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News from the RDO – Grant opportunities

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Indian Ocean Territories (IOT) Marine Parks Grants

The [IOT Marine Parks Grants](#) will support the establishment of two new marine parks around Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands over a three-year period, with \$2.2 million allocated to this program. To assist with your thinking, check out the *Indian Ocean Territories Marine Parks Grant: Grant Opportunity Guidelines* document which provides some excellent possible projects you can explore, from helping tourists and locals to experience the marine parks, to scientific research and collecting cultural and historical knowledge of the marine environment.

The program aims to:

- enhance the protection, promotion, and understanding of and local engagement in the marine environment and marine parks; and
- support local employment and ecologically sustainable economic growth.

If your idea aligns with the program objectives you should consider applying. Applications close (soon!) 23 June 2022.

Community Assistance 2022/23 – Christmas Island

The Shire of Christmas Island invites organisations to apply for assistance with projects, events or activities planned for the 2022/23 financial year. The funding aims to assist community organisations in the provision of services and facilities for the benefit of the Christmas Island community. Application forms are available from reception at the George Fam office during opening hours or on the [Shire's website](#). Applications are due by 30 June 2022.

Community Funding Program - Cocos (Keeling) Islands

The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands encourages local businesses to apply for the Community Funding Program. The program aims to improve amenities and stimulate business activity. Local businesses may receive grants of up to 50% of the total project cost, up to a maximum of \$3,000. Application forms can be obtained from the Community Development Coordinator cdc@cocos.wa.gov.au. Applications are due by 30 June 2022.



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Women's Leadership Development Scholarships

[Women & Leadership Australia](#) deliver leadership programs that combine applied learning with the latest in leadership theory and practice. Women & Leadership Australia programs are designed for women of all levels of leadership experience working across various industries in Australia. Women & Leadership Australia are offering Development Scholarships of up to \$5,000 per person. Applications close 10 June 2022.

Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program

The [Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships program](#) aims to improve access, educational opportunities and attainment for regional and remote Australians by supporting undergraduate, postgraduate, and vocational education and training students. The scholarship provides up to \$18,000 to students undertaking study at the Certificate IV to PhD level. A further \$500 is available for students who undertake a relevant internship. Students from the IOT commencing study in 2022 are eligible to apply. Applications are open until the 1,000 places available are fully allocated.

Strengthening Rural Communities – Rebuilding Regional Communities Program

The Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal has announced a new round of grant funding for the [Strengthening Rural Communities – Rebuilding Regional Communities](#). Grants are available for a broad range of community-led initiatives that assist communities to recover from and adapt to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding is provided to support community-led initiatives that:

- enhance the process of recovery from the COVID pandemic for remote, rural and regional communities;
- reduce social isolation and foster stronger, more resilient remote, rural and regional communities; and/or
- sustain local, regional, rural and remote organisations and their work.

Applications for the current round close 30 August 2022.

Saluting their Service Commemorative Grants Program

The [Saluting their Service Commemorative Grants Program](#) is designed to:

- preserve Australia's wartime heritage;
- involve people around the country in a wide range of projects and activities that highlight the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel in wars, conflicts and peace operations; and



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- promote appreciation and understanding of the experiences of service and the roles that those who served have played in shaping the nation.

The closing date for the first round is 9 June 2022, 11 October 2022 for the second round and 7 February 2023 for the third round.

2022 Heywire Competition

[Heywire](#) puts young Australians at the centre of the conversations that shape their communities. Heywire encourages young people (aged 16-22) to tell stories about their life in regional or rural Australia in text, photo, video or audio format.

Applications for the [2022 Heywire Competition](#) close on 16 September 2022.

Looking for a grant?

Are you looking for a grant but are not sure where to start? For links to grant websites to get you started head to the [Grants section on the RDO's website](#) and like the [Administrator's Facebook page](#) for updates.

Grant checklist for businesses

Do you want to apply for government funding or an assistance program to help your business conduct research, grow or recover? The Australian Government has developed [The Check](#) to help you determine if you are ready to apply for a grant. The Check will help you understand the grant application process and guide you through the steps you need to take to improve your chances of a successful grant application.