

RIG Network News #1 October 09

POTENTIAL FUNDING SUPPORT FOR GARDENS, 2 programs open now and closing soon

Hello there,

Hope you found the feedback from the surveys interesting reading. Below is a quick news update to let you and colleagues know about two possible funding opportunities that might be relevant to you and gardens you are working with or helping to set up. Information about both are on the RIG Network website and you can go directly to the links below for further information.

CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY - COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

Under a joint Natural Resource Management project funded by the Australian Government, Community Action Grants are now open for applications. These grants are for \$5,000 – \$20,000 and can be used to support sustainable farming and Indigenous groups.

For more info and to apply,

visit <http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/cag.html> Applications close **22 Oct 2009**

** This program does have a focus on natural resource management, but there looks to be good scope to seek support for sustainable agriculture and garden related activities in and by remote Indigenous communities. **Check out the Guidelines document on their website, especially Section 2.3 Eligible Activities** - eg. these include 'activities to record and use traditional ecological knowledge' which might work well for groups wanting to include bush foods in gardens or set up bush food gardens.*

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation provides grant and other support to assist schools establish gardens as part of an integrated curriculum program that also

includes healthy nutrition and eating education that is taught in a 'kitchen' classroom using produce from the school garden. Established in Victoria, the program is now run nationally and the Foundation is keen to receive applications from Government Schools in remote and regional areas of Australia. The 2009 call for grant applications to support required infrastructure is **now open and closes October 20**.

To download the application form and information pack go to

<http://www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au/grants-national.shtml>.

NEWS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE NETWORK?

If you've got news or information you'd like us to share with the network via a quick email-newsletter like this, let us know and we'll happily forward it on - or post it on the forums page on the RIG website at www.remoteindigenousgardens.net.

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