

Round 25 Net Zero Grants 2023 - 24						
No.	Applicant and Project name	Amount applied for	Amount agreed inc GST	Brief description	Summary of Comments	*Avg score out of 5
1	St Ives Primary School - P&C Moveable kitchen garden and canteen makeover	\$3,007.05	\$3,007.05	To establish a kitchen garden in moveable wicking beds that can be wheeled to the front of the canteen during opening times. Also to makeover the front of the canteen doors in Blackboard paint and decorative elements in a fresh food theme.	Meets criteria of waste within net zero, as well as improving community understanding and action to a high standard. Application is succinct and justifies all costs and requested amounts comprehensively. Supporting documents provide concrete evidence of their claims.	4.6
2	Energyze North Shore Inc. - Electrify for Environment	\$2,967	\$2,967	Presentation by guest speaker to audience on electrifying their lives, followed by Uptake of Solar Sessions.	Meets criteria of energy within net zero, as well as improving community understanding and action to a high standard. Application is succinct and justifies all costs and requested amounts comprehensively. Supporting documents provide concrete evidence of their claims.	4.6
3	St Ives Preschool Kindergarten - Community composting / food waste network	\$1,640.00	\$1,640	Set up and placement of the compost bins and hungry bin in the two designated areas. Appropriate signage and information sharing for families on how they can be involved in the process.	Meets criteria of waste within net zero, as well as improving community understanding and action to a high standard. Application is succinct and justifies all costs and requested amounts comprehensively.	4.6
4	Cromehurst School Lindfield - Cromehurst Cafe and Bushtucker / edible Garden	\$3,000.00	\$3,000	Helping students with disability learn more about where food comes from, edible gardening and recycling.	Meets criteria of waste within net zero, as well as improving community understanding and action to a high standard. Application is succinct and justifies all costs and requested amounts comprehensively.	4.4
5	Electrifying Bradfield Inc. - Gordon Rooftop Solar Initiative	\$3,477	\$3,477	Aim is to host a series of public meetings for residents of the 2072 postcode region (Gordon) with the aim of increasing the penetration of rooftop solar in the area.	Meets criteria of energy within net zero, as well as improving community understanding and action to a high standard. Application is succinct and justifies all costs and requested amounts comprehensively.	4
6	Bedes Forest Community Garden Committee - Establishment of Bedes Forest Community Garden	\$3,450	\$0	Our project is to establish a new community edible garden at Bedes Forest in St Ives.	Meets criteria of waste within net zero, as well as improving community understanding and action to a high standard. Unfortunately, it is unlikely the site will be complete by the acquittal deadline - more likely to be around June 2025. And even then, it is not certain what kind of space they will be getting, so it's very difficult to get a concept design going prior to this. Therefore, the project will not be acquitted in time, and is not eligible for funding. Further, we cannot fund volunteer training workshop, accommodation or travel.	3.6
7	West Pymble Public School P&C - Green Canteen	\$9,000	\$3,186.50	West Pymble PS 'Green Canteen' project is a phased initiative to reduce single-use plastic and other waste products from the school canteen.	Meets criteria of waste within net zero, as well as improving community understanding and action to a high standard. However, instead of 350 bottles and cutlery (1 per student), have a return system at the canteen - have 50 available to borrow and return. Like a bottle/cutlery library. Students should still be encouraged to bring their own bottles and cutlery. This would make the quote - for the water fountain \$2629, 50 bottles \$410, 50 cutlery sets \$147.50. Total \$3186.50.	3.4
8	Early Education (EarlyEd) Inc. - Cubby House Toy Library	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Establish a Click and Collect service in the Ku-ring-gai Council Area as an extension of the Cubby House Toy Library.	Although application has a lot of merit and the project looks very promising, we cannot fund a 'project coordinator'. Money cannot be transferred to personal bank accounts, it must be paid via invoice to an ABN certified contractor. As the 'project coordinator' is integral to the success of the project, not certain if we should partially fund any of the other expenses. \$3600 project coordinator, \$600 volunteer coordinator, \$420 travel (\$4620 all together for ineligible costs.)	3.2
9	Ravenswood School for Girls - Worm Farms for the Junior School	\$600	\$600	Providing and maintaining worm farms in the Junior School to promote recycling and zero-waste life habits.	Appears to meet waste criteria of net zero. Application is succinct and justifies all reasonable costs. Would be good to see further evidence of how this can help the school educate the students on Net Zero, as well as a further detailed Education plan. Would be great to have Sally Eriksen assist in the delivery.	2.7
10	Gordon East P&C Association - Environs Committee - GEPS Waste Management & Recycling	\$6,507	\$4,499.00	GEPS is looking to provide a consistent recycling solution across the school via the use of visually engaging and user-friendly recycling bins.	Meets criteria of waste within net zero, as well as improving community understanding and action to a high standard. Application has merit, however unsure of the need for blue bins, as there is no evidence of contractor collecting paper specific waste stream? We will approve the cost of the red landfill and yellow co-mingled recycling bins 2023/200786. School will also need to undertake a Waste Audit via Enviromentors to ensure the successful delivery of this project. Sally Allport from the Waste Team has approved 2023/201016.	2.6

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11	Ku-ring-gai High School - Sustainable Waste Management	\$11,000	\$5,961.85	The project focuses on waste reduction through the implementation of a Return and Earn program in our playgrounds, an improved use of water bubblers and composting for our school kitchens.	Application is vague to begin with. No mention of how the new bin systems (compost and recycling station) is going to really work. Minimal explanation of the education plan around this. The water fountain is extremely expensive and looks more like a capital works project. The quote is different to the picture provided, very confusing. Can we recommend the Aqua Bubbler instead for \$2629? x2, so \$5258. And have Sally come in and help with the remaining aspects of the project - work with the Environment Group on setting up a compost system and recycling station. So \$5258 for bubbler, go with ecobin for a recycling station (\$167.95x3=\$503.85), and Compost Revolution compost bin \$200. Total \$5961.85	2.4
12	Northside Montessori School - Planet Paper	\$3,000	\$3,000	This is a student run enterprise where students grow Indigenous plants to colour and embed into recycled paper.	Application is written very well and the project appears to have merit. Would have been better to see closer links to Net Zero criteria. Feedback will be passed onto Northside Montessori.	2.2
13	Sustainability Team Lindfield Learning Village - Edible Gardens	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Create a garden with edible herbs and vegetables that will be used as part of the TAS lessons by the students	Appears to have good initiative, and meets waste criteria, as well as improving community understanding/action of net zero in waste. The application however was vague in terms of which school they actually represent, and the supporting documentation could have been explained more clearly. Feedback will be passed on.	2
14	Wahroonga Adventist School - Recycling Bin System	\$3,000	\$3,000	Our school has just recently begun our composting journey. To assist our students with this we require recycling bin solutions and composting bin systems to help us establish this initiative.	Project has merit, however application is quite vague with minimal link back to the Net Zero criteria. The supporting documentation was also very limited. Feedback will be passed onto the school.	1.6
	TOTAL	\$57,648.05	\$36,338.40	Remaining funds going to Conservation - \$13,661.60		

The project must deliver one of the following:

- Increase community understanding of Net Zero and how to reduce emissions in their own lifestyle
- Increase community action taken to reduce emissions in energy, waste and transport

Applicants will also need to demonstrate how their project:

- Provides a measurable benefit to the Ku-ring-gai environment or community.
- Partners with local groups/people to achieve its goals.
- Can effectively meet its objectives.

Score of 1 to 5:

- 5 = Excellent** The assessment criteria are met to a very high standard and claims are fully substantiated. Relevant and concrete evidence or examples are provided.
- 4 = Good** The assessment criteria are met to a high standard. Claims are well-substantiated.
- 3 = Acceptable** The assessment criteria are met to a consistent and acceptable standard with no major shortcomings. Claims are adequately substantiated.
- 2 = Weak** The assessment criteria are not fully met. Some claims are unsubstantiated and some strategies appear inadequate.
- 1 = Not Satisfactory** The assessment criteria are inadequately addressed. Most claims are unsubstantiated and a number of strategies appear unworkable.