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NSW Government awards \$100,000 for Hornsby Shire environment works

Hornsby Shire Council will receive a \$100,000 grant from the NSW Government's 2008/09 Environmental Trust program, the Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Carmel Tebbutt, announced today.

Promoting Habitat Connectivity through Partnerships in Hornsby Shire will restore key landscape links, providing connectivity between private and council managed bushland and national parks throughout Hornsby Shire.

Contract bushland restoration work will be undertaken by qualified professionals and bushcare trainers working with schools and private land owners.

The grant will also be used to conduct education workshops on property planning, introduction to bush regeneration, native fauna habitats and chemical training.

"Lack of knowledge on environmental values and restoration techniques have led to weed invasion, tree removal and ultimately, the loss and fragmentation of habitats," Ms Tebbutt said.

"By targeting biodiversity hotspots on public and private land, the project aims to restore remnants of endangered vegetation including the Blue Gum High Forest and the habitats of endangered fauna species such as the Glossy Black Cockatoo and the Regent Honeyeater."

The local grant is one of 185 totalling over \$36 million provided by the NSW Environmental Trust in 2008/9, and just part of an expected \$90 million it is investing in environmental projects and programs across the state.

"These innovative projects represent some of the amazing research, education and restoration projects funded through the NSW Government's 2008/09 Environmental Trust program.

"Each year this important program highlights the innovative thinking taking place around the environment in NSW and this year has been no exception," Ms Tebbutt said.

The Environmental Trust is an independent statutory body established by the NSW government to support exceptional environmental projects that do not receive funds from the usual government sources.

For information about the Environmental Trust visit: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/envtrust.htm

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