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LANDCARE FUNDING DELIVERED

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, today presented Lake Macquarie Landcare a NSW Environmental Trust grant of \$75,000 to deliver educational and hands-on activities in schools.

A handover and tree-planting ceremony was held at Teralba Public School at 10 am today.

The L4Y program targets the 25 and under age group attending schools and colleges in Lake Macquarie and provides resources for on-site landcare projects. The aim of Landcare for Youth is to develop knowledge and skills in restoring damaged environments and protecting biodiversity.

According to Mr Piper, Teralba is one of sixty schools already signed up for the new Landcare program.

"Landcare for Youth will be an important step in restoring the lake and its catchment," Mr Piper, said.

"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."