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Pambula Wetland Volunteers rewarded with \$95,000 from the NSW Government

The Panboola floodplain is the latest environmental site to receive a grant from the NSW Government's 2008/09 Environmental Trust program, the Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate Change and Environment, Carmel Tebbutt, announced today.

These internationally-recognised coastal wetlands provide a final filter for the town stormwater and are an important breeding ground for a range of animals including birds, fish and invertebrates.

The \$94,520 grant will be used for ongoing rehabilitation work including extensive re-vegetation, weed management, fencing, walkways, bird watching building and maintenance of amenities.

"The volunteers of the Pambula Wetlands and Heritage Project Inc have done a fantastic job of managing the wetlands since they were granted to the community in 2002," Ms Tebbutt said.

"Panboola now provides a place for learning about wetlands, local heritage and sustainable land management. The grant will reduce the burden on volunteers and improve the sustainability of Panboola through assistance with co-ordination of site management.

"The volunteer groups have shown their commitment to Panboola's culture and diverse natural wetland system and today their hard work is being rewarded."

This local grant is just 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 environmental projects that do not receive funds from the usual government sources.

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

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