

Territory Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities and Eco-schools

Be Crocwise school award

Saltwater crocodiles are an important part of the Northern Territory. They are an apex predator and influence the lives of many other animals. They are important to our economy as their presence in the environment provides for many jobs in the intensive animal husbandry and tourism industries. They are also of great importance to the culture of many Indigenous people across the Top End.

Saltwater crocodiles pose a risk to people living in 'crocodile country'. We need to Be Crocwise in areas where saltwater crocodiles live.

The Be Crocwise awards celebrate schools and communities that have recognised the dangers that saltwater crocodiles pose and the steps they have taken to ensure that everyone in their community knows how to stay safe around Territory waterways while still ensuring the ongoing survival of one of the most important animals in our environment.

The winner of the Be Crocwise School Award for 2016 will win a Be Crocwise Trophy and a framed certificate to keep and display at your school and of course the honour of being the first ever Be Crocwise School.

How to enter:

- Fill in the Be Crocwise school entry attached to this nomination form.
- Send your completed entry form to clare.pearce@nt.gov.au or complete the [online form](#)
- Complete the Essential Be Crocwise school activities and at least five of the additional Be Crocwise Schools activities outlined on this form. Make sure you take photos of your Be Crocwise activities for your project report!
- Send your Be Crocwise School activities diary to clare.pearce@nt.gov.au by 1st September 2016.

ESSENTIAL Be Crocwise school elements

Early Years - all classes in the early years must have completed the 'We are a Crocwise classroom' checklist contained in the [Be Crocwise Teaching and Learning Kit](#) in this school year and have their certificate on display.

Primary Years - all classes must have completed a Be Crocwise themed 3 dimensional construction that is on display in the school.

Be Crocwise themes must have been integrated into one class excursion over the past 12 months.

Middle Years - Be Crocwise themed curriculum linked activities must have been delivered as part of at least two different subject areas.

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All schools - All staff in your school must be familiar with the Be Crocwise web page at <http://www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/becrocwise>

ADDITIONAL Be Crocwise school elements

You must complete at least five additional Be Crocwise elements. You can select your additional elements from the suggestion list below or alternatively you can complete your own Be Crocwise project.

One additional Be Crocwise element **MUST** involve students taking the Be Crocwise message out into their community through displays, artwork, radio announcements, etc.

Additional elements can include:

- Carry out one Be Crocwise [‘Kids Teaching Kids’](#) style buddy class activity.
- Ensure that all students and staff within the school body be familiar with the main Be Crocwise messages.
- Make Be Crocwise themed posters and put them on display in the library.
- Make Be Crocwise themed posters and place them in two different locations around the community.
- Make a map of saltwater crocodile habitat close to the school (within 50km) and display it at the school or in a location around the community.
- Produce a Be Crocwise themed fiction or non-fiction story or information booklet-written by the students- and present it in book or poster format in the school library.
- If there are languages other than English spoken in the school community write a Be Crocwise themed fiction or non-fiction story or information booklet in your language and present it in book format/audio format to the school library.
- Make up an amazing Be Crocwise jingle; share it with your community. Send it to the Parks and Wildlife [Community Engagement Unit](#) so we can share it onto the [Parks and Wildlife Commission NT website](#).
- Write a Be Crocwise parent/community survey and have students deliver it to at least 10 different parents or community members, submit your results as part of your project report.
- Devise one Be Crocwise themed activity, other than a poster, that takes the Be Crocwise message out into the local community. This can include Be Crocwise themed market stalls, construction of a Be Crocwise mural in the community, spray painting the Be Crocwise logo onto a local boat ramp or similar facility, a story for your local newspaper, etc. Carry out this activity.

2016 BE CROCWISE School Award entry form

2016 BE CROCWISE School Award contact:

Parks and Wildlife Community Engagement Unit

Clare Pearce

Phone 08 89 738 865

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Return your entries to:

Email: clare.pearce@nt.gov.au

Web: www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise

Name of school: _____

School street address: _____

School Postal address:

Contact Person: _____

Contact email: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Your Be Crocwise School Award submission must be in the form of a project report consisting of at least one photograph and a short paragraph on each of the Be Crocwise activities your school has undertaken.

Your Be Crocwise School Award submission is due by **30 September 2016**.