



The Hon Robyn Parker MP

Minister for the Environment

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\$800,000 for communities and the environment

The Minister for Environment, Robyn Parker has announced funding totalling \$873,217 for 15 environmental education programs across NSW under the NSW Government's Environmental Trust.

The Minister said the aim of the Environmental Trust's Education Program is to support projects or programs that develop or widen the community's knowledge of, skills in, and commitment to protecting the environment and promoting sustainable behaviour

"The projects are all different and are in all parts of the state but they share the same sense of commitment to helping the community and the environment," Ms Parker said.

"These projects will help the community to learn about and protect the environment in innovative and creative ways.

"For example, one project will create virtual tours of different environments, such as underwater, to allow people to explore and learn more about areas that they would not normally be able to access. Another project will help councils to use social media to better engage their community to protect their local environment," she said.

This is the third announcement for the Trust this year and these 15 projects take the total number of grants awarded under the Trust's contestable grants (Research, Protecting our Places, Eco Schools and Education) to 103 grants, totalling \$2,509,236 in funding.

A full list of the successful applicants is available at: www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au

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