

Media Release

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SUPPORTING LANDCARE VOLUNTEERS ACROSS VICTORIA

Victoria's Landcare volunteers are receiving more support thanks to this year's Victorian Landcare Grants and Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants.

Minister for the Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio today announced the recipients of \$3.6 million in Victorian Landcare Grants and Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants to support volunteers and young Victorians in caring for the state's natural environment.

The grants will fund 327 on-ground and educational projects focused on biodiversity protection and provide additional financial support to more than 280 environmental volunteer groups.

These grants will fund a diverse range of hands-on projects and educational activities, helping young Victorians learn more about Victoria's biodiversity and protecting native plants, insects and wildlife.

Landcare grant projects include the planting of thousands of new trees and plants at Wodonga, expanding habitat for koalas on the Mornington Peninsula, controlling weeds in the Mallee to protect native woodlands and grasslands, and installing nest boxes and bat boxes in East Gippsland for local wildlife.

Junior Landcare grant projects include a 'Biodiversity Boardwalk' at the Bass Coast Specialist School, a bush school program at Christmas Hills Primary School, an Indigenous Garden at Derinya Primary School and construction of nesting boxes for wildlife at Woori Yallock Farm School.

The Victorian Landcare Grants and Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants support the implementation of *Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037*, the Victorian Government's long-term plan to protect the state's environment.

These grants are part of the Andrews Labor Government's long-term plan to protect the environment, which has invested over \$560 million in protecting the state's biodiversity and the environment since 2014.

For a full list of grant recipients go to environment.vic.gov.au/grants.

Quotes attributable to Minister for the Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio

"These grants are another important way that we're supporting environmental volunteers and their communities give back to the environment."

"Since it started more than 30 years ago, Landcare has made a great contribution to Victoria's environment and we're helping them continue to deliver this important work."