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YOUNG AUSTRALIANS PROTECT KOORAGANG WETLANDS

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today congratulated ten participants who had successfully completed a 26 week Green Corps project restoring the beautiful Kooragang Wetlands.

Green Corps is an Australian Government program which provides environmental training and work experience for young people aged 17–20.

“This project gave these young people the valuable opportunity to carry out environmental restoration at sites including the Ash Island of Kooragang Wetlands,” Ms Sharon Grierson MP said.

“Their work included plant propagation, weed identification and removal, construction of timber boardwalks and water quality monitoring.”

“Team members have also learnt many practical skills through their training and exposure to real work situations,” Ms Grierson said.

“That will certainly help them when they are looking for paid employment.”

“Community and government partnerships like this one have enhanced the Green Corps projects across Australia.”

“This project brings direct and immediate benefits to the local community by improving the ecology of the sites, and contributing to their cultural heritage value.”

The team, managed by Job Futures, has worked in partnership with staff from the Kooragang Landcare Group and Northumberland Network.

The 10 team members were awarded certificates for completing the Certificate I in Conservation and Land Management, plus OH&S and First Aid training.

Participants said the new skills and experiences they had gained will hold them in good stead for future employment opportunities.

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