

Future Earth Australia Community Science Initiative

Guidelines for Communities

Future Earth Australia, in collaboration with Thriving Earth Exchange, is currently seeking expressions of interest from community organisations and groups in Australia which are interested in undertaking a community science project to address that community's sustainability priority or issue.

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Initiative description

Communities selected for this cohort will work collaboratively with Future Earth Australia and selected scientists to design, develop and execute their community science project. Projects are undertaken free of charge to your community and generally run for between 6-18 months.

Community science is the process by which scientists and communities do science together to advance one or more community priorities. It encourages communities, particularly historically marginalised communities, to guide, participate in, learn from, and benefit from science.

This is a great opportunity to:

- Have a pro-bono community scientist work with you to address your community's top sustainability priority
- Have Future Earth Australia handle the planning and development of your community science project for you
- Collaborate directly with community scientists to develop impactful tools and solutions that work for your community.

Application Process

1. Read the following documents (all available on the Future Earth Australia website):
 - a. *Guidelines for Communities* (this document)
 - b. *Eligibility and Selection Criteria* (2 pages)
2. Contact Eleanor Robson, FEA Community Science for Sustainability lead, at eleanor.robson@science.org.au to discuss your project idea and eligibility.
3. Read the following documents:
 - a. [Thriving Earth Exchange Statement on Integrity in Community Science](#) (4 pages)
 - b. [Managing and Understanding Risk in Thriving Earth Exchange](#) (3 pages)
4. Complete the [Expression of Interest form](#).

Expressions of interest are due by 26 June 2020.



About Us

[Future Earth Australia](#)

Future Earth Australia (FEA) is an organisation hosted by the Australian Academy of Science which enables, facilitates and promotes collaboration on sustainability priorities in Australia. FEA believes in a collaborative approach which empowers different kinds of expertise and knowledge to catalyse positive action on sustainability issues of importance to us all.

FEA's projects convene researchers from all kinds of Australian universities, centres and think tanks, industry groups and businesses, governments, civil society advocates and international programs on the sustainability issues that will define our environmental, social and economic future.

[Thriving Earth Exchange](#)

Thriving Earth Exchange is a program hosted by the American Geophysical Union and was launched in 2013. It has exceeded all its initial goals while simultaneously developing a successful and scalable community science approach. By 2019, the program had enabled over 100 projects in communities with a collective population of over 17 million people.

