

# Media Release

**The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP**

Minister for Energy, the Environment and Climate Change  
Minister for Solar Homes



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## **SUPPORTING LOCAL ACTION TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT**

The Victorian Government is delivering 154 grants to community, volunteer and Traditional Owner groups across the state to protect our environment and enhance biodiversity.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio today announced the successful recipients of \$1.3 million in grants that will support Traditional Owners, young people and Coastcare groups to continue restoring precious habitat across the state.

Successful recipients from every corner of Victoria will benefit from the grants, which will support large and small projects including the development of a masterplan by an Aboriginal corporation for bush tucker on Dja Dja Wurrung Country and a project to engage young people in restoring a threatened ecosystem in Staughton Vale.

Other projects include a partnership between Traditional Owners and Trust for Nature to deliver community engagement and education workshops on traditional fire management in the north east and an erosion remediation improvements project on the Bass Coast run by Phillip Island Nature Park.

In total 111 grants are being delivered through the *Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants* program, 10 through the *Aboriginal Community Caring for Country Grants* and 33 through the *Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Program*.

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

*"Victoria is fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers and not-for-profit groups that are passionate about looking after the environment and biodiversity."*

*"We are thrilled to support these groups and the work they do to preserve and protect precious and iconic environments now and into the future."*

*"Hard working volunteers, community groups and Traditional Owners play a critical role in education, restoration and caring for Victoria's natural environment, which they should be extremely proud of."*