



Guardians of Goora Gan

Sponsorship Proposal



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Guardians of Goora Gan is a unique opportunity to support the growth and expansion of the Goora Gan Steiner School as it builds its permanent home at 2744 Round Hill Road, Agnes Water in the coming months.

As a Guardian of Goora Gan you will be nurturing the future of the children of Agnes Water and surrounds, as well as the populations of local native bird species including parrots, lorikeets, pardalotes and the endangered Coxen's fig parrot and vulnerable Powerful Owl.

As a Guardian of Goora Gan you will become the guardian of a large Ghost Gum, Melaleuca or other tree of your choice at the new school site and see it fitted with a purpose-built bird nesting box.

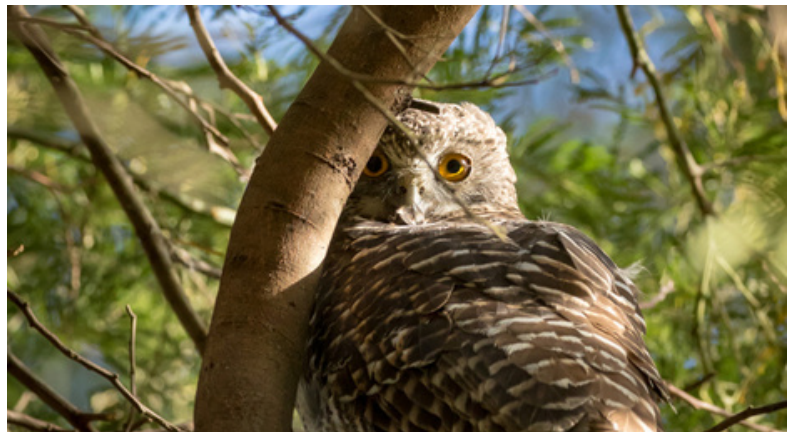
Each nesting box will be unique, designed and built to last for the tree's nesting birds and engraved with your business/name in honour of your significant contribution and our immense thanks.

The base of your tree will feature signage about the nesting bird species for the children of Goora Gan and visitors alike to enjoy and learn. It is envisaged that the nesting program will provide academic, artistic and practical learning opportunities for the children, and further enhance the school's educational philosophy of nourishing the whole child - head, heart and hands - and help instil a lifelong love of learning.

As a Guardian of Goora Gan you will be etched permanently into the heart and fabric of the Goora Gan Steiner School Agnes Water 1770.



Sacred Kingfisher



Powerful Owl



Background Information

Goora Gan Steiner School is an accredited Prep to Year 6 Primary School and the first school of its kind in the Wide Bay region. GGSS was founded in 2015 with a blessing and its name, meaning sandy loam country, by Gooreng Gooreng Elder Uncle Merv.

The school opened in 2017 and relocated to its leased beach-side location at the Agnes Water Surf Club in 2019. In late 2021, the school purchased land for its permanent home with construction due to begin in September 2023.

Goora Gan Steiner School is committed to protecting the natural habitat and wildlife, and the school has worked tirelessly to develop a school design that fulfils this. We are proud that only one living medium-large tree will be felled during the build process (to meet car park regulations and requirements) and that more than 20 large stately Ghost Gums, Maleleuca and other trees remain at the site and a key feature of the school's natural landscape and grounds.

When GGSS opens its new home in the latter half of 2024, it will steadily grow from its current capacity of 66 students to 99 students.

The new school build is projected to cost \$4.9 million and the school is seeking to raise up to \$1 million through benefactor contributions and fundraising initiatives including the Guardians of Goora Gan. GGSS is a not for profit organisation and sponsorship funds are tax deductible.



Why Nesting Bird Boxes

Natural hollows are used by many native birds for nesting, breeding, feeding and nurturing their young. But, did you know it can take more than 100 years (in some cases up to 200 years) for a tree to form natural hollows? All too often by the time a tree gets old enough and large enough for this to happen, it is removed as a hazard.

Agnes Water is not immune to this and the rapid rate of development in our area has further threatened local bird populations. Bird nesting boxes are a viable alternative to hollows and are a great way to observe birds in all stages of life.

The Guardians of Goora Gan nesting boxes will be to Australian Wildlife Standards, in collaboration with the local Agnes Water Men's Shed, and specific to the requirements of our native nesting birds. The boxes will be built from recycled hardwood and appropriately insulated to withstand the large temperature variances of our local climate, which can cause nest abandonment and death, and regularly maintained.

The Guardians of Goora Gan nesting boxes will be observed and monitored, and become a permanent part of our school's history.

Nesting Box Examples

- Small Parrot Nesting Box

Internal dimensions 400 (H) X 170 (W) X 170 (D). Vertical box with 65mm entrance hole, suitable for small parrots such as Coxen's Fig Parrot, Pale Headed Rosellas, Rainbow and Scaly Breasted Lorikeets

- Sacred Kingfisher

Internal dimensions 130 (H) X 130 (W) X 500 (D). Horizontal box with 75mm entrance hole.

- Powerful Owl

Internal dimensions 800 (H) X 470 (D) X 470 (D). Vertical box with 200mm entrance hole and horizontal entrance spout.



Your Investment Options

Ghost Gum Guardian

\$10 000 inc GST

Melaleuca/Other Species Guardian

\$8 000 inc GST

Features:

- Business/Name engraved on Bird Nesting Box
- Featured on 'Guardians of Goora Gan' webpage including logo, business name and 2 sentences describing your business
- Featured in school newsletter
- Dedicated post and image on the GGSS Facebook page
- Special mention at 2023 GGSS Spring Fair, attracting upward of 5 000 visitors
- Opportunity to have promotional flyers/material at the 2023 GGSS Spring Fair
- Annual updates on your Bird Nesting Box, envisaged to include species counts, images/video, related children's learning and art projects and maintenance/works
- New GGSS site tour to select your Guardian Tree with and virtual build walk-through
- Special invitation to visit GGSS when your nesting box is in use

Terms

All guardianships funds are tax deductible. If due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control the tree you have selected is damaged or must be felled, we thank you for your kind support. You will be offered to relocate your nesting box to an alternative tree if one is available and suitable.

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