

Biolinks Support Grant Program Summary



**Balcombe Estuary Reserves Group Mt Martha Inc (BERG Mt Martha) – Eastern Biolink
\$10,000.00**

This project will target an adjoining area of threatened and significant bushland vegetation, located in the north-eastern section of the Balcombe Estuary Reserves. The project area is Stage 2 of the last remaining section to be restored. The funding will support monitoring and mapping, weed control, planting, rabbit control and community engagement.

**Friends of the Beleura Cliff Path – Woody Weeds Away, Happy Habitat Haven
\$10,000.00**

Funding will be used to focus on creation of habitat in our re-vegetation, weeding and re-planting near the mouth of the Cliff Path, clearing of woody weeds such as Pittosporum, Polygala and Boneseed. Clearing of Pittosporum from the Beleura Cliff with the help from Naturelinks.

**Manton and Stony Creeks Landcare Group – Manton & Stony Creeks Biolink (Property 3&4)
\$10,000.00**

Funding will assist to undertake works on two additional Biolink properties (properties 3 & 4). This will contribute to the reconnection of patches of indigenous remnant vegetation in the catchments of Manton and Stony Creeks being Stage 2 of the Manton & Stony Creeks Biolink Plan.

**Merricks Coolart Catchment Landcare Group – Tubbarubba to Buckley's Reserve Biolink
\$9,840.00**

The biolink properties are clustered around Buckley's Nature Conservation Reserve at the intersection of Myers and Balnarring Roads in Merricks North. Buckley's Reserve is 32ha of bushland managed by Parks Victoria and open to the public with walking tracks running through it. MCCLG holds regular working bees in Buckley's Reserve, controlling Blackberry, Pittosporum and other weeds.

**Mornington Community Garden – Wildlife Corridor with Community Education
\$8,720.00**

A wider garden will be developed to create a wildlife corridor, including an additional frog pond, the establishment of breeding boxes around the garden, establishment of a bushfoods garden and other activities to make the garden a home for local wildlife. Once the works are complete, local schools and community groups will be invited to learn about the importance of wildlife corridors and what people can do in their own gardens to attract wildlife and bushfood education.

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Mornington Peninsula Landcare Network – Tootgarook Biolink - Transforming Modified Landscape into Biodiverse Wetland \$10,000.00

This project seeks to restore modified wetland habitat on privately owned land adjacent to the greater wetland areas. Through careful and sensitive weed management, the project will ensure Tootgarook Wetland is maintained and enhanced as a valuable ground water ecosystem, dynamic natural resource landscape, link between the upper catchment and the estuarine and marine environment of Port Phillip Bay and recognition and promotion of Chinamans Creek catchment as a cultural place.

Nepean Conservation Group Inc – Biolinks for a Bridgewater Bay Habitat Corridor \$9,685.00

The project aims to protect, rehabilitate, enhance and nurture biodiversity through the establishment of habitat corridors, targeting the area contiguous with the Mornington Peninsula National Park, from the Jack Ritchie Track to Kirwood Street. This will link existing reserves via public and private land (backyards), to establish a habitat corridor.

Somerville Secondary College – Yumarrala Wetlands Renovation Project \$3,800.00

Project works are planned to be carried out in two stages. Stage One, the spraying and removal of Blackberry (*Rubus Fruticosus* species aggregate) to be carried out by resisted contractor. Stage Two, planting out 1,000 indigenous plants, grown and planted by the school Parks & Gardens SBAT Trainees.

South-West Mornington Peninsula Landcare – Upper Murray-Anderson Creek Biolink - STAGE 2 \$10,000.00

The restored bushlands will link southwards into recently weeded privately held remnant bushlands along Jones and Gardens Roads and further afield to connect Peninsula Gardens Bushland Reserve and further towards Greens Bush. These works will rehabilitate the headwaters of Murray Anderson Creek and enhance habitat values for indigenous taxa along the waterway. Most funding will be allocated towards contractor woody weed removal and contractor spraying where applicable.