



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

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Green Corps Project makes Tasmanian Arboretum even more beautiful

NEW walkways, tracks, markers and signs can now be enjoyed by visitors to the Tasmanian Arboretum thanks to the work of Green Corps participants, Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom said.

Mr Sidebottom this week attended and spoke at a graduation ceremony for participants from the Green Corps project *Enhancement of the Tasmanian Arboretum through Youth Participation*.

The project, overseen by Central Victorian Group Training, involved participants completing fencing, weed removal, track maintenance, boardwalk construction, nursery work, carbon offset tree planting, and training in conservation and land management, Mr Sidebottom said.

“The Tasmanian Arboretum is a beautiful place to visit, for both local residents and tourists, so I’m delighted to see the results of this enhancement project,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“In return for their hard work, Green Corp participants received accredited training in things like horticulture, conservation and land management, as well as first aid and occupational health and safety.

“This training will hopefully lead participants into careers in the landscaping and design, horticulture or floristry industries, or onto further studies in the resource and environmental sciences,” he said.

Sid first launched the *Enhancement of the Tasmanian Arboretum through Youth Participation* project in May, 2009.

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.

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