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LOCAL LITTER WORKSHOPS TO TACKLE LITTER HOT SPOTS

Environment Minister Robyn Parker said today the NSW Government is providing \$470,000 funding to help communities fight the scourge of littering through a program run by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW organisation.

Ms Parker said the funding, provided through the EPA, will help facilitate a series of state-wide community litter workshops by Keep Australia Beautiful under the NSW Community Litter Grants program launched today (Mon, 4 February).

“This funding is just one part of the State Government’s initiative to tackle litter by empowering communities through support and education,” Ms Parker said.

“Litter reduction is a key area under Goal 23 of the NSW 2021 which aims for NSW to have the lowest litter count per capita in Australia by 2016.

“The EPA is committed to reaching this target and is working with KAB to engage local communities to deliver training and grants.”

Ms Parker said the Community Litter Grants program was a two stage process starting with 22 local training workshops in February followed by a competitive grants process for grants of up to \$5,000 to address local litter hotspots.

“Litter is a challenge faced by every community and it is only by addressing it at a grassroots level that we will be able to effect change,” Ms Parker said.

“The training includes \$300 grants for community groups to build their skills and understand their local litter problems by measuring and analysing a litter hotspot in their area.

“Understanding why litter is occurring at a particular location and developing projects to address this can go a long way to reducing litter problems both in the short term and on in to the future.

“Further initiatives to assist with long-term litter reduction will also be included in the Waste Levy Review that is being finalised by the Government now.

“Litter prevention is everybody’s responsibility - it is not only an eyesore but also has a negative impact on both the environment and community pride.”

More information about the KAB Community Litter Grants and how to apply can be found online at: www.kabnsw.org.au

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