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Applicant Details

Organisation name: : Society for the Preservation of Raptors Inc.

Organisation Address: : [REDACTED]

Applicant position: : [REDACTED]

Applicant name: : [REDACTED]

Contact number: : [REDACTED]

Email: : [REDACTED]

Activity Details (note; activity encompasses both events and/or projects)

Name of your activity: : Owl Pellet Dissection

Proposed Date(s) for activity: : During Science Week

Proposed location: : Perth / Margaret River

Target Audience : School-age children and families

Expected number of attendees : 20 - 50 per venue

Please describe in detail your planned activity. Be sure to address how your activity meets all mandatory criteria, and any desirable criteria.

Note: your answers will be used to weight your application.

Successful grant applicants will be able to meet the following mandatory criteria:

It engages the general public with an innovative and science based event or project

Is held in August 2017, ideally during National Science Week (August 12-20th; note events may occur anytime during the month of August and still promoted as a National Science Week event)

Is free for general public to attend.

Your organisation and other partner organisations have not received small grants from WA Committee in 2016.

The grant covers the cost of consumables, promotional materials costs (and costs for invited speakers if required), but not event coordination or staff delivery costs.

You plan to evaluate your activity by collecting feedback from participants*

You will be able to complete a report upon the conclusion of your activity.*

***Both feedback and reporting templates will be provided by Scitech.**

Desirable criteria include:

Involves two or more organisations working in partnership to coordinate or deliver the activity.

Activity partners with or aims to engage underrepresented, or disadvantaged groups with science (e.g. minority groups, multicultural, indigenous, low socio-economic, disability, regional or remote groups)

Involve new or emerging programs that have not been part of National Science Week before.

Create an opportunity for attendees to further explore science activities in their local area after the activity.

Uses National Science week as a launching point for a broader program or event with lasting impacts or outcomes

We plan to run our activity in two locations - at a Library within the City of Swan in the Perth Metropolitan Area and at the Eagles Heritage Raptor Wildlife Centre in Margaret River on a day between 12-20 August.

The activity in question comprises two parts: the first is a presentation with an educator featuring live birds

of prey and owls, entitled Raptors and Owls in our Environment. This covers the role of raptorial species within the WA environment, particularly within the locality where each activity is being held. We will cover the food pyramid and highlight the risks of secondary poisoning which can occur as a result of widespread use of common household pesticides (particularly anticoagulant rodenticides.) We explain how native raptors and owls come in to care and how we can try to minimise harm and maximise benefit to wildlife in our daily lives.

The second part of the activity is the owl pellet dissection. For approximately one week prior to the activity, our rehabilitation team will feed selected Barn Owls purely on mice and collect the pellets which are regurgitated. These will then be wrapped in foil and sterilised. Attendees will pair up and the group will discuss safety and hygiene. We will discuss the raptorial and strigine digestive process and describe how a pellet is formed and cast. Working in pairs, the attendees will then dissect the pellets and attempt to reassemble a mouse skeleton using a laminated template at each workstation.

Attendees will be encouraged to take home a range of helpful free 'raptor fact sheets' with information on things like managing pests without using poisons, resolving conflicts between humans and raptors and what to do if you find injured wildlife.

This activity provides an overview of local ecosystems with a focus on native raptorial species, then provides an exercise in introductory scatology for the attendees.

Our activity will engage members of the public in environmental education. When our members conduct these activities for paying groups, they are very popular and are usually booked out. Providing free sessions during Science Week will enable us to extend the message to those who might not generally attend paid sessions.

Our plan is to select a day (probably Tuesday or Wednesday) during the week to try and engage with school groups and interested adults. Depending on the level of interest, we may be able to run a session on a weekend. If our application is successful we plan to take some community soundings and select the day which will make the activity accessible to the most people. There will be at least two sessions run at the Perth venue with one at Margaret River (we have fewer volunteers available at the regional venue.)

If we are successful in obtaining funding, we will be able to make the activity free. We usually have to charge to cover our costs.

We have not received any small grants from you in the past, 2016 included.

The grant will cover the cost of the venue in Margaret River (the City of Swan is providing a venue for free), speakers fees, equipment, consumables (including the extra mice which cost \$13 per bag of 50 and are quite literally consumed by the birds) and advertising, which will be done with local newspapers in Perth and Margaret River as well as paid facebook advertising via the Society for the Preservation of Raptors Inc's page, the WA Bird of Prey Centre page and the Eagles Heritage Raptor Wildlife Centre page.

The City of Swan is supporting our activity by providing a free venue and some free promotion.

By holding one of the events in Margaret River we hope to engage community members in the Lower South West.

Students, parents, families and teachers will be encouraged to further observe and explore their local environments and encounter wildlife in a safe and respectful manner.

Our volunteers are available to present further tailored learning programmes to schools and community groups.

Please ensure that your activity will address the mandatory criteria to be eligible for funding:

Note: The responses to criteria will be used to rank your application

Please tick boxes to indicate that your activity meets the mandatory criteria, as a 'Yes – we meet this criteria'. Any unchecked boxes will be indicative to a 'no' response and could impact your application. *If you cannot answer 'Yes' by ticking the boxes, please address why the 'Other, write-in' box accompanying the mandatory criteria.*

****Both participant feedback survey and reporting templates will be provided by Scitech to successful grant applicants.***

I confirm that my activity engages the general public with an innovative and science based event or project:
I confirm that my activity will be held in August 2017, ideally during National Science Week (August 12-20th; note activities may occur anytime during month of August and still be promoted as a National Science Week event):

I confirm that the activity is free for the general public to attend.:

I confirm that my organisation and other partner organisations have not received a small grant from the WACC for National Science Week in 2016.

I confirm that this grant will help to cover the cost of consumables, promotional materials costs, speakers, catering or venue hire, but not event coordination or staff delivery costs:

I confirm that we plan to evaluate our activity by collecting feedback from participants.*

I understand that should I be a successful applicant I will be required to complete a report upon the conclusion of the activity. *

Please provide your proposed budget of expenditure for your requested grant funding (e.g. marketing, consumables, etc.). Please also provide any in-kind costs (e.g. Staffing and/or volunteer contributions) you expect for the activity.

Example Budget Table:

Item	Budget
Marketing (posters and paid Facebook advertising)	\$ 750
Tshirts for volunteers	\$ 500
20 volunteers x 8 hrs	(In-Kind)

TOTAL

* Please note that small grants are meant for applications of up to \$2,000 (excl. GST).

Note: We expect that you will be able to comply with the following for your activity in order to receive funding:

Spend at least 15% of grant on advertising and promotion – this can be flyers, paid Facebook advertising, newspaper ads etc.

If you are successful, that you will be able to submit a valid tax invoice to Scitech to receive funds no later than the 30th May 2017.

Venue costs (Margaret River) - \$300

Speakers fees (combined) - \$500

Consumables (combined) - \$150

(This covers disinfectant, hand sanitiser, extra mice for the birds in the week leading up to the event, disposable tablecloths, gloves, paper towels, printing, laminating, foil, autoclave tape, disposable aprons, forceps, probes, waste disposal etc.)

Advertising - \$300

(West Australian Newspapers/Fairfax Media, Facebook.)

Volunteers (Perth) 2 x 4 hours (in kind)

Volunteers (Perth) 1 x 3 hours (in kind)

Volunteers (Margaret River) 1 x 2 hours (in kind)

Perth Venue (in kind)

Graphic design work for advertising (in kind)

Free admission to Eagles Heritage flight display (in kind)

Total amount of grant funding requested in this proposal

\$1,250

How will this grant and the support of the WACC help enable your activity?

Normally, we are obliged to charge a fee for participants in our activities in order to cover our costs. A grant and the support of the WACC will enable us to extend free activities to an audience that might not otherwise be engaged. As a wildlife rehabilitation group, we believe that our message about secondary poisoning is an important one in terms of animal welfare and our aim is to disseminate as much information as we possibly can to as wide an audience as we can reach.

2. Thank You

Thank you for your interest in National Science Week.

You have successfully submitted your application for the WACC small grants for National Science Week in 2017! We will be in touch in early May to let you know the outcome of your application.

Sincerely,

The Western Australian Coordinating Committee (WACC) for National Science Week

Confirmation Email

Apr 20, 2017 08:00:46 Success: Email Sent to: [REDACTED]