who are passionate about improving the liveability of their suburb. The demographic of the Peninsula is rapidly changing, with many young families moving into the area. With this, we can see a growing interest in greening the local suburbs which are often too hot to walk around on a sunny day due to lack of shade trees.

The project is environmentally sustainable through revegetation of a park which is at present only lawn and a handful of mature native trees. Expanding the endangered UCSW community through reconstruction of species assemblage helps to protect and expand local flora range for future generations to enjoy.

The project will continue to be managed by GUST under the guidance of Central Coast Council.

How will your group manage and maintain this project without continuing financial help from the Trust?

The project is presently underway through dedicated volunteer contributions and funding will simply be an additional aid to allow the project to reach its full potential. Local volunteers presently water and weed the site and GUST funded initial planting. Additional funding will allow for more plants to expand the planting zone and some assistance with maintenance whilst the planting beds become established. It is expected that maintenance should become more minimal as the plants establish and create dense, diverse beds. As revegetation will include locally native species, watering will be minimal once establishment occurs, as the flora is perfectly adapted to the soil and conditions. Similarly, the diverse species structure utilised will crowd out competing weeds and lessen maintenance into the future.

Project Budget

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Budget Information

It is important to provide an accurate budget.

The budget shows the organisation/applicant contribution in cash or in-kind and identifies the cash contribution/resources requested from the Trust for the project.

To calculate in-kind community contributions use the cost price of the supplies, materials, or services contributed as a guide. To calculate the volunteer time or labour you contribute to a project, use the fee of \$25 per hour. For professional or contractor fees, use \$75 per hour.

Please note: Any capital work of equipment items that are valued at \$1000 or more will need to have two or more accompanying quotes with the submission.

Amount of Funding Being Applied For:

Requested Trust Contribution (Table A)

Project Item	\$ Value
Assets- trees	\$1,200.00
Administration - printing/ laminating	\$180.00
Materials - soils, stakes, compost	\$500.00
Contractor - landscaper	\$950.00
Assets - shrubs	\$400.00
	Must be a dollar amount.

Value of In-kind activities and Cash you are contributing to the Project

Applicant Contribution - In-kind (Table B)

For example resources, volunteer time, labour etc. at no cost to the project.

Project Item	\$ Equivalent Value
Site preparation	\$700.00
Planting	\$1,170.00
Mulching	\$312.00
Watering	\$1,365.00
Secondary weeding	\$1,170.00
	Total: \$4,717.00

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Applicant Contribution - Cash (Table C)

Project Item	\$ Value
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	Must be a dollar amount.

Total Project Cost * \$7,947.00
 This number/amount is calculated.
 Must be a dollar amount

The Total Project Cost figure is equal to the total value of all items listed in the budget Tables A, B & C.

Total Amount Requested from Trust * \$3,230.00
 This number/amount is calculated.
 Must be a dollar amount

The Total Amount Requested from the Trust figure is equal to the total value of all items listed in Table A.

Is there any other funding sources being sought for this project? * No Yes

If Yes, please list
 Eg. Fundraising

Attachments

Please attach the following documents prior to submitting your application

Organisations Certificate of Incorporation

 Filename: PEG Certificate of Incorporation 1.pdf
 File size: 31.6 kB

Current Certificate of Public Liability Insurance and/or professional indemnity

 Filename: Certificate of Placement - Landcare Liability Key stone 2022 - Peninsula Environment Group (PEG).pdf
 File size: 261.4 kB

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Supporting documents / information, eg. Business Case, Letters of Support.

No files have been uploaded
Only if needed

Attached two quotes for each capital work project and equipment over \$1000.00

No files have been uploaded

Landowner 1, Letter of Consent

Filename: CX221206-000154 Letter of Support - Peninsula Environment Group (PEG) Grant Application Tree Pla.pdf
File size: 63.3 kB
**including any conditions that may apply*

Landowner 2, Letter of Consent

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Landowner 3, Letter of Consent

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Protection of the Environment Trust Grant Program

BACKGROUND

What is the Protection of the Environment Trust?

The Protection of the Environment Trust (the trust) was established in 2006 with a twofold purpose:

- To promote the protection and enhancement of the natural environment or of a significant aspect of the natural environment and in particular, the conservation of flora and fauna indigenous to the Local Government area; and
- For the provision of information or education or the carrying on of research about the natural environment or a significant aspect of the natural environment in particular relating to flora and fauna of the area for the benefit of persons with the Local Government area.

What is the Protection of the Environment Trust Grant Program?

The Protection of the Environment Trust is able to provide small amounts of financial support to individuals, groups and organisations in the community that are able to deliver projects and works that contribute to the stated purpose of the Trust. The projects and works are not restricted to on-ground activities.

The Protection of the Environment Trust may elect to preferentially fund projects that are consistent with a particular topic or theme within the Trust's stated purpose. The Trust may, for example, choose to fund different organisations to deliver complementary projects about a significant native species.

The grants program is open to community groups and organisations, incorporated associations, not-for-profit organisations, non-commercial cooperatives, education organisations and research organisations.

Available Funding

The annual funding available for the Protection of the Environment Trust is in the order of \$60,000, however this amount may vary between years. The Trust will aim to fund multiple projects each year with available funds. Funding requests by eligible applications should therefore be scaled accordingly.

Program Information and Guidelines

Please [click here](#) to read the full Protection of the Environment Trust Grant Guidelines for additional information including criteria, eligibility and program objectives.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

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Organisation Information

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Organisations Details

Organisation Name *	Matcham Hall
Organisation Email *	treasurer@matchamhall.org Must be an email address
Organisation Postal Address	60 Coachwood Rd Matcham NSW 2250 Australia Must be an Australian post code
Organisations ABN	39 731 913 478

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Entity name	MATCHAM PUBLIC HALL INCORPORATED
ABN status	Active
Entity type	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	No
DGR Endorsed	No
ATO Charity Type	Not endorsed More information
ACNC Registration	No
Tax Concessions	No tax concessions
Main business location	2250 NSW
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Is your organisation Not For Profit? *

- No
 Yes

Is your Organisation Incorporated? *

- No
 Yes

Briefly describe what services, activities and/or facilities are offered by your organisation? *

Matcham hall was built in 1915 on land donated to the community. We have volunteer board members that look after the hall, run 4 community events yearly, and offer affordable or in-kind hire to community groups.
Must be no more than 50 words

Contact Person Details

Contact Person *

Mr Neil Rechlin

Contact Person Email Address *

neil.rechlin@ngg.com.au

Contact Person Phone Number

Contact Person Mobile Number *

0422 908 762

Position in Organisation *

Treasurer
Applicant must hold a position listed

Project Information

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Project Details

Project Name *	Matcham Holgate feral fox control program
Describe your proposed project / activity? *	<p>Feral foxes are decimating our local native wildlife and our pets (mostly poultry). Local community members wish to continue to engage a licensed and insured vermin control contractor to work with our local community and respond to sightings of foxes in our district. The Matcham Holgate community instigated and funded it's own program in early 2022 with outstanding success - eliminating over 30 foxes in a 6 month period. We found, and supported by the contractor, that this type of community program is far more effective (responding to sightings) than just applying random control efforts across 100' or 1,000's or acres of land in public ownership. Our approach is efficient, accountable and does not lead to indiscriminate and unintentional poisoning through a baiting program. The contractor will employ a number of methods including scent baits & audio device to lure foxes in, approved trapping and cages & shooting. This community led program proved cost effective, efficient, and accountable, with data sheets recording each success. The continuation of the community initiative would work in parallel to and compliment any Council or other agency vermin control efforts, but utilise the eyes (and cameras) of the community to focus efforts where current fox activity is occurring. The process is managed by a small team of community members to liaise with the broader community, the engaged vermin controller and to keep records of the program at no further cost to government. Must be no more than 250 words</p>
Proposed Start Date *	01/04/2023 Must be a date
Proposed Finish Date *	31/03/2024 Must be a date
What is the location of your project *	Matcham & Holgate
Are you as the applicant, the owner of ALL the land referred to in this application? *	<p> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Not applicable, provide reason below <input checked="" type="radio"/> No, please see instruction below INSTRUCTION: If you are NOT the owner of the land, you will need to attach a Letter of Consent from all the legal landowner/s, which includes any conditions that may apply. Please attach the Letter of Consent/s at the end of this application. </p>
If your answer to the above question is Not	The program relies on community members seeking assistance as they observe fox activity on or near their land. The appointed contractor must obtain written owners

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**applicable, please
provide reason**

consent before undertaking vermin control activities on private land. We already have 17 written consents.

**Have you received
funding under this
program in the past?**

2019 2015
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KEY CRITERIA

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Explain how your project meets the expected program outcomes:

Predation by foxes is a threat to many native animals and is listed as a key threatening process under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. The red fox is also identified as a priority pest species in the Greater Sydney Regional Strategic Pest Animal Plan 2018-2023. (Source: CCC) Matcham / Holgate is home to many endangered native Australian animals including, platypus, wallabies, squirrel gliders, wombats, numerous bird and bat species. Reducing fox numbers provides greater opportunity for the survival of our native fauna. The vermin controller typically deploys motion activated 'game cameras' where fox activity is occurring. These cameras have also recorded other data like wallabies, bandicoots and lyrebirds. such data is recorded and can be used to build on Council's databases. Baiting can also impact on non target species which is why we have looked into a safer way to target only foxes.

Additional Criteria

**COMMUNITY BENEFIT:
How will the community
benefit from your
project?**

The community will benefit by the lowering of fox numbers thus less predation, affording greater opportunity for native wildlife to thrive in our bushland and survival of domesticated pets (poultry), which contribute to food sources (eggs), composing of kitchen scraps and general companionship.

**SUCCESS: How will you
measure the success of
your project?**

A data card is kept for each fox eradicated. Numerous studies have recorded and estimated the impact of predation by foxes on native wildlife. Data can also be kept on the video records of other species such as lyrebird, bandicoots etc

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VALUE FOR MONEY: How does the project offer value for money?

Feral Animal Control respond to community members that report fox sightings. The contractor will then set up cameras to monitor foxes movements, once a pattern is established they set up and can usually remove a fox within an hour. As they only charge by the hour its very cost-efficient. Last financial year community members contributed \$1550 to this program and from that Feral Animal Control removed 30 foxes over 6 months.

SUSTAINABILITY: How does the project demonstrate ongoing sustainability including Economic, Social, Environmental and Governance?

Once we get the number of foxes down it will be easier to keep the numbers down especially if we can start the campaign at the beginning of spring (breeding season) The community can then slowly keep contributing to the ongoing monitoring of fox numbers. This community program compliments Council and Local Land Service initiatives but extends onto private property.

How will your group manage and maintain this project without continuing financial help from the Trust?

When funds are exhausted, this community will reach out to one another and contribute as they have done in the past. This community program is designed to assist and complement other fox eradication programs being undertaken by various levels of government.

Project Budget

* indicates a required field

Budget Information

It is important to provide an accurate budget.

The budget shows the organisation/applicant contribution in cash or in-kind and identifies the cash contribution/resources requested from the Trust for the project.

To calculate in-kind community contributions use the cost price of the supplies, materials, or services contributed as a guide. To calculate the volunteer time or labour you contribute to a project, use the fee of \$25 per hour. For professional or contractor fees, use \$75 per hour.

Please note: Any capital work of equipment items that are valued at \$1000 or more will need to have two or more accompanying quotes with the submission.

Amount of Funding Being Applied For:

Requested Trust Contribution (Table A)

Project Item	\$ Value
Engagement of licensed contractor	\$4,500.00
attending sites	\$0.00
setting traps	\$0.00

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setting up cameras	\$0.00
removing foxes	\$0.00
	Must be a dollar amount.

Value of In-kind activities and Cash you are contributing to the Project

Applicant Contribution - In-kind (Table B)

For example resources, volunteer time, labour etc. at no cost to the project.

Project Item	\$ Equivalent Value
Volunteer coordination	\$1,950.00
coordination site visits	\$0.00
payment of invoices	\$0.00
liasing with community	\$0.00
liasing with contractor	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	Total: \$1,950.00

Applicant Contribution - Cash (Table C)

Project Item	\$ Value
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	Must be a dollar amount.

Total Project Cost *

\$6,450.00

*This number/amount is calculated.
Must be a dollar amount*

The Total Project Cost figure is equal to the total value of all items listed in the budget Tables A, B & C.

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Total Amount Requested from Trust *

\$4,500.00

This number/amount is calculated.
Must be a dollar amount

The Total Amount Requested from the Trust figure is equal to the total value of all items listed in Table A.

Is there any other funding sources being sought for this project? *

No Yes

If Yes, please list

Eg. Fundraising

Attachments

Please attach the following documents prior to submitting your application

Organisations Certificate of Incorporation

Filename: MATCHAM PUBLIC HALL INC - Y1514441 - constitution amendment 2006.pdf
File size: 104.6 kB

Current Certificate of Public Liability Insurance and/or professional indemnity

Filename: McMcPartnersWest 20220618 Invoice - MATCHAM - 153898.pdf
File size: 318.2 kB

Supporting documents / information, eg. Business Case, Letters of Support.

Filename: doc00095820220919150218.pdf
File size: 417.8 kB
Only if needed

Attached two quotes for each capital work project and equipment over \$1000.00

Filename: Community Grant.docx
File size: 63.9 kB

Landowner 1, Letter of Consent

Filename: sandra.pdf
File size: 1.3 MB
*including any conditions that may apply

Landowner 2, Letter of Consent

Filename: Fox form 176 Oak Rd.pdf
File size: 1.8 MB
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Landowner 3, Letter of Consent

Filename: gledhill.pdf

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