



## NEWS RELEASE

Sharon Bird MP  
Federal Member for Cunningham

### **Green Corps Projects in Cunningham**

Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, today announced that two Green Corps projects would start in Wollongong as part of round 50 of the Commonwealth's programme to conserve, preserve and restore the local environment and cultural heritage.

The Green Corps projects in Cunningham include the Puckey's Estate Regeneration project and the Sustainability Starts in the Community Illawarra Education project at Corrimal.

“The Green Corps programme provides young people (aged between 17 and 20 years) with an opportunity to conserve, preserve and restore the natural environment and cultural heritage.

“Each Green Corps project involves 10 young people for 16 weeks.

“Participants receive an allowance of \$291 per week, which will increase to \$300 per week this financial year”, Ms Bird said.

The Green Corps projects in Cunningham will be provided by Job Futures.

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#### **Background**

Details of the two projects in Cunningham are outlined below.

<p>Puckey's Estate Regeneration Project</p>	<p>This project aims to contribute to the development of Puckey's Estate by identifying areas of high conservation value and applying appropriate weed control, maintaining and enhancing biodiversity, minimising landscape fragmentation, improving habitat for indigenous fauna through weed removal and careful consideration of the impacts of all interventions, and by repairing informal public tracks through bushland. Participants will work with local nurseries to collect, harvest and propagate seed and cuttings from native flora to be used in the revegetation works and investigate and actively participate in opportunities for providing education and information to the partner agencies and the general public about the estate, sites of heritage significance and the local ecological communities</p>
<p>Sustainability Starts in the Community Illawarra Education Project</p>	<p>The project aims to develop a sustainable environmental plan in the Illawarra. The team will be involved in the following activities: developing environmental plans focusing on waste management, enhancing biodiversity, water saving and energy efficiency, design and deliver presentations to the community centre's environmental committee focusing on the organisation's sustainability needs, make the community aware of their ecological footprint and the steps they can take to reduce it, link community groups with local businesses who can provide relevant services, reduce energy, water consumption and waste production in community centres and promote sustainable food gardens and better buying for community canteens and related food programs.</p>