

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Tuesday, 26 August 2014

MR GULLEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE PROTECTION (MR POWELL)—

QUESTION:

What are the benefits of round two of Everyone's Environment grants to the local environment in Murrumbidgee Electorate?

ANSWER:

The local community of Murrumbidgee is seeing the benefits of Round two of the *Everyone's Environment* grants program.

Osprey House Environmental Centre Management Committee received \$4,950 to carry out a revegetation project on the Pine Rivers Wetland Reserve in Griffin. The reserve is ideally placed to mitigate some of the impacts of urban development on the Pine River wetlands and its associated Declared Fish Habitat areas.

The Pine River is an internationally recognised Ramsar Wetland and flows into the Moreton Bay Marine Park.

The project will create a buffer of vegetation which will filter stormwater runoff from urban areas during storm and other extreme weather events. The vegetation will also reduce sediment loads and nutrient runoff entering waterways and being transported to Moreton Bay during times of heavy rain or flood events.

The Christ the King Catholic School Parent and Friends Association has received \$15,000 to undertake weed management activities and plant species endemic to the area on the school grounds. The planting project provides a refuge for native animals.