

Connecting Neighbours Grant Application Form Updated

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Wollongong City Council Connecting Neighbours Grants

What are Connecting Neighbours Grants?

Our Connecting Neighbours Grants program provides small grants to community members and groups who want to make a positive impact in their local area.

The focus is on creating connections between neighbours and creating stronger local communities.

Previous projects have included

- BBQ's and morning teas to welcome new neighbours
- Social outings, such as for a group of isolated older neighbours
- Working bees, gardening or creative activities.

The selection process

Applications will be reviewed by a panel who will then recommend the projects to be approved by the General Manager. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within 4 weeks of the closing date.

Closing time and date of this round is 5pm, Monday 31st August 2026.

Talk to us about your ideas

We're happy to chat to you about your ideas before you submit an application.

For any advice relating to projects please email participate@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Eligibility

* indicates a required field

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Your idea-

- Must be a new initiative that involves local residents.
- Connects people and/or strengthens the neighbourhood.

Any events must be free for attendees and cannot be ticketed.

How funding is provided

Grants up to \$250:

You will receive a letter of offer and be asked to sign a simple agreement with Council. You'll need to provide an invoice to Council and the person nominated on your application will receive funds by cheque. At the end of the project, we ask you to complete a simple acquittal form telling us how it went.

You will need the support from two other community members.

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Grants over \$250 up to \$1,000:

These will require the support of an incorporated organisation. The person submitting the application will receive a letter of offer. The support organisation will need to invoice Council, and funds will be provided to that organisation by cheque or direct deposit.

If successful, your support organisation will need to:

- Take responsibility for guiding the project
- Sign an agreement with Council
- Agree to cover the event or activity under their insurances
- Invoice Council as well as receive and manage the grant funds
- Work with the person submitting the application to write a report to acquit the grant.

Examples of suitable support organisations could include your local neighbourhood or community centre, a sports group, club or other community organisation.

Confirmation of support

You will need to attach a letter from the support organisation that confirms they will take responsibility for the project and manage the grant funds. It must also clearly show the name, position, contact details and signature of the support organisation's authorised representative.

We can act as 'coaches' to help you develop your ideas, complete an application and, if needed, find a support organisation.

For further information relating to the grant process including completing an application please email participate@wollongong.nsw.gov.au.

Applicants: please note eligibility

Before completing this application form, you should ensure that you comply with the eligibility criteria.

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

This section of the application form is designed to help you, and us, understand if you are eligible for this grant. It is important that you complete these questions before any others to ensure you do not waste your time applying for an unsuitable grant.

If you have any questions in regard to these eligibility criteria, please email participate@wollongong.nsw.gov.au.

If you do contact us throughout the application process, please quote the application number below.

Application Number

This field is read only.

Confirmation of Eligibility

Who can apply?

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To apply for this program you must:

- Live or be based in the Wollongong City Council area.
- Be an individual with at least two other friends or neighbours who support your idea (for grants up to \$250) OR have a local organisation willing to support your project (for grants over \$250 and up to \$1000). The local organisation does not apply for the grant; individuals still need to apply.

This program isn't for larger community organisations that already receive government funding. However larger organisations are welcome to support a community-led project. See the 'Support organisations' section of this page for details.

You must confirm that all statements above are true and correct. *

☐ Yes

Contact Details

* indicates a required field

Privacy Notice

We pledge to respect and uphold your rights to privacy protection under the [Australian Privacy Principles](#) (APPs) as established under the *Privacy Act 1988* and amended by the *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012*.

Applicant Details

Applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation.

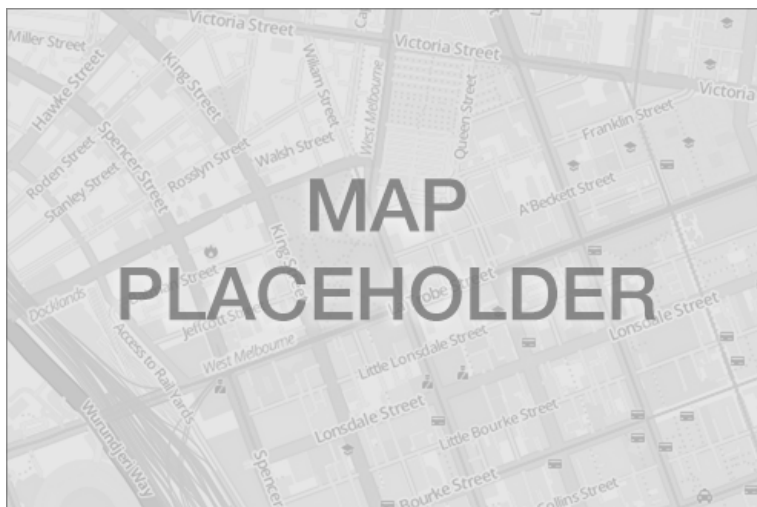
Individuals must not be employed by the auspice or support organisation they wish to use when applying for grants over \$250.

Applicant primary address

Address

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Applicant postal address

Address

Applicant primary phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant email address *

Must be an email address.

Name of your group, or two other community members who will help you to deliver the project

Support Person 1

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

Support Person 2

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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Support Organisation Details

* indicates a required field

Are you applying with support of an Auspice organisation? (Grants over \$250 and up to \$1,000) *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Select no if you are an individual and applying for a \$250 or lower grant

Applicant ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Support/Auspice Organisation letter of support

Attach a file:

please attach a letter of support for grants over \$250 up to \$1,000

Tell us about your project

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Project title *

Word count:

Must be no more than 25 words.

Provide a name for your project/program/initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive.

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Anticipated start date *

Anticipated end date *

Please provide a short summary of your initiative *

Word count:

Must be no more than 220 words.

Project Budget

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Total Amount Requested *

Up to \$250 for an individual and up to \$1,000 for initiatives supported by an Auspice organisation

Total Project/Program Cost *

What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

Project Budget (Expenditure)

Please outline your project expenses in the expenditure table below.

Expenditure description

Expenditure amount (budgeted)
Notes

Please provide a line for each type of expenditure, Example Sausages etc	Enter the total amount to be expended on this budget item. Must be a dollar amount.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

Certification and Feedback

* indicates a required field

Certification

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made within this application are true and correct, and I understand that if the applicant organisation is approved for this grant, we will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant as outlined in the letter of approval.

I agree *

☐ Yes

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Name of applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Email *

Must be an email address.