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AGL and University of NSW	<p>AGL Sustainable Living Competition Students (Yrs 7 – 12) develop sustainable solutions to deal with environmental impacts arising from building cities, transport, waste, recycling, and energy production. Over \$30,000 in prizes on offer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 9385 4979 ◆ Website: www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/events/sustliving ◆ Email: SLP@fbe.unsw.edu.au
Australian Museum	<p>Eureka Awards The Eureka Awards are Australia's pre-eminent Science Awards, rewarding excellence in Australian science and raising the profile of science in the community. As part of these annual awards, there are categories open to schools (\$10,000 per category):</p> <p><i>Eureka Prize for Environmental Education Program</i> Awarded to an innovative, leading edge EE program (\$10,000).</p> <p><i>Eureka School Prize for Biological Sciences</i> Design of a webpage by Year 10-12 students (although other years may be considered) that demonstrates excellence in the investigation and study of biology (\$11,000).</p> <p><i>Eureka School Prize for Earth, Environmental & Planetary Sciences</i> Design of a webpage by Year 10-12 students (although other years may be considered) that demonstrates excellence in the investigation and study of Planet Earth and the interrelationships of its physical and biological systems (\$11,000).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 9320 6039 ◆ Website: www.austmus.gov.au/eureka/ ◆ Email: eureka@austmus.gov.au
Environment Australia	<p>Australian Government Envirofund The Australian Government Envirofund is the local action component of the Commonwealth Government's Natural Heritage Trust. It supports communities to undertake local projects aimed at conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable resource use.</p> <p>Community groups and schools that have established their own incorporated group may apply for up to \$30,000 through the Envirofund. This grant program has a strong focus on projects that utilise partnerships between a range of groups and individuals and must involve on-ground works and other actions to target local problems. P&Cs are also eligible to apply.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: 1800 065 823 ◆ Website: www.nht.gov.au/index.html ◆ Email: envirofund@affa.gov.au

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Gould League of NSW	<p>Project Environment Competition Schools are awarded funds for special projects related to the competition theme that changes each year. Categories include poetry, research, photography, art and music (Years K – 12).</p> <p>Sustainable Management of Schools Project Grants are awarded to schools that develop and implement ecologically sustainable management practices within the school, e.g. strategies to reduce the amount of packaging generated from the canteen (Years K – 12).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 9560 7844 ◆ Website: www.gould.edu.au ◆ Email: gould@ozemail.com.au
Hunter Catchment Management Trust (HCMT)	<p>Small Scale Funding HCMT provides grants of up to \$5,000 to assist community groups involved in natural resource management within the Hunter with on-ground works projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 4930 1030 ◆ Website: www.hcmt.org.au ◆ Email: funding@hcmt.org.au
Keep Australia Beautiful NSW	<p>Tidy Towns There are a range of categories and awards in the Tidy Towns Awards Program that may be relevant to schools, particularly the NSW Dept. Public Works & Service's (DPWS) School Environment Award.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 9633 3380 ◆ Website: www.kabnsw.org.au/ ◆ Email: tidytowns@kabnsw.org.au
Landcare Australia	<p>National Landcare Awards A range of prestigious awards are presented biennially to groups and individuals involved in Landcare practices. There are a number of categories open to schools. Groups/individuals must first qualify by competing in the State awards, these are coordinated in NSW by the Department of Sustainable Natural Resources.</p> <p>Westpac Landcare Education Award Awarded to an education group (primary, secondary, tertiary, adult, and/or community education). Recognises excellence in raising awareness, knowledge and understanding of Landcare amongst students and/or the community, and for implementing Landcare practices on its own property or within the local community.</p> <p>NHT Rivercare Award Awarded to a community organisation or group that has made a significant contribution to sustainable management, rehabilitation and conservation of a waterway.</p> <p>Bushcare Nature Conservation Award Awarded to a community organisation or group that demonstrates excellence and innovation in implementing nature conservation activities on land outside formal parks and reserves.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 9412 1040 ◆ Website: www.landcareaustralia.com.au/awards.asp ◆ Email: jquealy@landcareaustralia.com.au



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Maitland City Council	<p>Maitland Schools Environment Program</p> <p>An annual program that aims to promote and support local schools' environmental education activities. It is open to all schools in the Maitland local government area and alternates biennially between environmental education 'outreach' (e.g. providing technical advice, guest speakers etc.) and celebrating and resourcing schools' environmental initiatives (\$100 in environmental resources are available to schools that enter).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 4934 9833 ◆ Website: www.maitland.infohunt.nsw.gov.au ◆ Email: duncanj@maitland.nsw.gov.au
Mercy Foundation	<p>Environmental Grants for Schools</p> <p>Run on an annual basis, schools may apply for up to \$1,000 to assist in environmental education and site rehabilitation activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 9699 8726 ◆ Website: www.mercyfoundation.com.au/grants.html ◆ Email: mercyfoundation@ozemail.com.au
NSW Department of Education & Training (DET)	<p>Envirothon</p> <p>A competition for teams of four Year 11 students interested in applying their fieldwork skills to examine ecosystems. The competition involves data collection, problem solving and an environmental quiz. Teams compete with schools in their own region. The winning regional teams compete in the final envirothon against other regional winners.</p> <p>The Hunter Region Envirothon is facilitated by the Wetlands Environmental Education Centre. The competition is a joint initiative between DET and NPWS.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 9267 6488 ◆ Website: www.curriculumsupport.nsw.gov.au/enviroed/envirothon
NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	<p>Environmental Trust</p> <p>Eco Schools Grants Program</p> <p>This program provides grants of \$1,500 to 80 schools each year. Such funding may be used by schools to involve community and students in developing and implementing environmental management initiatives, e.g. reduction of energy use (Years K – 12).</p> <p>Environmental Education Program</p> <p>This program provides grants of \$5,000 - \$100,000 to community-based organisations for educational projects or programs that develop or widen the community's knowledge of, skills in, and commitment to protecting the environment.</p> <p>Environmental Restoration & Rehabilitation Program</p> <p>This program provides grants of \$5,000 - \$100,000 to community-based organisations and local government for projects that involve: restoring degraded environmental resources; protecting rare and important ecosystems and habitats; preventing or reducing future environmental damage; and enhancing the quality of valuable environmental resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 9995 5369 ◆ Website: www.epa.nsw.gov.au/envitrust/index.htm ◆ Email: envirotrust@epa.nsw.gov.au

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NSW Minerals Council	<p>School Environmental Management Plan (SEMP) Award</p> <p>The award encourages, promotes and recognises environmental excellence in NSW schools that develop and implement a SEMP. Schools are awarded cash prizes between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to assist in the implementation of their SEMP (Years K – 12).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 9267 6488 ◆ Website: www.nswmin.com.au ◆ Email: info@nswmin.com.au
Readers Digest	<p>Readers Digest Environmental Awards</p> <p>Awards are presented annually for environmental projects ranging from recycling, biodiversity, natural resource management, to wildlife conservation. The total annual prizemoney is \$50,000 (Years K – 12).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: 1800 817 626 ◆ Website: www.readersdigestawards.com/rdeal/index.htm
Science Teachers Association of NSW	<p>Young Scientist Award</p> <p>Open to teachers and students undertaking scientific investigations and presentations. A range of award categories, along with a range of prizes (cash and material) are on offer (Years K–12).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 9816 5056 ◆ Website: www.stansw.asn.au/ys/ysmain.htm
University of Sydney	<p>Physics Competition</p> <p>Prizes are available for student and school entries (Years K–12) in pursuit of demonstrating the solution to a physics-based problem or issue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 9351 3201 ◆ Website: www.physics.usyd.edu.au/competition/ ◆ Email: outreach@physics.usyd.edu.au
Waterwatch Australia	<p>Race Around the Catchment</p> <p>A national competition coordinated by Waterwatch Australia as part of National Water Week. Schools produce a 3 minute video or take a photo that highlights the importance of water catchment issues across Australia. The Hunter region has its own Waterwatch Facilitator to assist schools entering the competition (Years K – 12).</p> <p>Australian Junior Water Prize</p> <p>A competition for individuals or small groups of senior high school students who carry out a water science project. The cash prize is sponsored by Waterwatch Australia and the Australian Water Association (AWA).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ph: (02) 4930 1030 (Hunter Region) ◆ Website: www.waterwatch.org.au ◆ Ph: 1300 361 426 (AWA) ◆ Website: www.awa.asn.au/about/awards/sjwp.asp ◆ Email: ijarman@awa.asn.au



Information, Guest Speakers & Workshops: LOCAL OPTIONS FOR SCHOOLS

Before making contact...

There is no guarantee that the people and organisations outlined in the following table will be able to respond to all requests for guest speaker or workshop presentations. As well, some community-based organisations and individuals may require a fee for their services to help cover costs.

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Aboriginal Heritage	<p>Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council Administrative Assistant (Marissa Jamieson) Ph: (02) 4934 8511 Email: mlalccdep@ozemail.com.au</p>						
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