



Robyn Preston MP

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HAWKESBURY GETS GREENER WITH MORE THAN 300 TREES

Hawkesbury will receive a share of \$9.9 million funding from the NSW Government, to increase tree cover and create cooler suburbs.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, said Hawkesbury City Council has secured 382K, as part of the Greening our City program, to plant over 300 trees in Hobartville, Windsor, Bligh Park and South Windsor.

“Quality green and open public spaces are important to everyone,” Ms Preston said.

“This is an excellent initiative to boost the number of trees in Hawkesbury to make it an even more comfortable and vibrant place for the community to enjoy.”

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes said 20,000 trees will be planted across 23 council areas in Greater Sydney as part of the program.

“Greening our City is a wonderful program to increase our tree canopy. It was first launched in 2018 and has since delivered more than \$15 million to local councils for planting 66,000 trees,” Mr Stokes said.

“We’re already more than halfway to meeting the Premier’s Priority to plant one million trees by 2022 and every tree planted from each of these programs gets us one step closer.”

Hawkesbury City Council Mayor, Patrick Conolly, said the project will rejuvenate Hawkesbury and increase the responsiveness and adaptive capacity of Hawkesbury suburbs to a changing climate and impacts of urban heat island effect.

“Residents will welcome the beauty and comfort that these additional trees will bring to our community” said Mayor Conolly.

To increase community involvement and tree planting on private land, the NSW Government has also partnered with Bunnings Warehouse to give away 25,600 free trees to Greater Sydney households between June and October.

“Our tree giveaway with Bunnings is open to all 33 local government areas throughout Greater Sydney between June and October, allowing 10,500 eligible households to get their hands on more shade, privacy and fruit trees for their home,” Ms Preston said.

“Applications can be made online and the local Bunnings store will be in contact when your trees are ready to be collected and planted.”

This third round of grants are being administered by Local Government NSW (LGNSW), on behalf of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and support the Premier's Priority to plant one million trees by 2022.

A list of successful grant applicants is available
at: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/greeningourcitygrants>

For more information on the tree giveaway visit: www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/free-tree

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