

Gone Fishing Day Grants Funding Guidelines

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Purpose of guidelines

These guidelines provide essential information for all applicants wishing to apply for Gone Fishing Day Grants.

Objective

Gone Fishing Day is run each year in October and aims **to promote and celebrate fishing as a fun, healthy, outdoors activity for the whole family and your friends.**

It doesn't matter if you haven't fished before or if you're the keenest of anglers, Gone Fishing Day is for everyone.

On Gone Fishing Day, DPI Fisheries hosts a series of six free community fishing events around the state.

Recreational fishing clubs, organisations and community groups are also invited each year to apply for grants of up to \$2,000 to purchase items required to run their own Gone Fishing Day events, such as casting and fishing workshops and information sessions, on or around Gone Fishing Day. The grants can be used to purchase fishing gear, bait, food and soft drinks and equipment hire etc. Activities to restore fish habitat, through replanting and/or weeding creek banks, on Gone Fishing Day are also eligible to apply. Clubs can also apply for Gone Fishing Day packages (non-monetary) consisting of rod and reel sets, bags, giveaways and advisory information for participants attending events.

Gone Fishing Day events and activities are supported by DPI Fisheries and the Recreational Fishing Trust.

The program is administered by the NSW Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries.

Eligibility

Any organisation can apply, including fishing clubs and organisations related to promoting recreational fishing. To apply for funds all clubs, organisations and community groups must be incorporated in Australia. Individuals are not eligible.

Types of projects funded

Applicants can apply for grants to purchase items such as fishing gear, bait, food and non-alcoholic drinks, equipment hire, etc. to run a local Gone Fishing Day event and associated activities, such as:

- casting and fishing workshops
- fishing information sessions
- fish habitat restoration activities such as replanting and/or weeding creek banks

To receive a funding grant, successful applicants will be required to enter into a Funding Deed and submit a written report on your completed event. Organisations will also need to submit invoices as a condition of receiving funding instalments.

Alternatively, if clubs do not want to enter into a funding deed, you can apply for a Gone Fishing Day package consisting of rod and reel sets, bags, giveaways and advisory information for participants attending events.

Eligibility criteria to be addressed when applying for a grant

- Organisations must be incorporated.
- Only one application for funding will be accepted per organisation per project.
- Applications must be completed in full, including the budget section (with sufficient detail to enable a sound assessment).
- The activities should be scheduled to occur on or within 4 weeks of Gone Fishing Day.

Assessment criteria to be addressed when applying for a grant

- Gone Fishing Day project activities must relate to the promotion of recreational fishing or fish habitat restoration and the overall objective of the Gone Fishing Day Grants program.
- Projects must have an accurate, cost effective budget which shows value for money. Contributing funding or 'in-kind' contribution by the applicant and other project partners should be included in the budget, where relevant. Example expense items could include purchase of fishing gear, bait, food and non-alcoholic drinks, equipment hire, etc. to run a local Gone Fishing Day event or fish habitat restoration related expense items.
- Gone Fishing Day should not be on private land or land with no public access (where relevant). Activities must be as accessible as possible.
- the adequacy of expertise within the project team.
- Project activities should not include commercial ventures or materials developed for a primarily commercial purpose.
- Project activities should not include running the business of organisations/clubs.

How to apply

The application form for a grant or a fishing package can be downloaded electronically online at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/go-fishing-nsw> or contact 02 4424 7429 if you would like a form mailed to you.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Organisations that are GST registered must quote GST exclusive prices in their project item costings in the grant application. If your organisation is not GST registered, your organisation will still pay GST on goods and services, therefore you need to quote GST inclusive prices in your costings.

Submitting the form

- Email to gofishing.nsw@dpi.nsw.gov.au

or

- Mail to: Gone Fishing Day Grants
NSW DPI Fisheries
LMB 3020
Nowra NSW 2541

NOTE – email is the preferred method of receiving application forms. If you email your application, there is no need to send a hard copy by mail. Receipt of applications will only be acknowledged on request.

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