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Member for Wagga Wagga

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\$14,000 FOR WAGGA WAGGA ELECTORATE SCHOOLS FOR ECO PROJECTS

Daryl Maguire MP, Member for Wagga Wagga today announced Wagga Wagga High School, North Wagga Public School, Riverina Environmental Education Centre and The Rock Central School have received \$3,500 each from NSW Government Eco Schools grant to deliver hands-on environmental education.

“Funding grassroots projects is about teaching kids how to live more sustainably,” Mr Maguire said.

“These grants are an important investment in our future – research shows that this can help create better environmental awareness later in life.”

The Eco Schools Grant Program provides funding for schools to create environmental learning opportunities for students, teachers and the school community

This is one of eight additional grants of \$3,500 to be awarded in this funding round, bringing the total value of the 2017/18 Eco Schools program to \$287,000 across 82 schools.

Projects:

Wagga Wagga High School:

The sensory garden will have multiple purposes including agricultural and environmental learning, and a supportive space for students assisting them with continued wellbeing and emotional support. The garden will also cater to students who require further sensory exploration, or students who have sensory issues to be stimulated in a safe, comfortable environment. To support refugee students who have settled in Wagga Wagga, the garden will also be utilised as a cultural learning area where they can experience and teach their peers about foods, native to their cultures.

North Wagga Public school: North Wagga nude food warrior:

The project will relocate and expand its existing vegie garden to a more accessible central area. Students will be involved in all aspects of the garden from selecting the right plants for the position and season, nurturing and harvesting them, and enjoying the produce, some of which will be utilised in the school canteen.

Riverina Environmental Education Centre: Citizen science - animal count:

The purpose of this project is to connect students with their local environment through a Citizen science project collecting data on the animals living within specific ecosystems, through environmental education and Citizen Science strategies. Primary and secondary school students will use motion sensor cameras to perform an audit of the native and introduced fauna present in their school setting

The Rock Central School: Little steps - reducing our community's carbon footprint:

The aim of the project is to educate students from Kindergarten to Year 10 on the benefits of recycling organic "waste" and converting this into nutrient rich soil to grow fresh vegetables.

For more information about the grants and how to apply visit:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm>

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