

Media Release

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ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM WINNERS FROM GRANTS ROUNDS

The Andrews Labor Government has delivered a boost to the state's regions and environment with \$6.1 million in grants for Landcare Groups and upgrades to caravan parks and campgrounds.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio announced the recipients of the 2021 Victorian Landcare Grants today with more than 450 groups and community organisations benefitting from just over \$4 million in grants.

The Landcare grants were awarded for community projects including weed control, pest and animal control, habitat protection, revegetation and community education.

Camping and Caravan Grants delivered a further boost for the regions as they welcome back visitors with more than \$2 million provided to upgrade 20 campgrounds and caravan parks across the state.

Almost half of the successful projects will be funded to improve all-abilities access and amenities at sites, enabling more people with a disability to enjoy our great outdoors.

The Camping and Caravan Grants initiative has provided \$6.6 million to support public land managers to provide quality, affordable visitor accommodation across Victoria. They are part of the Government's \$105.6 million *Victoria's Great Outdoors*.

For a full list of successful Landcare Grant recipients go to environment.vic.gov.au/grants/vlg. For information on the Camping and Caravan grants visit forestsandreserves.vic.gov.au/grants/camping-and-caravan-grants.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"We want to encourage Victorians to get back out into our wonderful green spaces, enjoy the great outdoors and support our regional economies."

"The Camping and Caravan Grants will give more Victorians access to quality and affordable accommodation as we rediscover holidays in our great outdoors."

"This latest round of Landcare grants continues our support for vital work by volunteers – particularly in our regional communities – protecting our natural environment and improving habitats for native plants and animals."