

Funding for Groups

Landcare in Lake Macquarie is a partnership between Lake Macquarie City Council and Community Landcare groups actively involved in natural area management in their local communities. Council supports the Landcare program through the provision of the Landcare Resource Office, Landcare Support Team and funding to facilitate on ground works. This funding is available through the Landcare Resource Office, on receipt of a resource request, and the approval of the Landcare Coordinator.

External Grants

Landcare in Lake Macquarie also enters into external funding arrangements with Australian and New South Wales Government programs that provide funding through the community. In this situation, the Landcare group are the applicant and Council are the sponsor. The Landcare Resource Office supports these arrangements, providing assistance with applications, securing the permission of the landholder, and providing financial, and project management roles as the sponsor.

Through the Network

The Lake Macquarie Landcare Network has established structures to assist our unincorporated Landcare groups with applications, reporting and financial management of small projects (up to approximately \$10,000) from a range of funding and sponsorship sources.

The Network also manages a Public Fund, to receive and distribute tax-deductible donations to Landcare in Lake Macquarie. Landcare groups are encouraged to apply to the Fund when seeking funding for resources not available through other sources.

Checklist

The following checklist will assist you when applying for funds through the Lake Macquarie Landcare Network.

Questions to answer	Yes/No
Do you have a project plan?	
Have you contacted the Landcare Resource Office for advice and support?	
Do you have the permission of the landholder (<i>for onground projects</i>)?	
Do you have a project implementation plan that identifies what the money will be spent on, how much each component will cost, and a project timetable for activities, payments, and reporting? (<i>we can help with this</i>)	
Have you identified who else will be involved in your project?	
Have you secured any promised contributions from other sources? (<i>in writing</i>)	
Has the Landcare Network agreed to sponsor your project?	

Note: Lake Macquarie Landcare Network is not responsible for project funds not held by the Network.

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