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Environment Fund applications open for Northern Territory schools

Northern Territory public schools and TAFEs have the chance to bring their environmental projects to life, with Teachers Environment Fund applications opening on Monday, 2 August.

The Teachers Environment Fund will award grants to public schools and TAFEs in the Northern Territory (NT) and other states of up to \$5,000 each to assist in long-term sustainability projects.

Steve James, CEO of Teachers Credit Union, said the Teachers Environment Fund was a great opportunity for teachers in Northern Territory schools to kick start or expand their environmental projects.

"Past Teachers Environment Fund winners in the Northern Territory are reaping environmental and social rewards from their sustainability projects. Acacia Hill School, Alcoota School and Tennant Creek High School successfully implemented sustainable garden and water projects in their classrooms," Mr James said.

The Credit Union awards grants to schools that submit environmental proposals demonstrating:

- Viable long-term projects
- Links to a broader environmental education strategy
- Support from the school community
- Effective monitoring

Mr James said Teachers Credit Union is strongly committed to supporting the education community.

"We want to give teachers hands-on tools which not only help sustainability, but also provide them with practical teaching examples that embed sustainability into students' thinking. These projects help ensure the next generation recognise that their actions as individuals and as a group can make a difference" Mr. James said.

Teachers Credit Union is also encouraging its members to 'think green' and become environmentally minded. For every member who signs up to receive online instead of paper statements, a donation of \$1 is contributed to the Teachers Environment Fund (\$30,000 per year).

Since 2008, the Teachers Environment Fund has distributed over \$110,000 to 34 public schools and TAFEs across the NT, ACT, NSW and WA. Applications for the August round of the Teachers Environment Fund close on Friday, 17 September.

To apply for a Teachers Environment Fund grant, please visit the website at <http://www.teachersenvirofund.com.au/>

About Teachers Credit Union

Teachers Credit Union is one of the largest credit unions in Australia, with more than 155,000 members nationally and assets of \$3 billion.

The Teachers Environment Fund is a Teachers Credit Union initiative to assist public schools and TAFEs in their long-term sustainability. With two rounds of winners annually, the Teachers Environment Fund awards 10 grants in October and May.

For further enquiries on how to become a member or to apply for a grant, please visit the website on www.teacherscreditunion.com.au

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