

Sustainability Competition Application Form

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Beginning your application...

The Southern Grampians Shire Council's Sustainability Competition has been created to support schools within our Shire to tackle issues in the areas of Sustainability and Circular Economy. The competition will provide students the opportunity to submit innovative solutions to current real-world issues affecting our region.

Ideas must address **at least one** issue related to:

- **Waste (including resources use, 'reduce,reuse,recycle', landfill, composting)**
- **Land (including biodiversity, pest plants and animals, soil health, salinity, sustainable agriculture and land use change)**
- **Water (including water availability / security, stormwater, water quality, waterway health, water conservation)**
- **Liveability (including economic prosperity and employment, social wellbeing, access to health / education / facilities, telecommunication and transport services, governance)**
- **Climate (including energy efficiency, alternative energy sources, emissions management, use of fossil fuels and adaptation to climate change)**

Teams will be required to complete the online application form, and deliver a presentation (no longer than 5 minutes).

The presentation may be delivered in person, or via video upload.

Prizes!!!

- **The winning team will have their project implemented up to a value of \$20,000!!!**
- **The winning school will secure a donation of \$5,000 towards school science equipment.**
- **Students from the winning team will receive \$100 gift vouchers.**
- **All participants will receive special recognition and a movie voucher.**

School Requirements:

- 1.** Schools to nominate a main point of contact for the competition.
- 2.** Schools may submit a total of three submissions.
- 3.** Schools to schedule time in curriculum for students to work on project ideas.
- 4.** Students to fill out application form with all information requested and submit by due date. *You will receive an email instantly confirming the application has been submitted.*

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5. Students will be required to complete and attached a **business case** and **project plan** (templates provided).

6. Schools will be required to attend the **Presentation Event (November 2024)**. *Lunch provided.*

Council Requirements:

1. Council will provide support and resources to schools and student teams throughout the process.

2. Council may provide industry contacts, facilitate site visits or provide additional information to teams where appropriate.

3. Council to undertake fortnightly 'check-ins' with schools / students.

KEY DATES:

- **Competition Commences - Monday 15 July 2024 (9.00am)**
- **Project Submission Due Date - Friday 20 September 2024 (4.00pm)**
- **November Presentation Event (date TBC)**

Applicant Details

School Name

Organisation Name

School Address

Address

School Contact Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

School Email

Must be an email address.

Project Information

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Project Name *

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Venue / Location *

Please list members of your group: *

Project Start Date *

Project End Date *

Key Selection Criteria

The selection panel will use the following criteria to evaluate each team's entry. Project funding is awarded based on merit and information submitted in the application.

- **Innovation** We want to see creative and innovative solutions!
- **Feasibility** The project must be cost effective and provide good outcomes for both residents and the environment.
- **Alignment** The project needs to align with Council plans and Visions (links provided below).
- **Implementation** The panel must be confident there is enough detail in the submission documents (**business case and project plan**) for Council to implement the project correctly.

Please consider the following when developing your idea and answering the following assessment questions:

- Please refer to the [Council Plan 2021 - 2025](#) and [Sustainability Strategy Discussion Paper](#).
- Your project needs to be achievable by Council within a 6 to 12 month timeframe.
- Projects should have the ability to be implemented within the Shire boundary.
- Your problem/s and solutions/s must address **at least one** issue related to waste, natural environment, energy, water or sustainability more broadly.

WHAT is the project, and what will it achieve? *

Word count:

Must be at least 50 words.

WHY is this project needed? *

Word count:

Must be at least 50 words.

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WHO is involved in the project? *

Word count:
Must be at least 50 words.

HOW will you measure the success of your project? *

Word count:
Must be at least 50 words.

Please attach Business Case (template provided) to support your application:

Attach a file:

Please attach Project Plan (template provided) to support your application:

Attach a file:

Budget

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Project Budget

Writing a budget for a project is an essential part of planning and ensuring that you have a clear understanding of the financial resources required to complete the project.

Identify Project Scope: Have a clear understanding of your project - this will help you determine the necessary resources.

List the Expenses: Make a list of all the expenses you think you might incur during the project. Divide the expenses into different categories, such as materials, equipment, transportation, services, and any other relevant costs.

Do you require a permit? Don't forget to include your permit cost (if required) into your expenses. Council can help you find out if your project needs any permits, approvals, permissions and licenses from the relevant authorities.

Research Prices: Do some research to estimate the cost of each item or service on your expense list. Check online stores, local suppliers, or inquire from relevant vendors to get accurate pricing information.

Estimate cost: For each item or service on your expense list, estimate the cost / or amount you might need.

Total cost estimate must not exceed \$20,000 (exc. GST)

Expense Description

\$ Cost Estimate

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Budget Totals

Total Cost Estimate *

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This number/amount is calculated.

Financial Documents

Please upload any documentation that will support your project.

Please upload:

Attach a file:

The Presentation

Following submission of your project, teams will be required to conduct a presentation of your project (no longer than 5 minutes) to the selection panel (in person / or recorded video presentation).

The selection panel will have read each team's submission prior to the presentation, **this presentation will form as part of the assessment.**

Following the presentation, the selection panel will have the opportunity to ask questions relating to the project idea.

Students may deliver the presentation in person, or upload a video of your presentation that will be played at the Presentation Event.

Please upload presentation here:

Attach a file:

Supporting Documentation

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Please upload any documentation that will help strengthen your application.

Ideas for documentation:

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- Letters of Support
- Pictures
- Plans
- Timeframes
- Other

Please upload supporting documents

Attach a file:

Declaration

- I consent to the information contained within this application being disclosed to or by Council for the purpose of assessing, administering and monitoring.
- I consent to Council including any successful grant applications in marketing materials and press releases for the purpose of promoting the Sustainability Schools Competition.
- I will obtain all relevant project and event related permits, approvals, permissions and licenses from the relevant authorities prior to commencement.
- I will keep Council informed of any changes to the proposed funded activity.
- I will acknowledge the support provided by the Southern Grampians Shire Council in the following ways - media releases, brochures, flyers, advertising, newsletters and digital media; at events and activities by way of signage, public announcements, opportunity for speech and or presentation and participation at the event; and inclusion in any relevant publications e.g. annual report

Please fill in details of the person who will endorse this application for your school:

Authorising person *

First Name

Last Name

Position *

Date of approval *

Must be a date.