

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW "Promoting Sustainable Fishing"

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Environmental Trust

The Environmental Trust is an independent statutory body established by the NSW government to support exceptional environmental projects that do not receive funds from the usual government sources. The Trust is empowered under the [Environmental Trust Act 1998](#), and its main responsibility is to make and supervise the expenditure of grants. The Trust is administered by the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC).

The Trust is chaired by the Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water. Members are the Director-General of DECC and representatives from the Local Government and Shires Associations, the Nature Conservation Council and NSW Treasury.

Objectives

The objectives of the Environmental Trust are:

- to encourage and support restoration and rehabilitation projects
- to promote research into environmental problems of any kind
- to promote environmental education in both the public and private sectors
- to fund the acquisition of land for the national parks estate
- to fund the declaration of areas for marine parks and for related purposes
- to promote waste avoidance, resource recovery and waste management (including funding enforcement and regulation and local government programs)
- to fund environmental community groups and
- to fund the purchase of water entitlements for the purpose of increasing environmental flows for the State's rivers and restoring or rehabilitating major wetlands.

The Trust also reimburses NSW Treasury for approved forestry restructuring payments under the Forestry Restructuring and Nature Conservation Act 1995.

Grants for 2008

The Trust is offering eleven competitive grant programs in 2008. The first eight programs open on 15 March 2008, however closing dates are staggered. The Education and Research (major and minor categories) programs have a two-stage application process. The Community Program is open to recreational fishing clubs and associations

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Program	Detail	Closing Date	Funding Available 2008
Restoration and Rehabilitation (Community)	Application	23 May 2008	\$1,500,000

Workshops

A series of information sessions and workshops will be conducted in locations throughout NSW on the Protecting our Places program. An additional series of workshops focusing on the Restoration and Rehabilitation and Education Programs will also be offered.

Information on grants awarded in previous years can be accessed at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/envtrust.htm>

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