



Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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Green Corps Project to Revive Victoria Parade and Turner Wetlands Reserves

Member for Braddon, Mr Sid Sidebottom, today announced a new Australian Government Green Corps project that will revive environmental sites and community facilities at Victoria Parade Reserve and Turner Wetlands Reserve in Devonport.

He said the project would give 10 young people the chance to contribute towards restoring the environmental integrity of these Reserves through water quality monitoring, planting of local flora and weed eradication, surveys of the endangered Central North Burrowing Crayfish, and community education.

“These young people will have a chance to gain work experience and skills while also improving the environment and providing new community facilities,” Mr Sidebottom said.

Green Corps is a federally funded program which provides young people aged 17-20 with the opportunity to participate in projects that conserve, preserve and restore Australia’s environment and cultural heritage. It also helps community groups with restoration and rehabilitation of the environment and heritage assets.

“Green Corps enables them to work with people of their own age under the supervision of a qualified team leader and gives them training in recognised skills that are designed to lead to full-time work opportunities in related fields, Mr Sidebottom said.

Nationally, Green Corps participants have propagated and planted more than 15 million trees, put up more than 8500 kilometres of fencing, collected more than 11000 kilograms of seeds, and built or maintained more than 6000 kilometres of walking tracks and boardwalks.

Mr Sidebottom said that in line with its election commitment the Government had reviewed the current employment services including the Green Corps program.

“Following extensive consultation, the Australian Government has designed a new, streamlined employment services that will provide more tailored services for job seekers,” he said.

“From 1 July next year, Green Corps activities will be a work experience option in the new employment services.

“Activities will retain their focus on natural environment and cultural heritage principles, with an added focus on water and climate change.

“Green Corps will also continue to provide the opportunity to integrate work experience with training, but will be expanded and now available to job seekers of all ages.”

More information on Green Corps can be obtained by visiting the Green Corps website at www.greencorps.gov.au.

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