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Gone Fishing Day Grants Funding Guidelines

Purpose of guidelines

These guidelines provide essential information for all applicants wishing to apply for Gone Fishing Day grants.

Background

Gone Fishing Day is held each October to promote and celebrate recreational fishing throughout Australia. It doesn't matter if you haven't fished before or if you're the keenest of anglers, Gone Fishing Day is for everyone.

Recreational fishing clubs, organisations and community groups are invited each year to apply for:

1) a **fishing package** consisting of rod and reel sets, bags, giveaways and advisory information for participants attending events,

or

2) a **grant** of up to \$2,000 to purchase items required to run their own Gone Fishing Day fishing events, such as casting and fishing activities and information sessions or fish habitat rehabilitation events through replanting and/or weeding creek banks.

To receive a funding grant, successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding deed with the NSW Government and submit a written report and evidence of grant expenditure following completion of events. Organisations will also need to submit invoices as a condition of receiving grant payments.

Alternatively, if applicants do not want to enter into a funding deed, you can apply for a Gone Fishing Day package consisting of rod and reel sets, bags, giveaways and advisory information for participants attending events.

Gone Fishing Day events and activities are supported by DPI Fisheries and the Recreational Fishing Trust.

The program is administered by the NSW Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries.

Objective

Gone Fishing Day fishing packages or grants support fishing clubs, organisations and community groups to run events **to promote and celebrate fishing as a fun, healthy, outdoors activity for your whole family and friends on Gone Fishing Day.**

Types of projects funded

Applicants can apply for grants to purchase or hire items such as fishing gear, bait, food and non-alcoholic drinks, participant giveaways, clean-up and tree planting equipment and other equipment required to run a local Gone Fishing Day event and associated activities, such as:

- casting and fishing activities
- fishing information sessions
- fish habitat rehabilitation activities such as replanting and/or weeding creek banks.

Eligibility criteria to be addressed when applying for a grant

- Organisations must be incorporated.
- Only one application for funding will be accepted per organisation per event.
- Applications must be completed in full, including the budget section (with sufficient detail to enable a sound assessment).

Assessment criteria to be addressed when applying for a grant

- Gone Fishing Day project activities must relate to the promotion of recreational fishing or fish habitat rehabilitation and the overall objective of the Gone Fishing Day Grants program.
- Projects must have an accurate, cost-effective budget which shows value for money. Contributing funding or 'in-kind' contribution by the applicant and other project partners should be included in the budget, where relevant. Example expense items could include purchase of fishing gear, bait, food and non-alcoholic drinks, participant giveaways, clean-up and tree planting equipment and other equipment required to run a local Gone Fishing Day fishing or fish habitat rehabilitation related event.
- Gone Fishing Day events should not be held on private land or land with no public access (where relevant). Activities must be as accessible as possible.
- Events must be inclusive to the public and not exclusive to club/organisation members only (where relevant).
- The adequacy of expertise within the project team.
- Project activities should not include commercial ventures or materials developed for a primarily commercial purpose.
- Project activities must not include running the business of organisations/clubs.
- Project management expenses or salaries cannot be included in the project budget.
- Individual items purchased must not exceed \$400 in value.
- Events must not include fishing charters.
- The activities must be scheduled to occur on or within 4 weeks of Gone Fishing Day.

How to apply

The application form for a grant or a fishing package can be downloaded electronically online at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/go-fishing-nsw> or contact 02 4424 7429 if you would like a form mailed to you.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Organisations that are GST registered must quote GST exclusive prices in their project item costings in the grant application. If your organisation is not GST registered, your organisation will still pay GST on goods and services, therefore you need to quote GST inclusive prices in your costings.

Submitting the application

- Email to gofishing.nsw@dpi.nsw.gov.au or

- Mail to:

Gone Fishing Day Grants

NSW DPI Fisheries

LMB 3020

Nowra NSW 2541

Email is the preferred method of receiving application forms. If you email your application, there is no need to send a hard copy by mail. Receipt of applications will only be acknowledged on request.

Note – Applicants requesting fishing packages must provide a physical delivery address as packages cannot be delivered to post office boxes.

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