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### Helping hand for grass roots environmental initiatives

The Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) has this week announced the introduction of its Environmental Micro Grants program, providing funding of up to \$1,500 to eligible applicants.

GAWB Chief Operating Officer, Mr John Tumbers, said the aim of the program was to provide funding for environmentally focused projects, programs and activities within the Gladstone community.

“Through the Environmental Micro Grants program, we’re aiming to support initiatives that improve environmental outcomes, improve the community’s awareness and understanding of environmental issues and encourage community participation in environmental activities,” Mr Tumbers said.

“As a micro grant, funding for each application is capped at \$1,500, to ensure we can support the greatest number of initiatives.”

Mr Tumbers said he would love to see applications received that support environmental education.

“I think community engagement, education and behavior change programs can result in the greatest impact, protecting and conserving our environment,” Mr Tumbers said.

“Programs that develop knowledge, skills, and an ongoing community commitment to protecting the environment are well suited to this Micro Grants program”.

GAWB’s Environmental Micro Grants will be offered in two rounds, closing 31 March and 31 September. More details and application forms are available at [www.gawb.qld.gov.au](http://www.gawb.qld.gov.au)

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