



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

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New Green Corps project to improve Bell's Parade and Tasmanian Arboretum

TWO new Green Corps projects based at Bell's Parade and the Tasmanian Arboretum will make the areas more accessible and physically appealing to local residents and visitors, Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom said.

The *Bell's Parade and Pig Island Environment and Heritage Development project* will see the construction of a public recreation area.

"Green Corps participants will take part in track construction, tree planting, water monitoring, GPS surveys, disabled access track construction and build a shelter, interpretive signage and a picnic area," Mr Sidebottom said.

Conservation Volunteers Australia will oversee this project.

The *Enhancement of the Tasmania Arboretum through Youth Participation project* will allow for upgrades to the existing area, and the creation of a new walking tour.

"Participants will complete fencing, weed removal, track maintenance, boardwalk construction, nursery work, carbon offset tree planting, training in conservation and land management and the development of a self-guided walking tour," he said.

This project will be overseen by Central Victorian Group Training.

"Green Corps is a Federal Government funded program aimed at 17-20 year olds which provides the opportunity for them to conserve, preserve and restore local heritage.

"The 26-week project allows participants to gain a Certificate I qualification in horticulture or conservation and land management.

"These latest two projects are fantastic examples of young North-West Coasters being given the opportunity to gain work experience while also helping to develop and restore significant local environment areas," he said.

"Both Bell's Parade and the Tasmanian Arboretum are beautiful places to visit, for local residents and tourists.

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