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Calling for Green Army Projects in La Trobe



Jason Wood MP discussing environmental issues
with resident Phil Hastings and Darcy Duggan from Greening Australia

The launch of the Green Army is getting closer and the Government is now calling on councils and community groups to submit ideas for new projects in La Trobe.

An application form and project guidelines for Green Army projects are now available for organisations to begin planning new projects under the Green Army Programme.

“We’re looking for projects that will make a real difference to the environment and local communities, much like the already very successful Wandering Trad Removal Program that has taken place in Ferny Creek” Jason Wood MP said.

The Green Army will be Australia’s largest-ever team supporting environmental action across the country, building to 15,000 young Australians by 2018.

The Green Army provides opportunities for young people in La Trobe to gain training and experience in environmental and heritage conservation fields and explore careers in conservation management, while participating in projects that generate real benefits for the environment locally.

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Mr Wood said “Places such as Cardinia Creek may qualify as a potential project site and as the Federal Member for La Trobe I will be working with local community groups to fight for projects to be delivered in our community.

“Groups in our electorate will be able to bid to host a Green Army Team. Project activities could involve restoring and protecting habitat, weeding, planting, cleaning up creeks and rivers and conserving cultural heritage places.

“Under the Programme, participants will be paid an allowance and undertake accredited training.”

Applications for Project proposals will open on Monday 14 April 2014 and close Friday 9 May 2014. To be eligible for the first round of the Programme, projects must be ready to commence between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015.

Project guidelines and information to help groups interested in submitting Green Army Projects plan their proposals is available now at: www.environment.gov.au/green-army

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