

# Media Release

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Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change  
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## JUNIOR LANDCARE AND BIODIVERSITY GRANTS NOW OPEN

The Andrews Labor Government is empowering young people to care for and protect the environment with the latest round of the Junior Landcare and Biodiversity grants now open.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio today announced that applications are now open for the latest round of grants, with a total of \$410,000 available for grassroots programs.

Victorian schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, Scouts, Guides and youth groups can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 for projects that boost biodiversity through the development, improvement or restoration of habitat for Victoria's native plants and animals.

Grants are also available for programs that engage or educate young people to value and actively care for Victoria's natural environment.

The grants will encourage young people to connect with nature and learn more about the environment through outdoor, hands-on activities, while creating better places for plants and animals to flourish.

In its second year, the pilot program is part of an \$18 million investment over four years to increase support for Landcare and implement recommendations of the Victorian Landcare Program Review.

The grants will be administered by Landcare Australia as part of their Junior Landcare program, in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

*Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037* is the Government's plan to protect our biodiversity and encourage people to connect with the natural environment through local volunteerism.

For more information about how to apply for a grant, visit [landcareaustralia.org.au/Victorian-junior-landcare-biodiversity-grants](http://landcareaustralia.org.au/Victorian-junior-landcare-biodiversity-grants)

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

*"We're giving young people the education and tools they need to care for our native plants and animals."*

*"These grants support projects that protect our natural environment at a grassroots level, as well as providing health and social benefits for young Victorians."*

*"This program is creating volunteering opportunities that encourage and inspire young people to participate in caring for our natural environment and biodiversity."*