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Macleay Landcare Network receives \$100,000 grant

Macleay Landcare Network 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.

The Macleay Landcare Network aims to regenerate a small portion of rainforest within the Macleay River and Central Business District precinct that has been identified as an Endangered Ecological Community (EEC).

The grant will be used for vocational training in planning and restoration by training groups including Booroongen Djugun Aboriginal Land Council, Kempsey Correctional Centre, Kempsey PCYC and local schools.

"The project will educate communities on conservation techniques and the importance of these floodplains to the surrounding environment," Ms Tebbutt said.

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," Ms Tebbutt said.

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

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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