



**Greg Aplin MP**  
Member for Albury

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### **\$3,500 SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS FOR NSW SCHOOLS**

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today announced the NSW Environmental Trust's Eco Schools Grant Program opens for applications on Monday 30 April and encouraged our local schools to apply.

The Eco School Grants Program is designed to support and nurture students' passion to protect and learn about the environment.

Mr Aplin said a total of eighty Eco School Grants worth \$3,500 each are now available.

"The NSW Environmental Trust Eco School Grants provide schools across NSW with the opportunity to deliver hands-on, curriculum-based environmental education," said Mr Aplin.

"The grants can be used to support a variety of environmental projects from edible and sustainable eco-gardens, waste audits and learning about enhancing native habitat.

"I encourage educators and school communities to apply for one of the eighty grants which aim to promote environmental sustainability knowledge, values and behaviour.

"Eighty-two schools were awarded Eco School grants last year, including Lavington Public School for their Young Sprouts Food and Bush Tucker/Medicine Garden - a multi-layered approach to learning for sustainability. The project has created a Food and Bush Tucker/Medicine Garden which includes an outdoor classroom area.

"Grants this year will be offered to student focused environmental management projects, including litter and waste reduction, water and energy conservation, bush regeneration, habitat improvement and food gardens.

All NSW Registered schools, registered on the [Sustainable Schools NSW website](http://www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au), can apply for funding as long as they have not received funding under the previous 2017 round.

Grant applications can be submitted until Monday 18 June 2018.

Schools can contact the Environmental Trust on (02) 8837 6093, [info@environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au) or visit the website for more information: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm)

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