

Media Release



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FUNDING BOOST FOR EAST GIPPSLAND REGION LANDCARE GROUPS

East Gippsland region environment groups will benefit from \$163,000 in funding as part of the Andrews Labor Government's \$2 million Landcare Grants program.

The funding, distributed through the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority supports local Landcare groups carrying out environmental projects to improve regional biodiversity and land health.

Projects that will receive funding for on-ground works include

- Bairnsdale Field and Game to help fund the protection of Jones Bay State Game Reserve
- Bruthen and District Landcare for the Bruthen Rail Trail rehabilitation and enhancement project
- Dargo Landcare Group for Three Creek Care
- Eagle Point Landcare Group for their Eagle Point Reserve improvement program
- East Gippsland Landcare Network for land management best practices 2016-17
- Eastwood Landcare Group for their revegetation project 2016-17
- Far East Victoria Landcare to improve soil health and biodiversity in Far East Gippsland
- Nagle College Landcare Group for a local rainforest project
- Nungurner Landcare Group to help the Nungurner rainforest recovery
- Romawi Landcare Group to improve Forge Creek Water Quality and the stabilization of head cut Forge Creek

In addition, 18 community-based environment groups will each receive \$500 for group maintenance and support.

For more information on Victorian Landcare Grants go to www.landcarevic.org.au.

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

"The Victorian Landcare program is an investment in our future and it's fantastic to see these local groups receiving grants to support their important environmental projects."

Quote attributable to Minister for Water Lisa Neville

"This program highlights the great environmental outcomes than can be achieved through cooperation between Catchment Management Authorities, environment groups, local communities and the Victorian Government."