**Scholarship for Rural and Remote NGO’s & Volunteer Members to attend the**

**2021 AAEE Biennial Conference 28th – 30th September, Mandurah**

**Expressions of Interest (EOI) close 30 August 2021**

The WA Chapter of the Australian Association for Environmental Education (AAEE) invites you to submit an expression of interest for a funded position at the 2021 Biennial Conference in Mandurah. Lotterywest funding will support 30 people with the conference fee and some support for travel and accommodation. The successful applicants will also become members of the WA Chapter for a year. Applicants need to be 18 years and over.

*We invite you to join us in Mandurah, Western Australia for the Australian Association for Environmental Education 21st Biennial Conference.*

*Renowned for its beautiful waterways, internationally recognised wetlands, ancient thrombolites and enchanting plants and wildlife, this global biodiversity hotspot truly is Mandjoogoordap: the meeting place of the heart.*

*Inspired by moving local examples, Aboriginal culture and Mandurah’s relaxed waterside lifestyle, Mandjoogoordap: Changing Tides aims to showcase innovative, practical and effective tools to help you “change the tides” of environmental and sustainability education.*

*The conference program will cater for our diverse membership of community, NGO’s, education, NRM, state and local governments, industry and health. Social events and tours will create abundant opportunities to meet others with ideas, strategies and stories to take home.*

*Join us in the time of Kambarang, the season of birth, when the weather starts to warm, rain eases and we see an abundance of wildflowers and new arrivals. Together, we will explore, discuss and learn from others who are working to empower their communities to action change.*

*Sharing the latest in theory, policy and practice, our focus is turning this conference moment into a movement by challenging old thinking and fostering innovation and futures thinking. We look forward to changing the tides of this incredible field with you, and we welcome you to our Mandurah, our Mandjoogoordap…meeting place of the heart.*

**The Expression of Interest Application**

The EOI applies to NGO’s and volunteers currently working with an environment group in their community. A limit of two volunteers per group applies and they must engage in a mentoring program (this involves attending a pre-conference planning meeting and networking event via Zoom) in the lead-up to the conference. You will be asked to volunteer for some tasks at the conference to assist in the running of the event. After the conference we will support your community project or the implementation of one of the WA Chapter projects listed on our website at [www.aaeewa.org.au](http://www.aaeewa.org.au)

The EOI needs to cover the following points

* Describe a project that you are involved with in your community.
* What benefits will you gain from participating in the AAEE Biennial Conference?
* What projects do you propose to activate for your community?
* Letter of support from the environment group or local government that you are affiliated with.
* Your contact details.

The application form is available here to complete and return to Dr Jennifer Pearson by **30 July 2021** at [info@aaeewa.org.au](mailto:info@aaeewa.org.au)

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| What projects do you propose to activate for your community? 300 words max | | |
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| Affiliated group letter of support is attached | | |
| I agree to become a member of AAEE through the WA Chapter | | |
| I agree to participate in mentoring meetings in the lead up to the AAEE Biennial Conference between August and September, to be determined. | | |
| Signed: | | |