

Biolinks Support Grant 2022 Program Summary



Balcombe & Moorooduc Landcare Group – Balcombe & Moorooduc Landcare Biolink \$8,400.00

Funding sought for weed control on four properties. The main objective on 3 properties is to treat high-threat woody weeds (primarily Sweet pittosporum and Sallow wattle) and Blackberry to reduce the threat they pose to bushland on the covenanted property. Property 4 wants to return extensive areas to bushland including a 8 ha paddock containing 2 works areas.

Crib Point Stony Point Foreshore Committee of Management Inc – Control of Habitat changing weeds within a critical Biolink of Western Port coastal habitat \$10,000.00

This project will protect an important Biolink to conserve significant habitat and benefit the community. The reserve is threatened by a number of habitat changing weeds. This project will focus on the high quality highly diverse management zones 3 and 4, grassy woodland, which is one of the most species diverse ecosystems with 20 EVCs supported in the reserve. The reserve is widely used by the public and these zones are the most used area of the reserve. The benefit to the community will be through the volunteer group participation and improvement in the ecosystem health of the reserve.

Friends of Flinders Coastline – Flinders Pier Precinct Foreshore Enhancement Project \$8,400.00

Previous project was to strategically remove woody weeds on the heavily infested land either side of the Happy Valley stairway with subsequent planting of endemic species. This project is further clearance and maintenance to allow reestablishment of local flora. The ultimate aim is to create a Biolink between Dodds Creek and West Head and linking with the relatively intact coastline habitat through to Double Creek.

Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation – Cerberus to Red Hill South Biolink Project \$8,400.00

This funding will contribute to Year 3, with the focus on linking the areas of Merricks to Shoreham for this multi-year project. The aim is again to plant in excess of 20,000 trees and shrubs in 2023. The plan is to increase tree canopy and revegetate farm land (i.e. shelter belts), on private property and improve the existing reserves and riparian zones.

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Main Creek Catchment Landcare Group – Greens Bush to Arthurs Seat Biolink (GB2AS) \$5,000.00

Funding is sought to add a further 3 properties to GB2AS Biolink Project as part of the long-term strategy to provide an unbroken connectivity between the 2 major natural vegetation areas on the Mornington Peninsula. Removal of weeds at these 3 sites will enable natural regeneration of native species. Plants will be locally sourced and appropriate to the Shire GIS EVC mapping.

Merricks Beach Foreshore Committee of Management – Breaking bottlenecks: priority revegetation to facilitate landscape-scale wildlife movement at Merricks Beach \$4,000.00

The project will undertake weed control and revegetation substantially increasing the width of the native vegetation corridor along Merricks Beach Foreshore at two key bottlenecks. At the western site either side of Coles Creek, we will continue revegetation of land. The tertiary dune between Coles Creek and Merricks Beach Road will involve planting widely spaced tubestock.

The eastern Cliff Road site involves a restoration method using only indigenous tubestock sourced from local native nurseries. Trees will be planted as tubestock but be protected from wallaby browsing by 90 cm tree guards.

Shoreham Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management – Shoreham Foreshore Reserve Biolink Project \$8,400.00

The project aims for removal of weed species and regeneration/restoration of indigenous flora and improve the habitat (land and water) and biodiversity of flora/fauna throughout Section 4 of The Shoreham Reserve. Six types of EVC's have been identified in this area, four are listed as endangered. A healthy ecosystem will enable movement through the area of existing native species, including vulnerable species such as the Koala, echidna, cunningham skink, dusky antechinus etc.

South West Mornington Peninsula (SWaMP) Landcare – Fingal Grassy Woodland Bowl Biolink Project - Stage 1 \$8,400.00

We aim to educate targeted property owners with regard to ecological management and restore grassy woodland bowls to create suitable habitat for the indigenous fauna inhabiting the area. The bulk of these works will be performed by selected contractor labour, however much work will be conducted by the property owners drawing upon skills learnt at the proposed introductory workshop and subsequent on-ground working bees where learnt skills including flora and fauna species identification together with weed control techniques will be tested and honed.

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Sunshine Reserve Conservation & Fireguard Group Inc – Sunshine Coastal Precinct Conservation and National Tree Day Collaboration \$9,624.00

This project aims to improve coastal vegetation that links to the larger part of Sunshine Reserve. Once cleared, we plan to introduce supplementary planting to facilitate important habitat, as currently canopy species are lacking in the area. The project would also facilitate the Friends Group in their efforts to offer a National Tree Day 2023 to the community by undertaking some preparatory spraying work to ensure good planting success. By focusing on this specific area, we will enhance biodiversity conservation and kickstart a long-term strategy to maintain Sunshine Reserve.

Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association – Pun Pun (ephemeral wetlands in Bunurong language) \$10,000.00

As a result of habitat restoration over the last eight years, a range of wildlife has returned to Willum Warrain providing a valuable environmental offset. On advice from Western Port Biosphere, we are undertaking an ambitious large scale Pun Pun development as part of a collaborative restoration work creating a habitat corridor from the gathering place connecting remnant and discontinuous bush along a rear creek line to Warringine Creek. This will be a 3-year project.

The proposed Pun Pun extension will see wetland areas at Willum Warrain quadrupled in size and incorporated into a richer, cultural immersion tourism experience. The Pun Pun will also extract water from the creek and purify it through a filtration system before returning it to flow onwards to Warringine Creek. It will also ameliorate seasonal flooding at the end of Pound Rd.