



**Greg Piper, MP**  
**Member for Lake Macquarie**



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**LANDCARE FOR YOUTH GETS FUNDING**

Lake Macquarie Landcare has been awarded a \$75,000 grant by the NSW Government's Environmental Trust for its Landcare For Youth project.

Member for Lake Macquarie, Greg Piper, said "Landcare for Youth deserves support as an important step in restoring the lake and its catchment."

The aim of Landcare for Youth is to use hands-on projects to provide education on protecting biodiversity by restoring damaged environments.

According to Mr Piper, the project is in line with the guiding principles set by the Hunter Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority.

"Population growth and increasing urbanisation puts more pressure on the lake and the areas around it," said Mr Piper. "We want to keep the lake in good condition for the future and involving young people in this is vital."