

# Media Release

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## MORE FUNDING FOR VICTORIA'S LANDCARE GROUPS

The Andrews Labor Government has announced almost \$2 million in funding for Victoria's Landcare and other environmental volunteers in the latest round of the Victorian Landcare Grants program.

Minister for Environment Lily D'Ambrosio joined Member for Yan Yean Danielle Green to welcome the establishment of a new Landcare group in Whittlesea and to announce successful grant recipients across the state.

The Labor Government will fund 363 applications through the Victorian Landcare Grants program, including 143 project grants, 218 support grants and two start-up grants.

The funds are used to support on-ground works and community projects including weed control, pest animal control, protection of habitat, revegetation, and community education.

The support grants will assist Landcare groups with insurance, incorporation and operating costs.

The Victorian Landcare Grants are helping to implement the Government's long-term biodiversity plan – *Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037*.

In 2016-17 the Labor Government committed \$18 million over four years to increase support to Landcare, bringing investment in Landcare support to more than \$9 million per year.

This includes funding for 78 local Landcare Facilitators across the state to support groups and build the capacity of environmental volunteers.

For the full list of successful Landcare grant recipients visit: [environment.vic.gov.au/grants/victorian-landcare-grants-2018-19](http://environment.vic.gov.au/grants/victorian-landcare-grants-2018-19)

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

*"We're investing in the work of volunteers because they're at the front line in protecting Victoria's environment."*

*"These grants will allow our volunteers to keep making a big difference at a grassroots level."*

### Quotes attributable to Member for Yan Yean Danielle Green

*"It's fantastic to see a new Landcare group established here in Whittlesea."*

*"We're proud to support this group with a start-up grant so our volunteers can begin work in caring for our natural environment."*