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\$2M FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND LEARNING

Environment Minister Rob Stokes today announced 122 grants worth nearly \$2.4 million to build environmental knowledge in our schools and communities, and for environmental research across NSW.

Mr Stokes said the NSW Government awarded 50 Food Gardens in Schools grants worth \$3,500 each to assist in students' environmental education.

"These projects provide a practical way for young people to learn about land management, waste re-use, water conservation and other environmental lessons," Mr Stokes said.

"The NSW Government has also allocated a further 46 grants of \$2,500 each for Eco Schools projects such as rainwater harvesting and planting native flora to mitigate traffic pollution.

"A total of \$1,048,218 was awarded in 18 Environmental Education Projects grants, funding government initiatives and community organisation projects.

"And finally, eight Research Program grants totalling more than \$1 million have also been awarded to provide knowledge about native species, their habitat, the management of pest animals, forecasting air quality, reef health and coastal management.

"These grants help our young people and others across our community to learn about our natural environment, and support scientists in their quest for knowledge to benefit us all.

"I encourage educators, members of the community and researchers to apply for future rounds of Environmental Trust grants."

The next round of Research Program grants will open in January, followed by Education and Eco Schools Program grants in March.

The NSW Government has awarded 134 grants totalling \$35.2 million through the Environmental Trust's contestable grants programs so far this financial year.

View this round's recipients and read more about these programs:
to <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants>