

Media Release

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MORE GRANTS TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE HUNTING

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting innovative new projects to promote safe, responsible and sustainable hunting through a new grant program.

Minister for Agriculture Mary-Anne Thomas today announced grants are available through the \$5.3 million Sustainable Hunting Action Plan 2021-2024 (SHAP) to fund a range of activities, which will maximise the benefits of hunting for the environment, economy, regional communities and hunters.

Eligible projects could include regional game food events, habitat restoration, conservation projects, hunter education or research.

Individual grants of up to \$80,000 are now available to enhance game habitats, increase knowledge of game species and grow the industry.

More than 55,000 licenced game hunters make a significant contribution to Victoria's economy through a range of hunting purchases including equipment, accommodation, meals and fuel.

The Labor Government's Sustainable Hunting Action Plan supports licenced game hunters to increase the popularity of hunting, improve animal welfare, undertake research and increase the role of Traditional Owners in managing the land where hunting takes place.

The latest Sustainable Hunting Action Plan is providing \$1 million to implement the Traditional Owner Game Management Strategy, which was a key achievement of the first action plan.

The Sustainable Hunting Grants are now open for applications until 24 June. Information is available from djpr.vic.gov.au/hunting-grants.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Agriculture Mary-Anne Thomas

"These grants will support projects that promote safe, responsible and sustainable hunting."

"We're looking for opportunities to boost regional events, habitat restoration projects and education programs through this grant program."