

ABOUT THE AWARDS THIS YEAR



EDUGROW

EduGrow Awards are now underway in Term 4!

Fun, short & sweet – get involved, celebrate what’s growing at your school!

EduGrow is all about growing good food, good learning and good times at school to celebrate healthy food, family and community connections that help build health, wellbeing and resilience.

The spirit of the awards is that everyone who participates is a winner and it’s really easy to enter. So, get involved, have fun and celebrate what your school has been growing this year and what you will do in the garden this ‘season’ in Term 4!

The awards recognise the wonderful efforts of students, teachers and school communities in remote, rural and regional areas who create engaging food gardens and outdoor learning places and activities in them. They celebrate the people and projects who are making a difference to improve student participation, learning and health and wellbeing in inclusive, fun ways at school.

The Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation (ALPA) are EduGrow’s Founding Partner who have generously provided sponsorship and other support to help the Remote Indigenous Gardens Network and Foodswell run the awards since 2012. Thank you ALPA!

We’re creating a new dedicated EduGrow website to share resources, ideas and inspiration and as a home for this years awards and more. It’s up and running and it is a work in progress that we would love your input to! Go to the website to register your interest in the awards or you can ask questions and get in touch with us by email: edugrowoffice@gmail.com.

Short and sweet – EduGrow’s six award topics you can choose to enter

The awards are now underway and will run throughout Term 4 with entries due by Wednesday 25 November. Register your interest online or by email and submit your entry to us by email.

There are six award topics or ‘learning areas’ that you can enter. They provide lots of scope to have fun, be creative and to celebrate what your school and community have got growing.

EduGrow incorporates the overall themes of **Sustainability, People and Place, and Food, Family and Community**. This year we’re celebrating the UN Year of Soil, seasonal calendars, recipes and more! You can choose to submit an entry in one or more of the six award topics and you can draw on work you’ve done throughout the year or that you may have underway or start during Term 4. It’s up to you!



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EduGrow 2015 six award topics – choose to enter one or more!

<p>1. Healthy Soil for Healthy Food and People Show and tell us what you learnt about and did to create and care for healthy, productive soil in the UN Year of Soils.</p>
<p>2. Seasonal Growing Calendars for where you live! What special 'season' is it in Term 4 where you are? Create a seasonal calendar of what to grow this term that your school and community can use to help grow good food next year. You may like to link it with a bush foods calendar for where you live!</p>
<p>3. Planning and Making Special Places Show and tell us what you've done to plan, design or create a new garden or to design and create special 'places' or artistic features in your school garden.</p>
<p>4. Special Visitors and Teamwork Show and tell us about school and community teamwork and partnerships at your school that helped to plan, build and grow your garden and/or features in it.</p>
<p>5. Healthy Food and People Create and illustrate healthy recipes from your school and community that use garden produce and/or that are special to your community and culture. Tell us why they are healthy and special!</p>
<p>6. Enterprise Projects and Activities Develop an enterprise plan or show and tell us about an enterprise project or activity at your school that used produce from your garden or helped make healthy food more available.</p>

PLUS – A new, optional Local Leaders and Legends Recognition Award

This year there is a new recognition award that provides an opportunity for you to nominate special people and quiet achievers from your school and community. Celebrate and 'nominate' one or more people from your school and community for their special contributions to your school garden and activities in it by completing and submitting the separate 'Nomination form' for the Local Leaders and Legends Recognition Awards.

What will the judges be looking for?

Everyone who participates is a winner and every entry will be recognised! Cash and in-kind prizes will be awarded to the top three entries in each of the six award topic areas.



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The judging criteria and process will ensure recognition of everyone's achievements with due consideration of student ages, school size, remoteness, experience and resources.

The criteria for judging of the six award topics are:-

- Effort and achievement
- Creativity
- Sustainability – for the environment and your school and community
- Innovative use of local knowledge and resources
- Student engagement and participation - kids teaching kids

Will be the Local Leaders and Legends Recognition Awards be judged?

Nominations for these awards won't be judged! This award is all about celebrating special people and quiet achievers who have made a valued contribution. They will be recognised in a variety of ways that may include the opportunity for them to share their story via EduGrow and RIG News communications if they would like to.

EduGrow and the EduGrow Recognition Awards – why participate?

There are many fabulous school gardens and programs across remote, regional and rural Australia that you may already be involved with. EduGrow recognises and aims to build upon these and to especially encourage, support and connect schools and people in remote, regional and rural areas who are doing special things where they live.

By entering the EduGrow 2015 awards your school and community can:-

- Be in the running to win up to \$1500 in prizemoney plus other in-kind prizes:-
 - \$250 to be awarded to the best entry in each of EduGrow's six award topics
 - Special in-kind prizes for second and third place in each of the six award topics.
 - Other in-kind prizes for achievement – such as garden equipment or signed gardening, recipe and other books by some very special people!
- Receive special EduGrow Recognition Award Certificates
- Celebrate your students, teachers, school and community achievements
- Nominate people for the Local Leaders and Legends Recognition Awards
- Opt to share your stories, pictures and other materials on the Edugrow website and blog
- Kids and schools teach kids and schools! Opt to share your stories and achievements via gardening and recipe E-Books and other resources we aim to produce to share with Edugrowers and 'more' schools and communities
- Help inspire other students and schools to grow on!

Special ALPA Prize: Schools and community groups who work with them and are located in communities where there is an ALPA owned or managed store in the Northern Territory, Queensland or Torres Strait will also be in the running to receive the **Special ALPA Award for Overall Achievement.**

Have fun and help build a community of Edugrowers by entering the awards this year. If you'd like to, you can also contribute to the new EduGrow website, newsletter, blog and social media. It's all in the spirit of sharing news, ideas, resources and tips, celebrating your students and their garden achievements and – while you're at it! - helping to inspire other kids, schools and families to grow good food, good learning and good times at school.



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Who can enter?

This year the EduGrow awards are again open to all schools in Arnhem Land as well as schools from across remote, rural and regional Australia who are all very warmly invited to participate¹.

The EduGrow 2015 awards build upon the EduGrow School Garden Awards that have run in Arnhem Land since 2012. Over the years a number of schools from other remote and regional areas have asked if they can be involved so this year we hope they will!

We especially encourage schools in ALPA member communities, communities that have ALPA Managed Stores and where ALPA trades as Island and Cape in Queensland and the Torres Strait to enter. So too, remote schools who may work with our friends at organisations such as the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, the EON Foundation, Western Australia and the Royal Botanic Gardens Community Greening and Youth Community Greening teams in remote and rural NSW.

Entries may be submitted by:

- Your school, your class and/or by individual students with their teacher's approval.
- Community groups who have worked in conjunction with their school.
- By schools small and large and with students of different ages.

* The judging process will ensure recognition of everyone's achievements with due consideration of student ages, school size, remoteness, experience and resources.

Many community groups in remote areas help build gardens and outdoor features at their school – especially after cyclones and other dramatic events! So this year community groups who have undertaken projects in conjunction with their school, are invited to enter the EduGrow awards with their school. See Entry Forms for details.

How to Enter

Submit your entry forms and suggested attachments for each topic to us by email. Have fun and tell us the story of what you have achieved, planned and learnt in words and through pictures, artwork, film and other creative ways! **A few key steps:**

1. Register your interest to enter the Awards online or by email via edugrowoffice@gmail.com
2. Read the Information Pack – four documents, online at www.edugrow.com.au
3. Choose which topic (one or more) you want to enter.
4. Submit one Entry Form with attachments for each topic that you wish to enter and submit by email by 5pm, Wednesday, November 25.

The **EduGrow School and Community Garden Recognition Awards 2015** are managed by Foodswell Limited that incorporates the Remote Indigenous Gardens Network. The awards are made possible with the generous support of ALPA and Foodswell donors and volunteers.

If you have queries or would like further information please contact: Anthea Fawcett / Lily Brouwer-French, Managers, EduGrow School and Community Garden Recognition Awards 2015, edugrowoffice@gmail.com

¹ The Edugrow Awards are not open to schools that are located in large metropolitan areas and capital cities.



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