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Seeds, Weeds and Green Deeds

Nine Australian Government Green Corps participants will graduate tomorrow at a ceremony to be held at the Hunter Wetlands Centre, Shortland.

The participants completed work on a 26-week Green Corps activity titled, 'Seeds, Weeds and Green Deeds,' which took place at the Hunter Wetlands Centre and Belmont Wetlands State Park.

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, will be presenting at the graduation ceremony.

"I congratulate these nine individuals for the invaluable work they have completed in the restoration and rehabilitation at the Hunter Wetlands Centre," Ms Grierson said.

"They have greatly assisted in the vital environmental protection work in the wetlands area, with over 15,000 trees and seedlings being planted and nearly five hectares of noxious weeds removed.

"The Green and Gold Bell Frog has also benefited with special habitat areas being created."

Federal Member for Shortland, Jill Hall MP, thanked the Green Corps graduates for the work they have done on the project at Belmont Wetlands State Park.

"Congratulations to all those involved on their efforts to regenerate and rehabilitate the park," Ms Hall said.

"The work of Green Corps has made a major difference to the park and is the start of a significant development in the Belmont area.

"The efforts of the project managers, Hunter Workways and the volunteers of the Belmont Wetlands State Park Trust have been outstanding and deserve the highest praise."

Green Corps gives volunteers the opportunity to take part in projects that conserve, preserve and restore Australia's natural environment and cultural heritage.

Green Corps also helps community groups with the restoration and rehabilitation of the local environment and heritage assets.

Each project involves of a team of young people, learning new skills and establishing links with their communities by helping to restore their local environment.

"The project has seen direct and immediate benefits to the local community by restoring the area, and preserving it for future generations," Ms Grierson said.

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