

Media Release

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GRANTS FOR VICTORIA'S ENVIRONMENT VOLUNTEERS NOW OPEN

Volunteers helping to protect and restore Victoria's land and environment can now apply for a funding boost, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio today opened the latest round of the Victorian Landcare Grants, with \$1.76 million in funding available to environment volunteer groups.

Landcare, Friends of Coastcare and other environment volunteer groups can apply for project grants of up to \$20,000 for on-ground works, education and capacity building projects that help to improve Victoria's environment for future generations.

Support grants of \$500 are also available for new and existing groups and networks to assist with operating costs and provide a stable base for Landcare and environmental volunteering across Victoria.

This funding will be delivered through Victoria's 10 catchment management authorities (CMAs), highlighting the great environmental outcomes that can be achieved through cooperation between CMAs, environment groups, local communities and the government.

The Labor Government invests over \$9 million each year into the *Victorian Landcare Program* to ensure the ongoing protection and improvement of Victoria's land, water and biodiversity.

Additional support is delivered to this vital sector through a \$4.11 million investment to extend the funding for 78 Landcare facilitators for the next 12 months.

Victorian Landcare Grants support the implementation of *Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037*, the Government's long-term plan to protect our environment and *Victorians Volunteering for Nature – Environmental Volunteering Plan*.

For more information on the grants contact your local CMA, Regional Landcare Coordinator or go to www.environment.vic.gov.au/grants.

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

"Volunteers are at the front line in protecting our environment and we're giving them the support they need to continue this important work."

"These grants will help volunteer groups to boost their capacity and undertake new projects that protect and restore our environment."

Quotes attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

"The Bass Coast is home to some of Victoria's best natural landscapes and habitat – I encourage all our wonderful hardworking volunteers to apply for these grants."

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