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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Love Water Grant winners revealed**

Hunter Water has announced 14 recipients of its Love Water Grants program, totalling more than \$100,000, following the strongest field of applicants ever received.

The one-off grants valued at up to \$10,000 primarily support water conservation and efficiency initiatives, as well as projects with an education, environmental and sustainability focus.

Minister for Lands and Water Kevin Anderson said the Lower Hunter community has embraced making smart water choices.

“It’s clear from the record number and quality of applications Hunter Water received, that the local community values water and is serious about saving every drop,” Mr Anderson said.

“From irrigation systems, to water tank installations, community gardens and educational models – it’s fantastic to see a diverse range of projects promoting water conservation. Congratulations to the 14 successful recipients.”

Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter, Taylor Martin said the Hunter Water grants will provide additional support to the community.

“This is great news for the Hunter region and these 14 organisations who will be able to continue doing great work for their communities because of these grants,” Mr Martin said.

“I congratulate each one of the recipients for being conscious about saving precious water and planning for the future.”

Morpeth Men’s Shed is one of the recipients, that will use the grant funding to install self-watering garden beds to grow fruit and vegetables. Secretary Paul Lindeman said the organisation is thrilled and very grateful to receive a Love Water grant.

“Gardening is a great way for our members to interact and connect with each other. It’s important men don’t neglect their mental health and this project allows us to do something positive for their physical, social and emotional wellbeing, as well as expand our fruit and veggie production for use in our cooking classes and community

barbeques,” Mr Lindeman said.

Hunter Water Managing Director Darren Cleary said the Morpeth Men’s Shed’s project captured what the Love Water Grants is all about.

“This project is a great example of enabling positive community outcomes, while also demonstrating the organisation’s commitment to saving water,” Mr Cleary said

“Well done to all of the successful recipients. We’re proud to support our community as we work together to ensure we have a sustainable and resilient water future.”

For more information on the grants program, visit [www.hunterwater.com.au/grants](http://www.hunterwater.com.au/grants)

### 2022 Love Water Grants recipients

Organisation	Project summary	Grant amount
Eleebana Public School P&C Association	Interactive dry creek bed with drainage, underground reservoir and outdoor learning space.	\$5,000
Fern Bay Public School	Water tank and irrigation system.	\$5,000
Hunter Medical Research Institute	“Mobile poo palace” educational model used for students to understand the human body and wastewater.	\$10,000
Karuah Indigenous Corporation	Installation of 33 small water tanks for each home for the Karuah Mission community.	\$10,000
Lake Macquarie City Council	Four co-branded water bottle refill stations for events.	\$4,300
Lake Macquarie Sustainable Neighbourhood Alliance Inc	Lake Mac Tiny Forest Initiative.	\$10,000
Morisset High School	SMART waterwise irrigation system to be installed in the school’s established horticulture shed.	\$7,400
Morpeth Men’s Shed Inc.	Installation of wicking garden beds.	\$7,420
Novacare Community Services Limited	Two water tanks for a community garden project.	\$4,926
Salamander Bay Recycling Centre	Rain water tank for harvesting.	\$8,280
Stanford Merthyr Infants School	Installation of water tank.	\$1,195
Tanilba Foreshore Hall a 355c Committee of Port Stephens Council	Installation of a water tank as well as required accessories to allow toilets to be connected to tank water.	\$9,955
Waratah Public School	Rainwater tank and irrigation project to protect the threatened Wallum Banksia species.	\$10,000
West Wallsend Public School	Three water tanks positioned throughout the school to support	\$6,938

	vegetable garden, excess water overflows and Aboriginal garden and yarning circle.	
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