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\$94,500 grant for improvements at Riverglade Reserve

Riverglade Reserve will benefit from a grant of \$94,500 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 grant, which was awarded to Hunters Hill Council, will be used to plant vegetation along the banks of Tarban Creek, which runs through Riverglade Reserve, a unique home to the last local populations of small song birds.

"The planting of dense local native shrubs will help to provide more attractive habitat for these small birds and hopefully leading to an increase populations," Ms Tebbutt said.

"The scope of works will also include the restoration of frog habitats to boost population numbers in the reserve, which are currently very low. The removal of carp from wetlands will allow frogs to breed freely and may also attract the rare red-crowned toadlet, which lives locally, to breed in the Reserve.

"Restoring this lush landscape will have far reaching environmental benefits and will return the Riverglade Reserve to the community as an environmental space they can enjoy and be proud of," Ms Tebbutt said.

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 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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