



Sharon Grierson MP
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NEWCASTLE GROUPS TO SAVE 37 MILLION LITRES OF WATER

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today announced almost half a million dollars worth of Commonwealth funding for Newcastle under the *Community Water Grants* program.

Five local organisations will share \$485,113 to implement projects which are expected to save our City around 37 million litres of water each year.

"While the national debate rages over the drought and climate change, it is heartening to see local groups implementing practical, on the ground water saving measures," Ms Grierson said.

"I am always pleased to support organisations in Newcastle that are committed to environmental projects and willing to put forward local solutions."

"I congratulate the grant recipients, and encourage all organisations in Newcastle - big and small - to access future funding rounds under this program."

"Every drop counts."

The successful grant recipients were:

Carrington Public School	Install rainwater tanks and upgrade amenities block to save 216,000 litres of water a year.
Merewether Golf Club	Enlarge reservoir to store additional recycled water for irrigation to save 13,260,000 litres of water a year.
New Lambton South Public School	Upgrading amenities block to save 778,500 litres of water a year.
Shortland Waters Golf Club	Upgrading irrigation system and sourcing treated effluent for irrigation to save 6,970,000 litres of water a year.
University of Newcastle	Four projects to upgrade irrigation systems to save a total of 16,000,000 litres of water a year.

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