



Media release

The Hon Ryan Smith MP

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Ready to recruit: 60 new Landcare facilitator positions now open

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith today announced the 60 organisations that will receive funding for a Landcare facilitator position under the Victorian Coalition Government's \$12 million Local Landcare Facilitator Initiative.

"These facilitator positions deliver on yet another Coalition Government election commitment and, in combination with the additional \$600,000 in funding announced in July, demonstrate this government's strong commitment to Landcare in their 25th anniversary year," Mr Smith said.

"This significant four-year investment from the Coalition Government will enable 60 Landcare groups and networks to start recruiting facilitators.

"The facilitators will play a vital role in supporting Landcare groups in on-ground delivery, building community capacity and partnerships and assisting with advice on project development.

"Recruiting from within the local community means the facilitators will have a good understanding of the local area and issues and will be able to work more closely with their local groups.

"The Coalition Government congratulates Landcare for its engagement with the community and for its significant on-ground works that protect and enhance our environment and support sustainable agriculture.

"Successful organisations will be given a fixed grant of up to \$50,000 a year towards funding the facilitator positions," Mr Smith said.

Landcare in Victoria covers well over one thousand Landcare and other community-based environmental groups, and has thousands of members including farmers, urban residents, landholders, families and students.

See attached list of successful organisations. For more information on Landcare, visit www.landcarevic.net.au

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Successful Landcare groups and networks, by CMA

Corangamite	Barongarook Landcare Group
	Bellarine Landcare
	Geelong Landcare Network
	Heytesbury District Landcare Network Inc.
	Lismore Land Protection Group
	Pentland Hills Landcare
	Southern Otway Landcare Network
	Surf Coast & Inland Plains Landcare Network
	Woody Yaloak Catchment Group
East Gippsland	Clifton Creek Community Landcare Group
	East Gippsland Landcare Network Inc
	Far East Victoria Landcare Inc
	Glenaladale Landcare Group
Glenelg Hopkins	Basalt to Bay Landcare Network
	Beyond Bolac Catchment Action Group
	Hamilton-Coleraine Railway Line Landcare Group
	Making a difference for the Merri
	UMEC (Upper Mount Emu Creek) Landcare Network
	Upper Hopkins Land Management Group
Goulburn Broken	Broken Catchment Landcare Network
	Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc
	Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative
	Merton-Alexandra Landcare Alliance
	South West Goulburn Landcare Network
	Up2Us Landcare Alliance
	Upper Goulburn Landcare Network

Mallee	Birchip Landcare Group
	Kulkyne Way Landcare Group
	Manangatang Landcare Inc
	Murrayville Landcare Group
	Rainbow & District Landcare Group
North Central	Blampied Kooroocheang Landcare Group
	Buloke and Northern Grampians Landcare Network
	Connecting Country Inc
	Kara Kara Conservation Management Network
	Loddon Uplands Landcare Consortium
	Loddon Plains Landcare Network Inc
	Mandurang Strathfieldsaye Landcare Network
Upper Campaspe Combined Landcare Group	
North East	Friends of Willow Park Inc
	Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups
	Mitta Valley Landcare Group
	Ovens Landcare Network
Port Phillip & Western Port	Main Creek Catchment Landcare Group
	Natural Environment Recovery Working Group
	Southern Ranges Environment Alliance
	Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network
	Western Melbourne Catchments Network Inc
	Westernport Catchment Landcare Network
	Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges Landcare Network

West Gippsland	Avon Landcare Group
	Bass Coast Landcare Network
	Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network
	Maffra & District Landcare Network
	South Gippsland Landcare Network
	Yarram Yarram Landcare Network
Wimmera	Hindmarsh Landcare Network Inc
	Kaniva District Landcare
	Kowree Farm Tree Group
	Laharum Landcare Group