

Nannup Catio Care – Cats and Conservation Initiative

(State NRM Community Stewardship Grant – \$16,938)

Purpose

The Nannup Catio Care – Cats and Conservation Initiative aims to reduce the impact of domestic cats on native wildlife while improving cat welfare and supporting responsible pet ownership in the Shire of Nannup. Free-roaming domestic cats are a recognised threat to native birds, mammals and reptiles, and this project focuses on practical, positive solutions that allow cats to be safely contained while still enjoying outdoor access.

Project timing

Start: **January 2026**

End: **June 2027**

Key activities

The project will deliver a coordinated program of incentives, education and community leadership, including:

- Rebates and support for the construction or installation of catios (enclosed outdoor cat areas)
- Community workshops and information resources on responsible cat ownership
- Collaboration with a range of organisations and experts
- Promotion of best-practice cat containment to reduce roaming, hunting and road trauma

Funding and delivery

The project is funded through a \$16,938 State NRM Community Stewardship Grant, with delivery supported by in-kind staff time and community participation. No cash contribution from the Shire is required. The grant has been accepted by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority in accordance with the Shire's Grant Acceptance Policy.

Key outputs

- Installation of catios by participating households
- Delivery of community workshops and educational materials
- Increased uptake of responsible cat containment practices
- Reduced risks to native wildlife and improved cat welfare

Benefits to the Shire

- Reduced impacts of domestic cats on native fauna
- Improved community awareness and behaviour change
- Alignment with the Shire's biodiversity and sustainability priorities