



# Media release

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## **Crisafulli Government delivers grants to supercharge wildlife conservation and nature-based tourism in Gregory**

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- **Latest round of Engaging Science Grants delivers \$500,000 across 22 recipients.**
- **Three projects in Gregory have received a total of \$70,000**
- **The Crisafulli Government is delivering a better environment for Queenslanders following Labor's decade of decline.**

The Crisafulli Government is supercharging nature-based tourism in Gregory through the latest round of Engaging Science Grants.

Following a record number of applications made, 22 recipients will share in \$500,000 of funding through this latest round.

Three of those recipients are based in the Gregory Electorate, receiving a total of \$70,000.

Alpha has welcomed a \$25,000 funding boost to Stories from the Desert: Outback STEM Eco-Tourism, a project that aims to engage very remote Queensland youth in STEM video-journalism workshops, using prop-based prompts to explore eco-tourism themes such as fossils, artesian water, stars, opals and birds.

Muttaburra is part of the Dinosaur Tourism Collective's Queensland Dinosaur Week "Unearth the Adventure" project. This project received funding of \$20,000 to spark public interest in palaeontology, natural history and science by integrating STEM education into nature-based tourism.

The University of Queensland has received funding of \$25,000 for the Outback to Ocean: Exploring Coral Reefs Through Time and Change project in Winton. Through hands-on workshops, it links ancient inland fossil reefs with living coastal ecosystems. Participants engage with scientists, explore reef systems through citizen science and discover ways to protect reefs from home.

Right across the state, these grants support projects that integrate science or STEM into nature-based tourism.

Grants of up to \$25,000 were available to support events, activities and projects for up to 12 months.

These grants are just one of the ways the Crisafulli Government is delivering a plan for Queensland's future after a decade of decline under Labor.

Minister for Science and Innovation Andrew Powell said Queensland was a key location for nature-based science experiences.

"The Crisafulli Government is investing in trailblazing ideas that showcase how science and tourism together can deliver a better future for Queenslanders," Minister Powell said.

"These projects drive the innovation behind Desination 2045, ensuring Queensland stays at the forefront of cutting-edge sustainable tourism."

Member for Gregory Sean Dillon said the grants would support groups to continue to engage the Gregory community in science, tourism and conservation.

"Queensland is turning the great outdoors into the state's biggest science classroom, which is exactly the kind of bold thinking that sets us apart as a global ecotourism leader," Mr Dillon said.

"By connecting scientific discovery with nature-based experiences, these grants support cutting-edge solutions that showcase Queensland's leadership in sustainable tourism and environmental welfare."

A full list of the 2026 recipients can be found [HERE](#)

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