



Sharon Grierson MP
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***Community Water Grants* funding for Newcastle**

Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today announced Federal funding for Community Water Grants totalling \$145,925 to five Newcastle organisations, including two local primary schools.

The grants will enable our community to engage more directly in recycling water and improving the basic infrastructure that our local water supplies rely upon.

"I am pleased to announce this funding and I welcome the recognition of these Newcastle organisations. Their innovative programs will allow our community to better deal with the increasing environmental challenge of water usage."

"These community initiatives provide practical local solutions within the larger national framework for dealing with future water shortages."

"It is particularly pleasing to see young people, through their schools, being recognised alongside other major Newcastle organisations for their contribution to this major national issue."

"I commend the five recipients of the grants for their environmental innovation and their outstanding contribution to the Newcastle community."

The five recipients are:

- **Holy Family Primary School** to re-use water in its newly created wetland;
- **Newcastle City Council** to restore vegetation to Cottage Creek;
- **Our Lady of Victories Primary School** to reallocate water to the school's greenhouse;
- **Shortland Wetlands Centre** to undertake a range of water saving initiatives; and
- **Trustees of the Sisters of Saint Dominic** to create a demonstration water-wise house.

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