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Young Australians Launch into two Southern Adelaide Green Corps Project

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, today announced an exciting opportunity for 10 volunteers to take part in the Australian Government's Green Corps Hallett Cove Lower Field River and Willunga Catchment Basin programs in Southern Adelaide.

"The young people aged between 17 and 20 years are among hundreds around Australia who will participate in Green Corps – a youth development and environmental training program which gives young people an opportunity to gain work experience while participating on projects that benefit all Australians" Ms Rishworth said.

Both the Hallett Cove Lower Field River and the Willunga Catchment Basin Green Corps projects will assist in improving the health of our local water ways." Ms Rishworth said.

"Green Corps Lower Field and Willunga Catchment Basin participants will undertake activities such as the removal of invasive weeds, establishing and maintaining walking trails that focuses on food plants and public safety, engage and educate the community as a means of reducing the recurring impacts on the regions and undertake water quality assessments on our wetlands."

Amanda said since the beginning of the Green Corps program in 1997, over 18 000 young Australians have participated.

The 26 week environmental and heritage projects benefit participants through improved career and employment prospects. Participants receive accredited training in courses such as Conservation and Land Management, as well as on-the-project work experience and personal development opportunities.

"This year there are 1740 places available nationally, with many in Southern Adelaide.

"The Green Corps program achievements include the propagation and planting of over 14 million trees, construction of more than 8000 kilometres of

fencing, removal of over 50 000 hectares of weeds, collection of more than 9500 kilograms of native seeds, construction or maintenance of more than 5000 kilometres of walking track or boardwalks and the completion of more than 5000 flora and fauna surveys.

“Green Corps projects build communities through the contribution of young people while at the same time strengthening their links with the environment and local communities and encourage the active engagement of local Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

“Young people from the Southern Adelaide region are encouraged to join Green Corps for a 26 week project. Green Corps participants receive training allowance of \$291 each week,” Ms Rishworth said.

For more information about this initiative call 8186 2588 or visit the Green Corps website at www.greencorps.gov.au