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Permaculture Victoria Grants & Scholarship Bylaws

Bylaws 140727A - Grants & Scholarships (Internal)

Preamble: These are new bylaws, supplementing the Rules of Association, and cover how Permaculture Victoria shall make funds available to individuals and groups, both internal and external, by way of scholarship, grant, seed funding and donation.

1) Trunk will establish two (2) funds, the Clarkson Education Fund, and the Special Projects Fund.

2) Clarkson Education Fund

2.1) The Clarkson Education Fund will provide Scholarships for the Education of Permaculture Victoria Members.

2.2) Members need to have been involved with Permaculture Victoria for at least two years prior to qualify to apply for a scholarship.

2.3) Scholarships will favour local/interstate/overseas solutions in that order.

2.4) Scholarships are for course fees only and exclude travel, accommodation and other expenses.

2.5) Scholarships should be for the learning of a skill directly related to the Permaculture Ethics and Principles. In particular, the chosen topic should be at a low level of expertise within the association at the time of the application and thus expand the depth and depth of permaculture knowledge within the association.

2.6) Successful recipients are expected to show appreciation for their scholarship in kind, usually by disseminating the learned material to the association members through free workshops at the nominal rate of one (1) workshop (1/2 -1 full day as appropriate) per \$100 received, or by other means as deemed mutually suitable by the recipient and Trunk. (An admission donation may be requested of workshop participants to cover expenses, with any excess to be returned to the Clarkson Education Fund for further usage.) A report on such workshop/means is also expected from successful recipients.

2.7) Where possible, scholarships will be paid directly to the service provider for auditing purposes.

2.8) Successful applications are limited to \$500 per grant, with a total of 5% of Clarkson Education Fund funds held to be made available per financial year.

3) Special Projects Fund

3.1) The Special Projects Fund will provide Grants for Asset Acquisition or Event Participation, Seed Funding for major events, and Donations to worthy Permaculture related causes.

3.2) - Grants for Asset Acquisition and/or Event Participation

3.2.1) These grants are available to facilitate a group acquiring equipment and/or hardware, or to assist in the costs of a group participating in an applicable event, where said assets/events are directly related to the Permaculture Ethics and Principles.

3.2.2) These grants are available to groups who do not themselves have sufficient funds for the intended purpose. Preference will be given to groups who make an effort to raise the funds prior to grant application.

3.2.3) Successful applications are limited to \$500 per grant, with a total of 5% of Special Project Fund funds held to be made available per financial year.

3.3) - Grants for Seed Funding

3.3.1) Seed Funding is available to wholly or partially facilitate a major event or conference.

3.3.2) Applicants should present a comprehensive Business Case for the grant, demonstrating that there is good expectation of returning the initial seed funding and a fair expectation of profit.

3.3.3) The granting of Seed Funding carries an expectation of the return of the grant into the Special Projects Fund at the very least, and a profit return if possible.

3.3.4) In the case that a profit is returned, the applicant group may apply for a specific share of the profits. In the case that no such application is made, the profits will be shared 50/50 between the group and the Special Projects Fund.

3.4) - Donations

3.4.1) Permaculture Victoria may decide to donate to a cause that is in line with the Permaculture Ethics and Principles.

3.4.2) The amount of the donation will be determined to offering members the ability to make a personal donation through Permaculture Victoria, with the Special Projects Fund matching the total donations dollar for dollar up to a predetermined limit which will be set on a case by case basis.

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