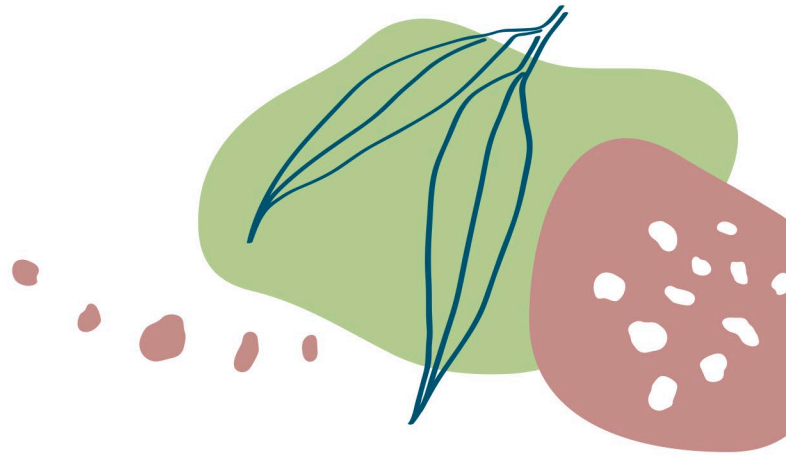




# Media Release



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## **MORE THAN \$350k IN LANDCARE FUNDING FOR REGION**

A total of 41 groups in the Glenelg Hopkins CMA region will share in the funding distributed as part of the 2024 Victorian Landcare Grants.

The Victorian Government funds the Victorian Landcare Grants to support Landcare and environmental volunteer groups and networks with on-ground works, education and capacity building projects that protect and restore our land and natural environment.

In 2024 a total of \$3.62 million was available for project and support grants across Victoria.

In the Glenelg Hopkins region, project grant funding valued at almost \$345,000 was shared between 23 projects, while an additional 18 Landcare groups received \$500 support grants.

“Seeing the vast number of projects our very proactive Landcare groups are going to achieve through the Victorian Landcare Grants is really amazing,” Glenelg Hopkins CMA CEO Adam Bester said.

“It will be really great to see these projects delivered across the region in the coming year.”

The largest of the grants – those totally more than \$19,000 were received by groups looking to enhance the biodiversity of their local areas, and supporting waterways and wetlands, while one group received funding for community education events.

Groups which received the largest funds were the Culla-Pigeon Ponds Land Management Group for its Biodiverse Creature Corridors project; the Bunnugal Landcare Group for its Protecting a Network of Wetlands within Prime Farming Country; the Panyyabyr Landcare Group for its Protecting Waterways, Revegetation and Restoring Growling Grass Frog Habitat along the Wannon River; the Upper

Glenelg Landcare for Landcare Community Events in the Glenelg, Southern Grampians and West Wimmera Shire local government areas; Bulart Land Management Group for activities protecting waterways and wetlands.

An ambitious project Understanding genetic health of *Banksia marginata* Seed Production Areas across the Victorian Volcanic Plains being undertaken by the Friends of the Forgotten Woodlands group also received more than \$19,000 in funding; while corridor and linking reserve projects across landscapes was funded for the Panyabyr Landcare Group, the Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network and the Glenthompson Catchment Group.

Projects funded under the Victorian Landcare Grants are completed by groups in the coming 12 months.

A full list of funding recipients is available on the Glenelg Hopkins CMA website [www.ghcma.vic.gov.au](http://www.ghcma.vic.gov.au)

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*CAPTION: More than \$345,000 will be invested in Landcare projects around the region, with another \$9000 supporting Landcare groups, through the 2024 Victorian Landcare Grants program*