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A GREENER CASTLE HILL BOOSTED BY MORE TREES

New green life will be breathed into Castle Hill after securing funding from a NSW Government program for councils to plant more than 40,000 trees and deliver environmental innovation projects.

The Greening Our City program will provide \$10 million in grants to 30 councils and two partner organisations across two funding streams- Cooler Suburbs and Green Innovations.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the program supports the Premier's Priority to increase the tree canopy and green cover across Greater Sydney by planting one million trees by 2022.

"Tree cover is so valuable for lowering heat, providing protection and enhancing our lives," Mr Williams said.

"The Greening Our City program is yet another future-facing initiative by the NSW Government to provide better, safer and more loveable public spaces and urban environments for generations to come."

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes said the Greening our City program had awarded \$10 million in grants to 30 councils and partner organisations to plant 40,000 trees and support 12 environmental innovation projects.

"Our city is framed by parks – we know how valuable tree cover is for lowering heat, providing shade and enhancing our neighbourhoods," Mr Stokes said.

"This program will see trees planted in more developed areas like Miranda and Parramatta and in growing areas like Camden, Blacktown, Campbelltown and Hawkesbury."

The grant program is being administered by Local Government NSW on behalf of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

A list of successful projects is available at: www.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/greening-our-city

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