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**Central Coast Wetlands Pioneer Dairy to benefit from Wallarah 2 grant program**

The Central Coast Wetlands Pioneer Dairy is set to benefit from the Wallarah 2 Coal Project's Community Foundation grant program.

After eight years of rejuvenation, which involved planting more than 100,000 trees and establishing walking and wheelchair paths, the \$10,000 grant will aid the Tuggerah Lakes Trust community group to ensure the required infrastructure is in place to open the site to the public in September of 2013. This includes allocating the funding contributed by Wallarah 2 to build playground equipment and a cubby house.

Marlene Pennings of the Tuggerah Lakes Reserve Trust said, "This next phase for the Central Coast Wetlands Pioneer Dairy site is the creation of a community garden facility, to encourage local community involvement. The hope is to grow the community gardens so that we can launch an organic market where those involved in the garden can sell their produce and promote a sustainable lifestyle to the wider community.

"We are also planning to have the tea rooms in the Dairy Cottage up and running for visitors, making the Wetlands Pioneer Dairy a community-run meeting place for locals.

"The implementation of a playground area and digging plot will encourage children to learn about real food and will give them a safe place to play, learn new skills and build their confidence - while parents and carers look on from the tea rooms or community gardens".

Peter Smith, Environment and Community Manager, Wallarah 2 said, "Already the Wetlands Pioneer Dairy has benefited a range of community groups including local garden clubs, the Australian Plant Society, cross-country running groups, the Model Aero Club and bird conservation groups. It is anticipated that this beautiful site will become a real focal point for Wyong. We are pleased to be able to show our support to the Central Coast Wetlands Pioneer Dairy.

"We believe this project is a prime example of an initiative which fosters a positive outcome for the Wyong Shire in the area of sustainability and community, making it the perfect initiative for us to support as part of the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation".

The Central Coast Wetlands Pioneer Dairy is located on 155 hectares, which was declared a Crown Reserve in October of 2002, and is run by a group of passionate volunteers.

The Tuggerah Lakes Reserve Trust is calling for parties interested in getting involved in the Community Gardens to contact Marlene Pennings at [marlennerae@bigpond.com](mailto:marlennerae@bigpond.com).

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With the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation grant application process now closed, nine grants in total have been presented to support organisations that benefit the Wyong LGA.

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