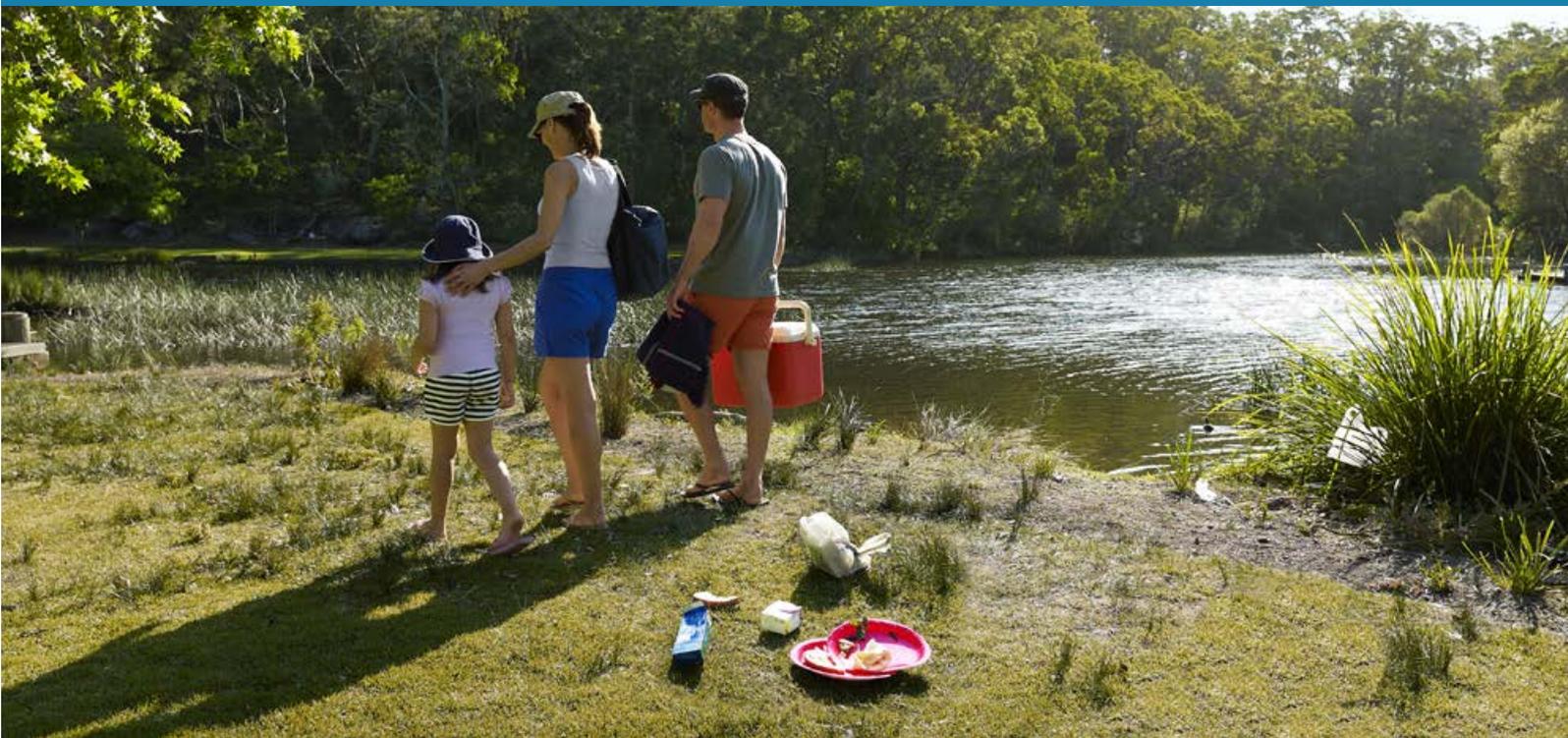


2019 Community litter grants

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NSW is home to beautiful communities. Whether you live in an urban environment, on the coastline or in a rural area, show your local community you care.

The litter problem

Litter is an important issue. Ninety-four percent of people identify it as a major environmental problem.

And yet people still do it.

Litter affects everyone. It causes harm to people and animals, damages our waterways, costs us money and suggests that we do not care for our environment.

Fortunately, we can all do something to help turn the situation around. Research and experience have shown that litter is the result of individual behaviour – choosing to do it or simply being careless. And once it's on the ground, it attracts more litter.

A clean community, by contrast, can discourage littering and improve community appearance and quality of life.

Remember, small changes can make BIG differences.

Litter prevention in NSW

2020 target: reduce the volume of litter by 40%

Reflecting the strong expectations of its residents who want a clean state now and in the future, the NSW Government is serious about reducing litter in NSW.



The Community Litter Grants program is provided by the NSW Government to engage community groups in their litter prevention efforts. Community groups have the knowledge and drive to influence litter prevention in their local neighbourhoods.

In previous projects, average litter reduction ranged from 67% to 80%.

Community Litter Grants

The Community Litter Grants are funded by the eight-year \$802m Waste Less, Recycle More initiative. Now in its fifth round, the EPA is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from eligible Community Groups.

Program streams

Grant funding will be available in two streams:

- **Stream 1: Local single-community group projects (\$4,000 to \$10,000).** This stream is for any community group to conduct a litter prevention project at a single littered location. It is intended for groups who are taking their first steps in the litter prevention journey. Expert help will be available to support groups to plan and carry out effective litter prevention projects.
- **Stream 2: Multi-site and/or multi-organisation projects (\$20,000 to \$70,000).** This stream will be for larger organisations that are able to work across multiple sites and involve multiple groups. It is intended for groups that have the capacity to engage in litter prevention on a larger scale and over a longer period of time.

The Litter Expert Team

To support eligible community groups in planning their litter initiatives, the EPA has established the Litter Expert Team. The Team is made up of people across NSW who have the demonstrated ability to assist community groups plan and implement effective litter prevention projects. The advisory services of the Litter Expert Team are available at no charge.

Eligibility

To apply for funding, community groups must be non-government, not-for-profit organisations.

They must have their own constitution and be incorporated under the law of a state or territory as an incorporated association, company or cooperative society. Groups must be able to complete their litter project within an agreed timeframe – by June 2020 for Stream 1 projects, and by March 2021 for Stream 2.

Expressions of Interest

To register your interest in participating in Community Litter Grants Round 5, download and complete the Expression of Interest form and send it to the EPA.

Once the Expression of Interest has been received, the EPA will be in contact with you. You will then be given access to your local Litter Expert to help shape your litter prevention ideas.

Apply for funding

Round 5 of Community Litter Grants is planned to open from June to August 2019. During this period, you will be able to send in applications for grant funding.

Please note: You cannot apply for grant funding until after you submit an Expression of Interest and your group's eligibility has been confirmed by the EPA.

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