

Sustainability Fund Activities Report

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We honour Elders past and present whose knowledge and wisdom has ensured the continuation of culture and traditional practices.

DEECA is committed to genuinely partnering with Victorian Traditional Owners and Victoria's Aboriginal community to progress their aspirations.



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Left: Native Australian soft tree fern

Right: Latji Latji and Ngintait Country / Kings Billabong Park, Northern Victoria.
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Secretary's Report

I am pleased to present the 2024-25 Sustainability Fund Activities Report.

The Sustainability Fund is a pivotal instrument in Victoria's efforts to tackle waste, foster resource efficiency, and address climate change. Through funding made possible by the Municipal and Industrial Waste Levy, the Fund supports an array of programs that span behaviour change, infrastructure, market innovation, policy, and regulation. Over the 2024-25 period, these initiatives have contributed in tangible ways towards reducing emissions, diverting waste from landfill, expanding recycling capacity, and building community resilience to climate change.

In 2024-25, the Sustainability Fund committed over \$197 million to support projects that align with its strategic priorities. Highlights include:

Improved reuse and processing capacities for recovered materials, helping to create and enhance markets and reduce Victoria's reliance on virgin resources.

Progress in expanding household recycling services, including the continued roll-out of dedicated collection of glass and organics, thereby reducing the volume of waste to landfill.

A measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions through renewable energy deployment, energy efficiency upgrades, and support for cleaner production.

Greater community engagement, with more households, schools, local governments and organisations participating in environmental education, safe chemical disposal, and climate adaptation initiatives.

As Victoria accelerates towards its waste reduction, emissions reduction, and renewable energy goals, the work funded through the Sustainability Fund will be ever more important. I am encouraged by the scale and innovation of projects underway, and confident that with continued collaboration among government, industry, and community we will make further progress toward a sustainable, resilient future.

I thank all the funding recipients, departmental officers, partner organisations, and members of the Sustainability Fund Committee for their dedication and expertise over the past year. I look forward to seeing the impact of this year's work continue to grow in the years ahead.

Kate Houghton
Secretary

Photo: Gunaikurnai Country / Blue Rock Lake, Gippsland.
Credit James Lauritz



Overview

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) has prepared this Activities Report to demonstrate how the Sustainability Fund sourced, managed and spent its funds over the 2024-25 financial year.

The report covers the source of the Fund's revenue, governance of the Fund, and detailed information on financial expenditure and funded programs. The report also includes a series of case studies highlighting a selection of projects made possible by the Sustainability Fund. These case studies provide a snapshot of the innovative and best practice approaches taken by funding recipients to tackle climate change and waste across the state.

In October 2025, after the Fund's accounts had been audited, details of the Fund's cash flows for 2024-25 and list of grant recipients was published online. This Activities Report builds on that information and provides a more detailed analysis of the Fund's performance, achievements and governance in 2024-25.



SNAPSHOT: Sustainability Fund 2020-25

\$ over **\$1 billion** invested resulting in:

BEST PRACTICE WASTE MANAGEMENT

No. of households with improved Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) and/or glass collection services – as at 30 June 2025:



Glass:
1,007,498
households
(approx. 35% of all
Victoria households)



FOGO:
1,961,910
households
(approx. 68% of all
Victoria households).

Reduction of
63,000+ tonnes
of dangerous materials in landfill.



An increase of
430,000 tonnes of
materials recycled or recovered.



59 councils
now provide a kerbside
Food Organics and Garden
Organics (FOGO) collection service
(around 75% of all councils).



24 councils now
offering kerbside glass
collection (around 30 % of all
councils and an additional



17 councils offered drop off
glass collection facilities (an
additional 21% of all councils).

ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE USE OF RESOURCES

8,900+ kilowatts
of newly deployed
renewable energy capacity.



1.9 billion+
kilowatt hours
of renewable energy generated.



This is equivalent to the power
usage of over 80,000 homes
over the same 5 year period¹.

¹ Assuming an average yearly consumption of 4,727kWh (Australian Energy Market Commission's Residential Electricity Price Trends 2021 report)

1000+
households and
organisations
assisted through direct
engagement on energy
consumption, installation of
renewable energy and energy
efficiency upgrades.



ADAPTING THROUGH BIODIVERSITY

5.3 million
hectares (53,000 km²)
 of land was treated
 for pest control.



REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

783,524 tonnes
 of CO₂-e emissions
 were reduced or avoided.



FACILITATING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

600+ new
partnerships
 formed to deliver waste reduction
 and climate action projects.



34,675 people
 attended Detox Your Home
 events to dispose of hazardous
 household chemicals.



ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

37 new markets
 were created or enhanced
 for recovered materials,
 including recycled plastic for
 drainpipes and waste tyres for
 permeable pavement.



IMPROVE COMMUNITY CAPACITY TO
 TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

580+
Victorian schools
 participating in positive
 environmental action.



Removed
58,000+ tonnes
 of materials illegally
 dumped at charities.



244,441
 sustainability-related
volunteer hours
 were supported.



\$220 million+
 of external funds
 leveraged to support Victorian
 government waste and climate
 action programs.



About the Sustainability Fund

The Sustainability Fund was established in 2005 to help Victorian communities to better manage and mitigate the effects of climate change, and to raise the bar on how we manage our precious resources – including by diverting them from landfill. The Fund is intended to benefit Victorians both now and long into the future.

The Sustainability Fund is enshrined in legislation and has been managed by DEECA since 2015. The Fund receives its revenue from the Municipal and Industrial Waste Levy. Funding from the levy is initially distributed to key environmental agencies, and the remaining revenue is then transferred to the Sustainability Fund.

The Fund is overseen by an independent committee of five members with expertise in sustainability, governance, finance and project management. The committee provides impartial and strategic advice to the Minister for Environment and Premier on requests for funding from the Sustainability Fund.

The Sustainability Fund Monitoring and Evaluation Framework is used to measure how initiatives contribute to the priorities of the Fund. The Framework includes a series of outcomes and indicators and is incorporated in recipients' funding agreements to enable the collection, evaluation and reporting of data. The outcomes and achievements of the Fund presented in this report are derived from the performance data provided by funding recipients under the Framework. Further details of the Framework are provided on the [Sustainability Fund website](#).

Source of Funding

The Municipal and Industrial Waste Levy (MIWL) is the revenue source for the Sustainability Fund. This levy is paid by licenced landfill operators throughout Victoria.

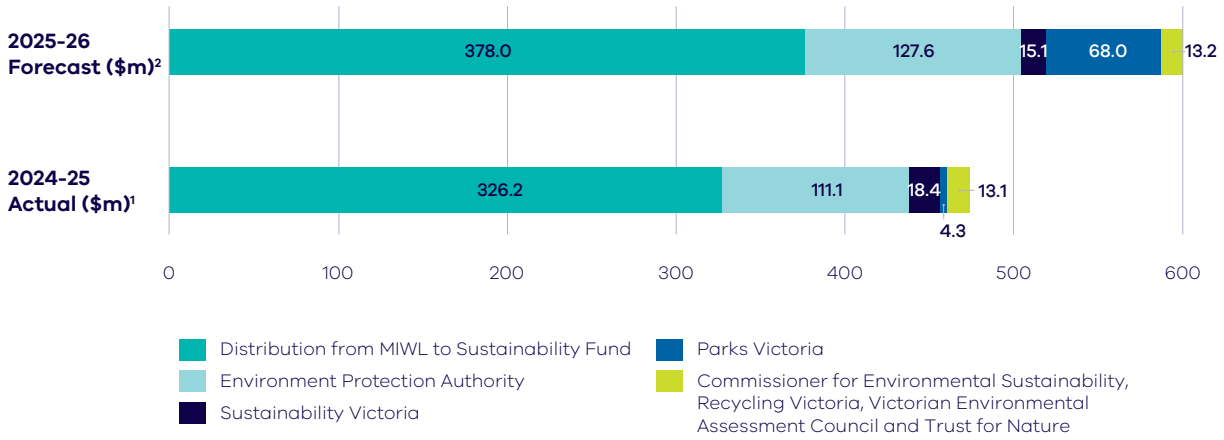
The landfill levy system has supported Victoria to lower our impact on the environment, influenced industry investment in resource recovery infrastructure, and encouraged people to find alternative, more innovative ways to dispose of their waste than landfill. The MIWL's aim is to encourage waste generators to look for ways to reduce the amount of waste they generate and send to landfill.

The *Environment Protection Act 2017* sets out how the funds generated through the MIWL are to be managed and distributed. The Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) is responsible for collecting the levy and transferring it to a trust account managed by DEECA. From there, the Act specifies how these funds can be applied.

Funds are distributed to key Victorian environmental agencies driving better environmental outcomes for the state. These include EPA, Sustainability Victoria, Recycling Victoria and Parks Victoria. Any remaining funds are then transferred and held in the Sustainability Fund.

In 2024–25, \$147 million was distributed from the MIWL to Victorian environmental agencies, while \$326.2 million was transferred to the Sustainability Fund ([Figure 1](#)).

Figure 1: Distribution of the MIWL



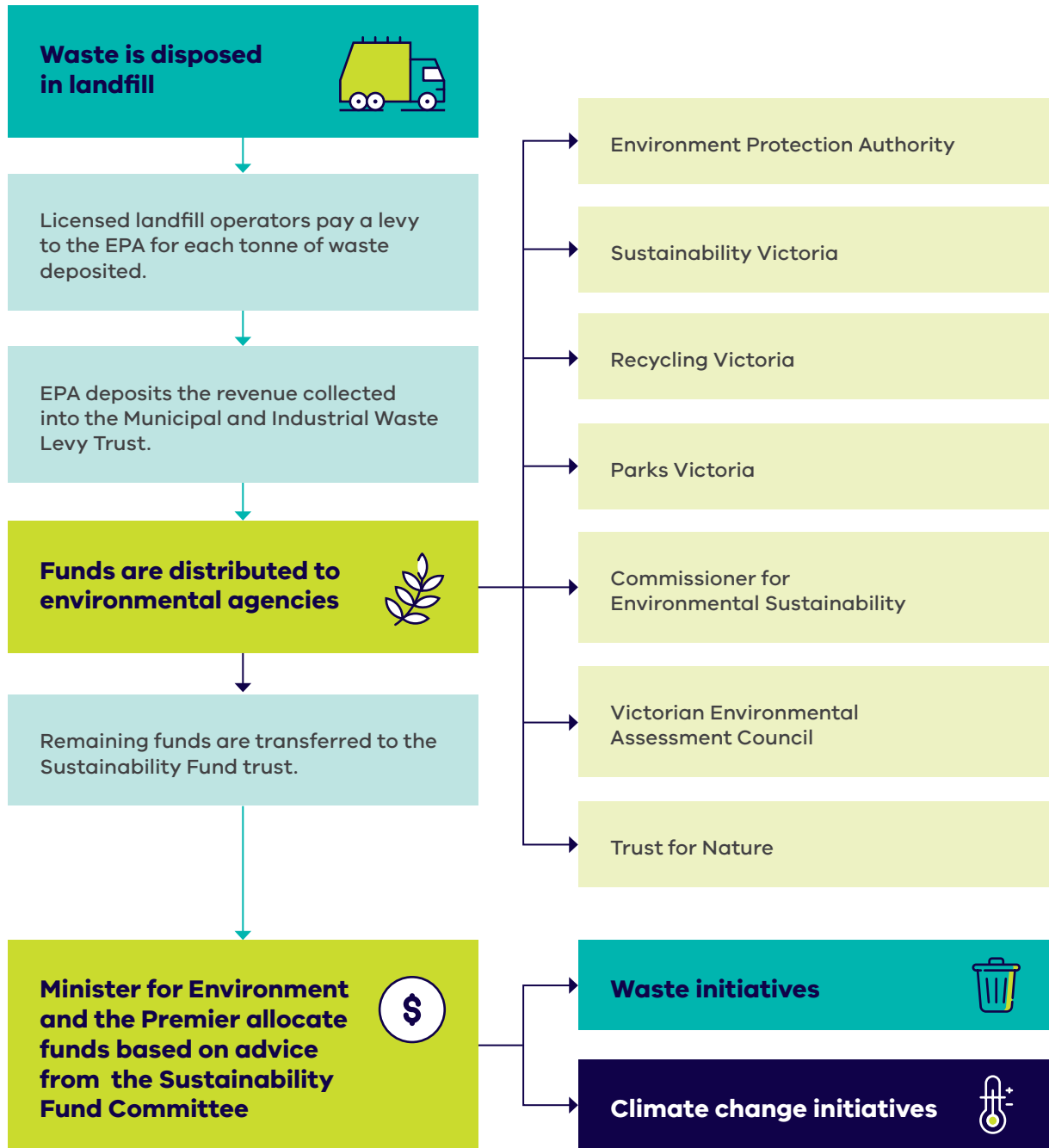
Notes:

1. DEECA forecast as at 5 September 2025
2. From 2025-26, a greater proportion of core funding for Parks Victoria will be funded from the MIWL, in line with its environmental purposes.

Photo: Emu family in Grampians National Park.
Credit: Heath Warwick



Figure 2: How the Fund works



Governance

Sustainability Fund Committee

The Premier and the Minister for Environment are supported by the Sustainability Fund Committee which:

- oversees Fund governance to support Fund transparency and accountability;
- reports annually to the Secretary of DEECA on Sustainability Fund management performance; and
- provides the Minister for Environment with impartial, strategic advice regarding all requests for funding from the Sustainability Fund.

The Secretary of DEECA can appoint the following members to form the Committee:

- independent Committee Chair; and
- a minimum of four independent members.

The Committee is supported by the Sustainability Fund Team within DEECA.

Committee members

In 2024-25, the Committee was comprised of the following members:



Freya Marsden
Chair

Freya is an experienced Chair and Non-Executive Director with extensive governance, corporate strategy and finance background. As an economist, Freya has a keen interest in ensuring long-term, effective outcomes and value for money for the Victorian government as well as for taxpayers.

Freya has deep experience in driving optimal outcomes supported through her extensive sustainability, environmental management, finance, risk and audit capability. This includes establishing and utilising frameworks that protect and create value, manage risks and optimise opportunities.

Freya brings to her role significant knowledge in the energy, water, infrastructure, transport and environmental sectors including sustainability policy within government and the private sector both in Australia and internationally.

Photo: Gunaikurnai Country / Blue Pool waterhole, Gippsland.
Credit: James Lauritz





Joan Ko
Deputy Chair

Joan has spent her career providing sustainability advice as a consultant to government and industry, with a focus on business cases for infrastructure and urban development. She is the global leader for climate and sustainability services at Arup, a consultancy firm. Examples of Joan’s work include supporting energy companies transition power stations to new uses, developing pathways for infrastructure in resilient communities, and advising on technical criteria for sustainable finance in transport.

Joan holds a Master of Philosophy in Engineering for Sustainable Development, a Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Environmental Engineering.



Tom Mollenkopf AO

Tom is an independent adviser on water policy, strategy and governance and an experienced Non-Executive Director. He is Chairperson of Gippsland Water and Immediate Past-President and Chairperson of the International Water Association. Tom has a background in law, first in private practice and then as corporate counsel, before undertaking a series of executive roles in the water and environment sector.

Tom is passionate about sound evidence-based decision-making and the role of informed and respectful conversations in good policy. He is an Adjunct Professional Associate at University of Canberra and a Non-Executive Director of Peninsula Leisure. He holds degrees in jurisprudence and law from Monash University, an MBA from Melbourne Business School, and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

In January 2023 Tom was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) for his distinguished service to business, particularly through the essential services industry, and to the community.



Tim Lo Surdo

Tim is the Founder of Democracy in Colour, Australia’s first anti-racism and economic fairness organisation led by people of colour. He also helped establish Hospo Voice, a new union for hospitality workers, and has held senior roles including Head of Campaigns at Oaktree, Campaigns Director at Jhatkaa, National Communications Director at UN Youth Australia, and co-founder of Open Sky.

Tim has served on 22 Boards and is currently the Global Chair of the Jane Goodall Institute, supporting conservation and youth development work in over 65 countries, as well as Chair of No to Violence and the Funders Initiative for Civil Society. For his work, Tim was named an Asia-Pacific Obama Leader, the 2021 Victorian Young Achiever of the Year, a Commonwealth Young Person of the Year finalist, one of the 40 Under 40 Most Influential Asian-Australians, and one of 17 UN Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals.



Kate Symons

Kate has a background in law and has particular expertise in risk, governance and compliance and enforcement.

Kate is a full-time member of the Board of the Australian Energy Regulator. Prior to this, Kate served as a Commissioner for 8 years at the Essential Services Commission (Victoria) including a 5-year term as Chair from 2019 to 30 June 2024 regulating a number of sectors in Victoria including energy, water, local government and transport and Victoria’s energy efficiency program.

Kate holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (Hons), a Master of Public Administration, a Graduate Diploma of Applied Corporate Governance from the Governance Institute of Australia and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Funding allocation process

Each year, the Government has the opportunity to allocate money from the Sustainability Fund to projects that meet the Fund's criteria. Those criteria are set out in legislation, the Sustainability Fund Priority Statement, and the Sustainability Fund Guidelines. Each of these is discussed below.

The independent Sustainability Fund Committee advises the Government on whether proposals meet the criteria for funding. Though a proposal may meet the criteria for funding, it must still then be separately assessed and approved for funding by the Government as part of the annual State Budget process.

Fund monies can be allocated to strategic or ongoing initiatives that are delivered through Victorian Government Departments and Statutory Agencies. Some initiatives may fund grant programs that are open to a wide range of recipients including community groups, councils, government departments, statutory entities, non-government organisations and businesses. Funding is not available for individuals.

Funding criterion 1

Alignment with legislation

To be eligible for an allocation from the Sustainability Fund, a proposal must achieve one or both of the purposes set out in the Section 449(3) of the Environment Protection Act 2017 (the Act):

- (a) to foster environmentally sustainable uses of resources and best practices in waste management to advance the social and economic development of Victoria
- (b) either—
 - (i) to foster community action or innovation in relation to the reduction of greenhouse gas substance emissions; or
 - (ii) to adapt or adjust to climate change in Victoria.

Funding criterion 2

Alignment with Priority Statement

The Premier and Minister for Environment have released a Priority Statement for the Sustainability Fund, as required by the Act (section 449(3)(a)).

The Priority Statement sets out the strategic priorities of the Victorian Government and guides how funds are invested. Under the legislated objectives, the Priority Statement sets out the strategic priorities that will be used to determine the eligibility of programs to be supported by the Fund (**Figure 4**). These priorities are based on those of the Victorian Government. If the priorities of the Fund change, a new Priority Statement will be published.

To be eligible for an allocation from the Sustainability Fund, a proposal's objectives must align with at least one of the strategic priorities.

Funding criterion 3

Alignment with Guidelines

The Premier and Minister for Environment have also released Guidelines for the Sustainability Fund, as required by the Act (section 449(3)(b)).

The Guidelines:

- (a) Provide for an independent Sustainability Fund Committee to advise the Premier and Minister for Environment in relation to the Sustainability Fund
- (b) Set out who is eligible to receive funding
- (c) Establish high-level conditions for funding.

To be eligible for an allocation from the Sustainability Fund, a proposal must be consistent with the Guidelines.

Photo: Gunaikurnai Country / Narracan Falls, Gippsland.
Credit: James Lauritz

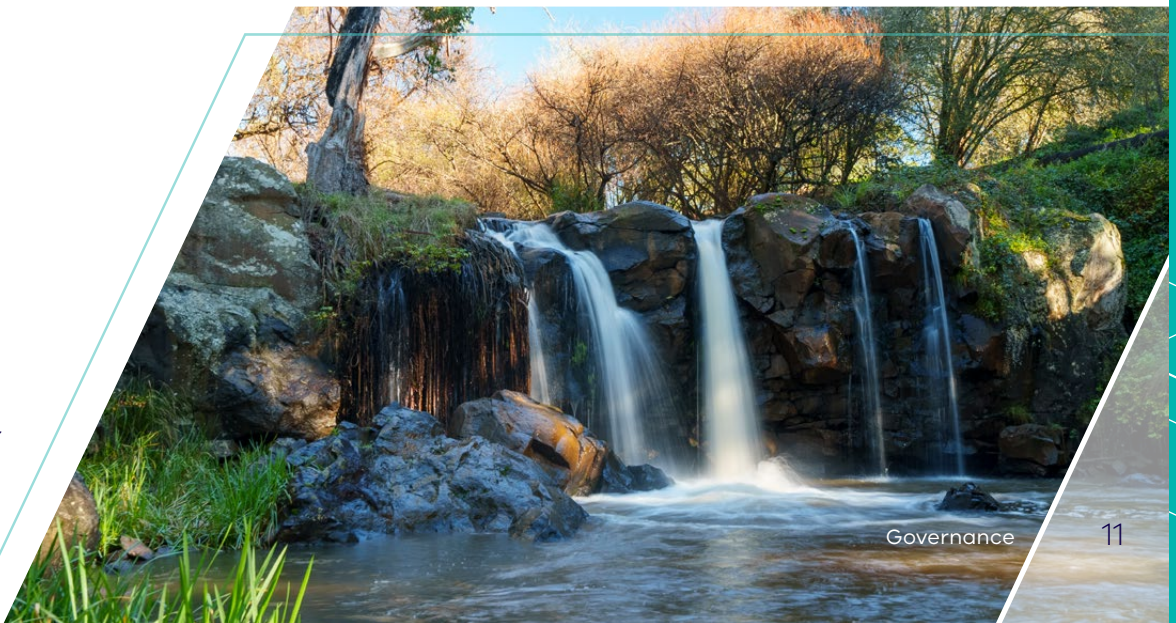


Figure 3: Sustainability Fund allocation process

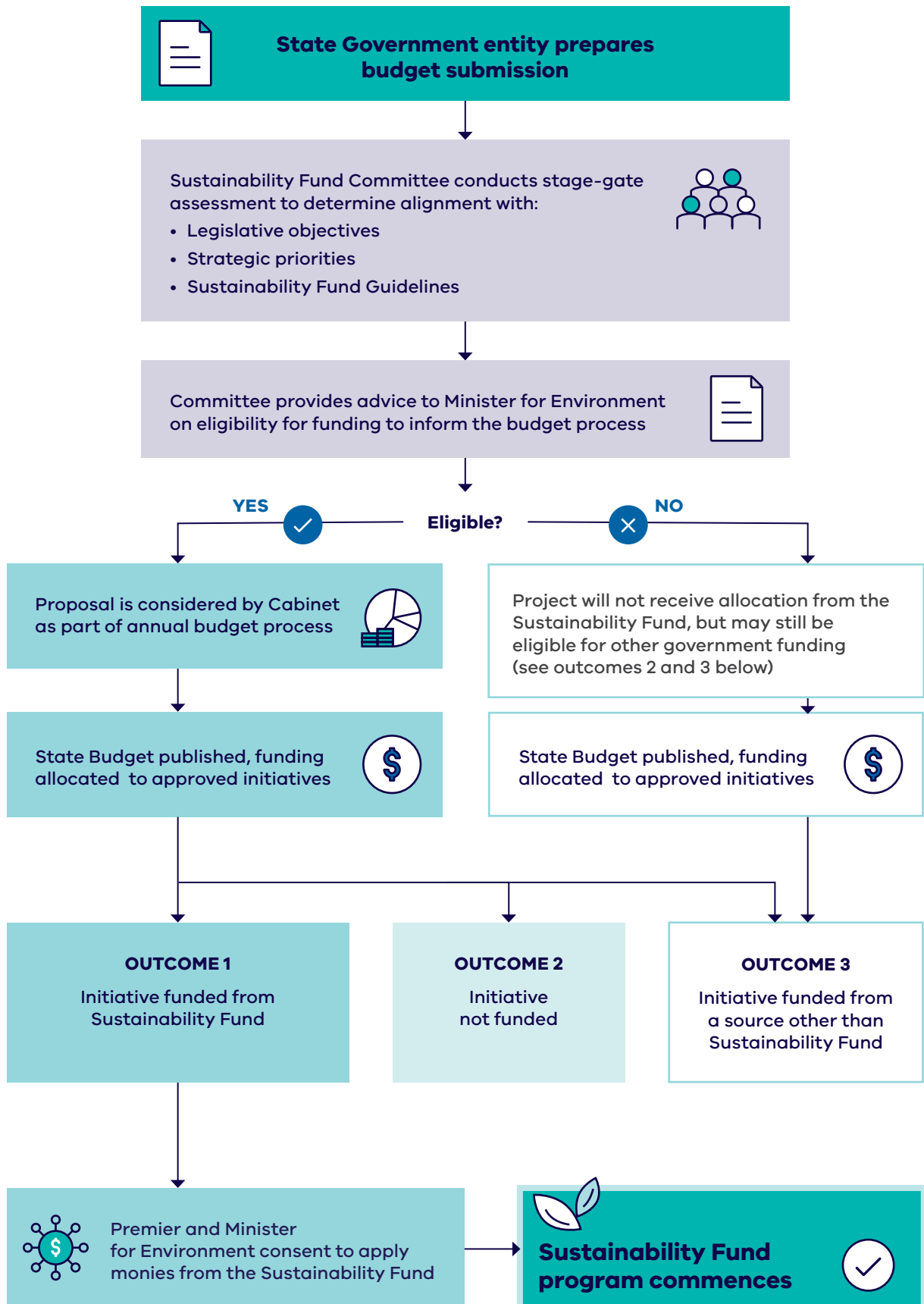


Figure 4: Sustainability Fund legislative objectives and strategic priorities

Sustainability Fund Legislative Objectives

<p>Fostering environmentally sustainable uses of resources and best practices in waste management to advance the social and economic development of Victoria.</p>	<p>Either –</p> <p>1. To foster community action or innovation in relation to the reduction of greenhouse gas substance emissions;</p> <p>or</p> <p>2. To adapt or adjust to climate change in Victoria.</p>
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Strategic Priorities

1.1	Making alternatives to landfill more viable and cost competitive through the stimulation, creation and expansion of viable markets for recycled and recovered materials.	2.1	Supporting individuals, communities and industry to transition to a low carbon economy.
1.2	Facilitating a network of best practice waste and resource recovery infrastructure which minimises public health and environmental impacts and maximises resource recovery opportunities.	2.2	Supporting Victorians to adapt to the impacts of climate change, particularly those most vulnerable and least able to do so.
1.3	Providing equity in access to, and reducing impacts of, waste and resource recovery services on communities.	2.3	Building Victorian communities' capacity, capability and skills in responding to climate change.
1.4	Improving waste education and waste management capability to reduce waste generation, recover resources, and prevent littering and illegal dumping.	2.4	Assisting Victoria's ecosystems and native species to be more resilient to climate change and/or support mitigation outcomes.
1.5	Modernising the management of legacy contamination or pollution.		

Sustainability Fund outcomes 2024-25

Each program that receives an allocation from the Sustainability Fund is required to track and report back to DEECA on its progress against agreed outcomes. These outcomes are measured by a host of indicators that are reported against annually. When combined with indicator data across all programs, a picture of the overall impact of the Fund can be developed.

Table 1 shows key indicators from programs funded across the past five years. It is followed by a series of stories selected from this year's programs to help demonstrate the value and impact of the fund at the community level.

Yearly comparison of indicators

This table compares indicators as reported annually by active programs. Indicators vary across programs depending on their reportable outputs. Fluctuations in indicator values from year to year are due to changes in level of outputs across programs or as programs commence and conclude.



Photo: Wurundjeri Country / Brimbank Park

Table 1: Key performance indicators

Indicator	2020-21 results	2021-22 results	2022-23 results	2023-24 results	2024-25 results	Unit
Best practice waste management						
Increased recovery / recycling of materials¹	-	-	-	167,029	269,346	tonnes/ year
Organics	-	-	-	44,200	21,624	tonnes/ year
Plastic waste	-	-	-	42,829	46,508	tonnes/ year
Paper/ Cardboard	-	-	-	77,727	195,932	tonnes/ year
Glass	-	-	-	2,273	5,282	tonnes/ year
Processing Capacity Increased	-	-	-	359,013	360,572	tonnes/ year
Organics ²	-	-	-	172,858	306,966	tonnes/ year
Plastic waste	-	-	-	57,005	22,819	tonnes/ year
Paper/ Cardboard	-	-	-	96,877	-	tonnes/ year
Glass	-	-	-	32,273	23,995	tonnes/ year
Mixed	-	-	-	-	6,792	
Reduction of dangerous materials in landfill³	46,765	15,722	438	301	134	tonnes/ year
Policies or standards implemented	4	2	5	9	5	number of policies or standards implemented / year
Amount of illegally dumped material removed	9,588	11,359	12,224	12,288	12,878	tonnes/ year
Number of people who attend Detox Your Home events	4,133	7,681	6,179	10,781	5,901	number

Notes:

- A dash (-) is used throughout the table to indicate that there is no data for publication.
- An asterisk (*) is used to show where 2024-25 figures are not yet confirmed, but will be available for the 2025-26 Activities Report.

1 These measures show the additional volumes of recovered / recycled materials arising from Sustainability Fund supported initiatives

2 Additional capacity has been reported since the publication of 2023-24 Report.

3 The reduction in tonnage from 2021-22 onwards is due to completion of works in a project that provided the majority of reported data.

Indicator	2020-21 results	2021-22 results	2022-23 results	2023-24 results	2024-25 results	Unit
Encouraging economic development						
Additional jobs created ⁴	74	102	148	236	193	
Investment leveraged, including in kind contributions	1,809,885	19,153,389	53,090,340	74,486,027	77,685,271	\$ equivalent
New markets created or enhanced for recovered material	-	8	1	9	19	number
Environmentally sustainable use of resources						
Increased deployment of renewable energy capacity in Victorian households, business and commercial and industrial sites	2,780	3,400	2,783	-	*	KW
Policies or standards implemented	-	-	-	39	31	number of policies or standards implemented / year
Facilitating social development						
Households and organisations assisted	384	544	111	-	*	number
Households with access to pocket parks ⁵			6,819	9,578	6,209	number
Partnerships and collaborations formed and continued	200	240	58	44	59	number
Victorians exposed to messaging / information on sustainability ⁶	figures not aggregated	2,201,156	341,080	3,088,573	2,961,059	number

4 Numbers include short and long term jobs.

5 Access is defined by being a 400 metre catchment calculation of new or upgraded pocket parks.

6 2022-23 result has been revised up from last year's report. Includes reporting across a variety of mediums. Figures may contain reaching out to the same individual for differing intentions, owing to difficulty in calculating overlap between outreach programs. Further to this, while advertising focused on Victorians, it is not possible to guarantee that all unique users reached were Victorians.

Indicator	2020-21 results	2021-22 results	2022-23 results	2023-24 results	2024-25 results	Unit
Volunteer hours supported ⁷	84,051	85,376	-	75,014	-	volunteer hours
Number of charitable organisations supported	25	24	24	24	22	Number of charitable organisations supported and sustained
People attending training or receiving support ⁸	618	3,490	1,481	1,034	370	number
Organisations implementing improved policies / standards / practices ⁹	81	124	200	230	12	number
Reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions						
Kilowatt hours of renewable energy generated ¹⁰	446,000,000	457,000,000	378,619,000	335,510,000	355,000,000	kWh
CO ₂ -e emissions reduced or avoided ¹¹		7,255	293,370	181,858	301,041	Tonnes CO ₂ e
Improve community capacity to take action on climate change						
Number of organisations adopting positive environmental action ¹²	81	115	16	25	8	number of organisations

7 No programs reported on volunteer hours in 2022-23 and 2024-25.

8 May contain the same people for implementing two or more different training or support.

9 A significant number of programs associated to this indicator have closed. May contain the same organisation for implementing two or more different policies/ standards/ practices.

10 2023-24 result has been revised down from last year's report

11 This outcome is not associated to the CO₂e from renewable energy generation. 2022-23 figure also includes 5 previous years achievements for a program.

12 Number of organisations year on year might be the same entities but for new or differing policies and standards implemented.

Indicator	2020-21 results	2021-22 results	2022-23 results	2023-24 results	2024-25 results	Unit
Adapting through biodiversity						
Nature Kit and other apps # of visits and use ¹³	113,600	89,987	102,712	133,863	135,000	# of website hits per year
Area of protection or rehabilitation	14,100	8,046	967	407	1,805	ha
Area of pest control ¹⁴	1,261,268	396,240	- ¹⁵	-	-	ha
Area of pest herbivore control ¹⁶	-	632,943	577,000	1,748,662	2,415,286	ha
Area of pest predator control ¹⁷	-	146,441	230,000	373,734	632,631	ha
Area of primary weed control ¹⁸	79,719	27,374	7,200	37,197	40,672	ha

13 2023-24 result has been revised up from last year's report.

14 This may include, but is not necessarily limited to, predator or herbivore control.

15 From 2021-22, more specified herbivore and/or predator pest control indicators have been included in funding agreements. Therefore this line item is likely to be removed in future activities reports.

16 Figure represents summary of all pest herbivore control actions undertaken. Figure is likely to exceed total 'footprint' of pest herbivore actions due to overlapping area between them. Figure for 2023-24 has been revised up.

17 Figure represents summary of all pest predator control actions undertaken. Figure is likely to exceed total 'footprint' of pest predator actions due to overlapping area between them. Figure for 2023-24 has been revised up.

18 Figure represents summary of all primary weed control actions undertaken. Figure is likely to exceed total 'footprint' of primary weed control actions due to overlapping area between them. Figure for 2023-24 has been revised up.

Photo: Gunbower Creek, Northern Victoria.
Credit Daryl Whitaker



CASE STUDY

Victoria's Climate Science Report 2024

Building Victoria's climate resilience

Victoria's climate has warmed since the 19th century, becoming drier in recent decades and experiencing more frequent and intense climate hazards. As global greenhouse gas emissions increase, these changes are projected to continue.

With help from the Sustainability Fund, Victoria's Climate Science Report 2024 has been developed. It is the second report on the best available science and data relevant to climate change in the state, prepared every five years under the Climate Action Act 2017. The first report was published in 2019.

The report provides up-to-date evidence-based information and projections about Victoria's changing future climate, which can be used to inform risk assessments, planning and research into the threats facing Victoria and how climate resilience can be improved. It includes information from leading academic institutions and experts on climate hazards including droughts, bushfire, floods, heatwaves and sea-level rise.

Victoria's new climate projections have been developed using a best-practice range of regional and global climate models and model ensembles. Global models that simulate the earth's global climate are our best source of information on how increasing greenhouse gas concentrations can affect our future. Higher resolution regional modelling is also becoming increasingly available.

This best-practice multi-model approach allows for greater understanding of the climate projections at regional and local scales and ensures Victoria's projections comprehensively consider a broad a range of plausible future changes.



Key examples demonstrating the application of Victoria's Climate Science Report, its underpinning projections and associated tools in decision making, include:

- The Victorian Government has used various climate models to support the threatened species-Specific Needs Assessment. Access to this data allowed the threatened species frameworks team to make critical decisions about how Victoria's most precious threatened flora and fauna should be managed and conserved.
- Ambulance Victoria has found benefit in having access to the report to provide insights into the impact of heatwaves. Ambulance Victoria used the science to better understand the projected increased frequency and severity of heatwaves, and to plan for these changes.
- The science underpinning the report has also been leveraged by the Department of Education during their Climate Risk Assessment and School Asset Management (CRASAM) study. This study plotted school infrastructure and assets against a high emission scenario across several time frames (short, medium and long-term). The CRASAM study has supported a better understanding of climate risk across the sector and has informed the department in building a climate resilient asset base.

The report will also inform the development of Victoria's updated Climate Change Strategy and the next round of five-yearly adaptation action plans for seven statewide systems.

The Victorian Climate Science Report is publicly available here: [Victoria's changing climate](#).

Average annual temperature increased 1.2 °C since 1910

Since 1950s, heatwaves have become **more intense, frequent and longer**, and the heatwave season starts earlier

The number of very hot days per decade has **more than doubled since 1986–2005**, with some areas experiencing up to 5 times as many very hot days

Bushfire **frequency, area burned and severity** have increased

- **Average annual rainfall has decreased** but extreme rainfall events are generally becoming more intense
- **Extreme rainfall events** have almost **doubled since 1958–1985**
- Cool season rainfall has **decreased** by more than **10% compared to 1961–90**

More extended **dry periods** and changing **flood patterns**

Snow depth and cover have **decreased** in alpine regions **since the late 1950s**

Heatwaves

The **more the planet warms**, the **longer, more intense**, and **more frequent** heatwaves will be

Projections indicate **significant increases** in the intensity, frequency and duration of **concurrent droughts and heatwaves**

Bushfires

Observations and climate change studies suggests **fire activity is increasing** in many fire-prone ecosystems and will continue to do so

Observed changes in fire regimes, activity and fire drivers are **likely to escalate** with an increase in global warming

Projected changes are likely to lead to **significant shifts** in fire activity across Victoria

Floods

Extreme floods (1-in-100 events) are projected to **increase in magnitude** in many parts of Victoria by 2100

The historical trend of **small floods becoming smaller** and **large floods becoming larger** will continue at a greater rate

If greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise at a moderate to high rate, **flood risks will double by the end of this century**

Sea-level rise

The rates of sea-level rise to the north and **south-east of Australia** have been significantly higher than the global average, which is accelerating

Sea levels will continue to rise in the next 100 years under all emissions scenarios. Following a lower emissions pathway will help to **slow the rate** of sea-level rise in the longer term

Drought

Droughts have become **significantly warmer** in the 21st century. Future droughts will be hotter than past droughts, which can affect compounding heat and drought events

Some global studies show that **future droughts** may develop **more quickly** with a thirstier atmosphere, leading to a **faster onset of drought**

CASE STUDY

Victorian Recycling Infrastructure Plan



A roadmap guiding the investment in waste and recycling infrastructure for Victoria

The estimated value of Victoria's waste, resource recovery and recycling sector is \$4.4 billion and employs around 13,000 workers. In 2022/23, Victoria generated 14.5 million tonnes of waste, of which nearly 70% was recovered. However, over 4.5 million tonnes still went to landfill, representing \$843 million in lost commodity value. The sector has progressed significantly in recent years, supported by government action. However, lack of certainty about future needs can undermine market confidence to make the sizeable investments needed. With Victoria's population set to reach 11.2 million by 2056, recycling infrastructure that can meet the state's future need is essential for protecting our environment and unlocking economic benefits.

The Victorian Recycling Infrastructure Plan (VRIP) is a 30-year infrastructure plan released in 2024 that provides the market with clarity about future infrastructure needs and information to support investment decisions. The VRIP was a

commitment in the *Recycling Victoria – A New Economy* policy, superseding the previous State-wide Recycling and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan (SWRRIP) and 7 regional implementation plans. The VRIP also includes the reprocessing, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste and the potential impact of waste to energy on waste and recycling infrastructure needs.

As an essential resource for industry, local government, and investors, the VRIP provides:

- in-depth infrastructure needs analysis that considers capacity and capability
- place-based assessments for each material stream
- residual waste and waste to energy
- regional opportunities
- land use planning.

The VRIP takes a more holistic, strategic and innovative approach to infrastructure planning compared to the highly prescriptive approach of the SWRRIP. With the economic considerations

being a key focus, the VRIP includes short, medium and long-term investment directions for each material stream¹, consolidating the infrastructure needs assessments into an investment framework. The VRIP also incorporated land use planning guidance and identified areas suitable for development to inform decision making on locations for new facilities.

To support the VRIP, the team developed an infrastructure investment prospectus and investment-focused roadshow of stakeholder engagement, including pre-launch information sessions, launching the Waste Expo, and 6 in-person infrastructure investment sessions in each of Victoria's regions.

The full impact of the VRIP on infrastructure investment will take time to be realised.

However, there are clear signs of the positive impact the VRIP has made in a short space of time.

The VRIP has brought Recycling Victoria, the regulatory agency for the Victorian waste and resource recovery sector, into the government investment ecosystem, providing a gateway and making it easier for external stakeholders and potential investors to connect with other support agencies.

An investment roadshow was attended by 146 participants, connecting technology providers, local government, water authorities, the energy sector, universities and consultants. These connections have led to several investment discussions with private sector stakeholders and strategic planning discussions with local governments and water authorities about potential recycling precincts.

VRIP is now being used by local government and the EPA to inform planning and licensing decisions, and guides whether proposals are consistent with the state's needs. It has also attracted overseas attention. Recycling Victoria has presented to a Saudi Arabian investment delegation, held discussions with the Netherlands Business Support Office on the opportunities, and received enquiries from the Singapore, Indonesian and USA Global Victoria teams.

Between the VRIP publication in October 2024 and February 2025, the VRIP webpage has had 3,000 visits, making it Recycling Victoria's 3rd most viewed webpage after the organisation's homepage and the Container Deposit Scheme.

Recycling has a major positive impact on the community and economy. It creates 3.3 times more jobs than landfill and can unlock billions of dollars from material efficiencies.

The VRIP is a critical component in building Victoria's flourishing circular economy through creating opportunities for economic growth and job creation within the waste management sector.

Testimonial from Dai Forterre PhD, Chief Representative – Netherlands Business Support Office

"In my opinion, the Victorian Recycling Infrastructure Plan is a global exemplar for guiding long-term strategic infrastructure planning to drive waste reduction, increase resource recovery, and manage residual waste processing.

Recycling Victoria is engaging with business, academia and civil society actively, reciprocally and effectively to help identify and drive tangible outcomes and facilitate largely business-driven solutions as it helps guide the transition towards the Circular Economy in Victoria."



VRIP can be found on the Recycling Victoria website: [Victorian Recycling Infrastructure Plan | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-recycling-infrastructure-plan)

¹ Organics, paper and cardboard, plastics, glass, tyres and rubber, metal, aggregates, masonry and soil, textiles, e-waste and emerging materials, hazardous waste

CASE STUDY

Detox Your Home



The Detox Your Home program has been delivered by Sustainability Victoria and its predecessor organisations since 1994, providing 30 years of safe management of hazardous household waste including: pesticides, herbicides, cleaning products, automotive products, fuels, pool chemicals, paint stripper and thinners.

Household chemicals are present in most households as they are cheap to buy, widely available through supermarkets, hardware stores and cannot be disposed of through the kerbside collection system. Highly toxic legacy products like DDT, strychnine, Paris Green and mercury have been stored for many decades.

Since 2016 there have been 251 Detox Your Home collection events across Victoria attended by 53,350 householders. These events collected 1,507 tonnes of hazardous household chemicals that were treated for resource recovery or safe disposal of any materials that could not be recovered or reused.

Through Detox Your Home events household chemicals are collected and transported to an Environment Protection Authority (EPA) licensed

facility for processing (recovery), treatment, or disposal.

Without the Detox Your Home program most of this waste material would have been stored for longer or disposed illegally into drains or waterways, into landfill or recycling bins or dumped into the environment.

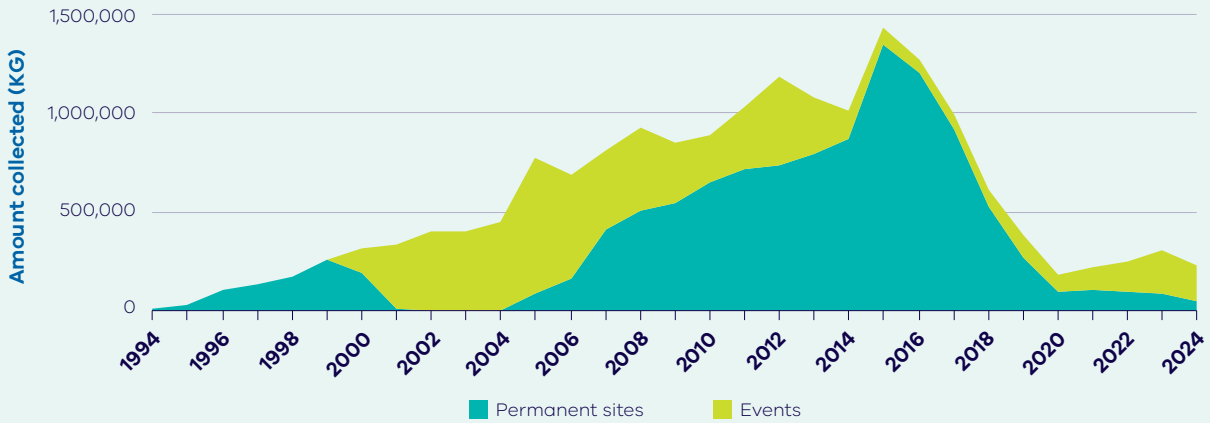
Impacts of hazardous household materials

The potential harms of hazardous household materials include risks to the health of householders and their domestic animals (via ingestion, skin contact, fires and inhalation of vapours), risks to workers involved in waste collection and disposal, and risks to public health and the environment.

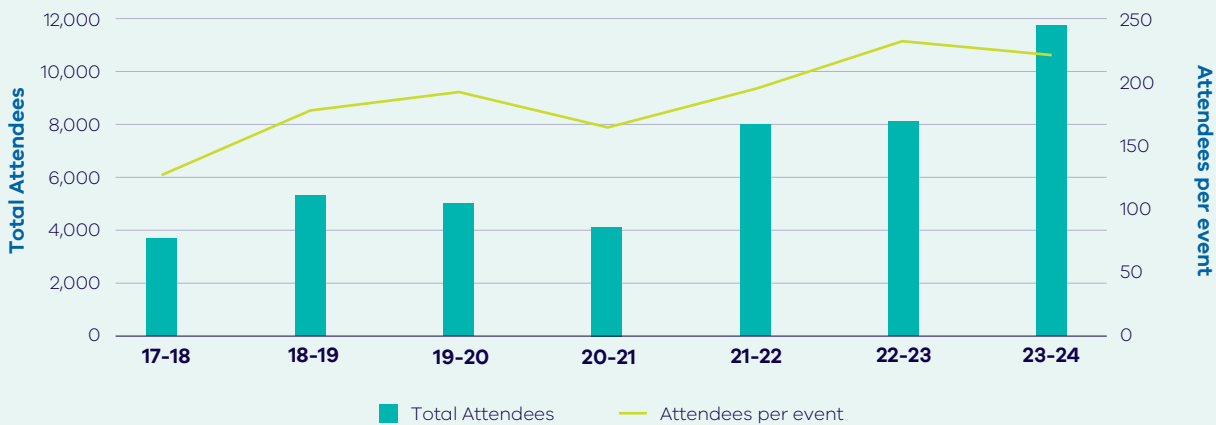
Over the past 30 years the Detox Your Home program has seen many changes. The program led to the emergence of product stewardship schemes for paint, motor oil and batteries with the program shifting its focus to materials that are more toxic and have no alternative pathway for disposal, which is packed safely and transported to an approved receiving facility for further sorting and recovery or treatment for disposal.

Total volume collected at permanent collection sites and Detox Your Home events

The graph below shows a significant reduction in the total volume collected with the introduction of Paintback in 2016. Even without paint, householders drop off around 22.5 kg of household chemicals per vehicle. The graph below illustrates the growth in event attendance over the last 7 years. With the exception of a dip in 2020-21 during the Covid-19 pandemic, the number of attendees at events and permanent sites has risen.



Total event attendance and attendees per event by financial year



Survey results over the years consistently demonstrate Detox Your Home is a highly valued service with a high proportion of attendees indicating they are more likely to purchase alternative, non-toxic products in the future. Examples of householder feedback include:

"Super friendly and helpful team. Could not have asked for a better service. 5 stars!"

"Run very well, speedy moving of lines and fast removal from car. Very impressive!"

"Was a simple process - staff were helpful. Did not take long. Feel better for having disposed of things/items correctly."



CASE STUDY

Contamination Remediation at Warrnambool Harness Racetrack



Photo: Heavy-duty plastic used to cover the test pit between testing and remediation works
Credit: SMEC Australia Pty Ltd.

The Thunder Point Harness Racetrack in Warrnambool was quarried between 1947 and 1959, operating as an active landfill between 1954 and 1975, with the quarry and landfill operations overlapping for a five-year period. Closure of the landfill occurred in 1981 when the site was covered by a clean fill 'cap' by Warrnambool City Council. The harness racing track was then built without contamination investigations being conducted, with harness racing continuing until the early 2020s when the land was proposed for new development.

Landfills are known to contain contaminants including mixed municipal and industrial wastes, landfill gas and landfill leachate that can pose a risk to human health and the environment. So, as part of the proposed development due diligence process, a Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI) was undertaken in November 2022 to assess the contamination and evaluate the suitability of the site for potential future uses, including a wildlife animal hospital and a cultural centre for the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation. However, the PSI and subsequent investigations confirmed the presence of several contaminants of concern in the soil, notably polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which are carcinogenic.



Photo: Securing the test pit cover with stockpiled topsoil
Credit: SMEC Australia Pty Ltd.

Photo: Pit from which the PCB-contaminated soil was removed, before it was backfilled with clean fill
Credit to SMEC Australia Pty Ltd

With funding from the Sustainability Fund, DEECA subsequently engaged consultants to conduct a Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) and Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA), in line with best practice according to the National Environmental Protection Measure and EPA requirements. Several contaminants were identified in both soil and groundwater including PCBs, hydrocarbons and asbestos-containing materials. The HHERA concluded that there was potential for unacceptable risks to human health and risks to the environment.

A Remedial Options Assessment (ROA) was then conducted. It found that total remediation of the site would be prohibitively expensive and not suitable for the animal hospital and cultural centre proposal. However, the ROA clarified a pathway for DEECA to eventually reopen the site.

As a first step, however, the most severe risks to human health and the environment needed to be immediately addressed. This meant that approximately 150m³ of PCB-contaminated soil was removed from the site to a facility licensed to receive this priority waste.

An Environmental Management Plan and Aftercare Management Plan were then developed and are now being implemented to monitor groundwater, surface water, landfill gas and leachate; and to maintain site security and the integrity of the landfill cap. Perimeter fencing and signage has been installed to prevent public

access due to the residual risks posed by the remaining contaminants.

The work to date has resulted in a significant reduction of the risks to human health and the environment. The removal of PCBs has meant that there is no longer a risk that they will migrate to the groundwater and downstream estuary environment over time. DEECA has now met its legislative obligations to manage contaminated land.

This work has also clarified the pathway to potential future public uses, meaning that it will be possible to open the site to public access again in the future.

This project resulted in a great outcome for the environment and has allowed DEECA to comply with its duties under the *Environment Protection Act*. The clean-up works have removed significant high-risk contamination from the site, which acts as an important interface between the township and the surrounding natural environment. Risks to human health and the environment posed by the former landfill are now understood and being appropriately managed.

CASE STUDY

Improving air quality in Laverton and Brooklyn through Better Environment Plan



Photo: Recycled material on its way to the Big Build. Credit: Delta Recycling

Melbourne’s western suburbs, including areas like Laverton and Brooklyn, are home to many factories, industrial sites, and transport hubs. These areas often have higher levels of industrial emissions, such as particulate matter, which affects air quality and can lead to respiratory health problems.

The Brooklyn Recycling Group (BRG) is a collaboration of 4 industrial recycling businesses operating in this area that are seeking to improve their impact on localised air quality. The 4 businesses are: City Circle Recycling, Resource Co, Delta Recycling and the Sunshine Group.

The 4 BRG participants currently recycle more than half of Victoria’s construction and

demolition waste. Their recycling activities, such as metal separation from construction and demolition waste, rock crushing and grading, and plasterboard recycling, create significant amounts of dust.

To reduce their impact on localised dust and air pollution, BRG is working with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on the creation and implementation of Victoria’s first Better Environment Plan (BEP). A BEP is an agreement between a business or organisation and the EPA that allows a business to try new or innovative ways to meet or go beyond its environmental duties under the *Environment Protection Act 2017*.

The objective of the proposed BEP is continuous improvement in the control and mitigation of PM10 emissions caused by the activities of the BEP participants in the Brooklyn area.



Photo: Construction and demolition recycling produces raw materials to support Victoria's Big Build.
Credit: City Circle

In 2024, the BEP project focused on research and development and involved:

Purpose-built dust sensors

Site-specific dust control measures can sometimes fall short, especially during dry and windy weather conditions. To address this, a network of purpose-built dust sensors were installed across all BEP participant sites. These sensors provide a reliable method for detecting high dust events in multiple sites, in real time. This approach enhances the ability to pinpoint causes, trigger immediate alerts, and enable operational staff to implement effective dust mitigation solutions more swiftly.

Site vegetation and landscaping

Vegetation such as trees and shrubs, which are sometimes used as wind breaks, can also capture airborne dust on their leaves. Vegetation also reduces wind speeds and reduces wind erosion (a source of dust emissions). The first stage of the comprehensive vegetation planting and landscaping project has been completed at the Brooklyn site. It consisted of finding an adequate trial area and testing various plant types. The progress of the trial was limited by the impact of feral goats eating the plants – an issue that will require an ongoing management in subsequent stages of the vegetation project.

Other actions included in the BEP project:

- The BRG is working with the state and local governments to establish a reporting system to expedite cleaning and repair of roads surrounding the Brooklyn site.
- Additional staff training was implemented to raise awareness of both dust health impacts and methods to control dust emissions. BEP participants appointed specialist engineers to develop a program for regular training.
- A Community Liaison Officer (CLO) was appointed to provide a two-way information source to ensure that the community is heard and that the scope of operations conducted by the collaboration is communicated and better understood.

The BRG BEP is demonstrating the importance of cross-agency coordination in managing environmental projects.

It sets an example for the industry and encourages a shift from basic compliance to proactive environmental management. When businesses see that BEPs can lead to stronger community relationships and better regulatory outcomes, they are more likely to adopt innovative practices. This not only improves environmental performance across the sector but also builds trust, reduces risk, and sets positive examples for others to follow — ultimately contributing to more sustainable and resilient industries.

More information on Better Environment Plans can be found on EPA website: [Better environment plan | epa.vic.gov.au](https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/better-environment-plan)

Photo: Brooklyn Recycling Group



CASE STUDY

Protecting Biodiversity



Photo: Evidence of feral pigs adapting to alpine environment, Alpine National Park

The Protecting Biodiversity program aims to deliver strategic, targeted and sustained action to improve Victoria’s biodiversity. It is helping to deliver the Victorian government’s strategic biodiversity plan, *Protecting Victoria’s Environment – Biodiversity 2037*. The program delivers weed and pest animal control in priority locations to boost the survival chances of Victoria’s threatened species. The Sustainability Fund provides \$19.7 million annually towards this program.

The Protecting Biodiversity Program funds on-ground management, predominantly the control of pest herbivores, pest predators and invasive weeds, in priority landscapes across the state. Other key components include funding

towards marine projects focusing on coastal wetland and reef restoration and the permanent protection of important habitat on private land through Trust for Nature’s Iconic Estates Program.

Pressure from introduced species is damaging to native species survival contributing to habitat loss; by reducing this threat this project is increasing the chances of survival of Victoria native animals in the face of climate change.

Invasive species are a key threat to Victoria’s unique native flora and fauna, contributing to their decline and reducing their resilience to ongoing changes such as climate change. The program provides financial support to key agencies and organisations, such as Parks Victoria, DEECA Regions and Traditional Owner groups, to deliver large-scale invasive species management projects, helping build biodiversity resilience.

Photo: Feral pigs outside trap, Snowy River National Park

Protecting Biodiversity is supported by state-of-the-art decision-making tools that help ensure the Victorian Government's investment is targeted to areas that will have the most benefit for the greatest number of species. Projects use best practice methods and tools, operate at the most effective spatial and temporal scales, and where possible enable sustained management of landscapes to protect biodiversity into the future.

The on-ground project listed below provides an example of how actions to manage weeds and pest animals in priority landscapes are improving outcomes for native species and habitats.

Case study– managing feral pigs across Victoria

The Protecting Biodiversity program is controlling feral pigs across Victoria, including in the Mallee, Otways, Budj Bim, Alps and East Gippsland.

Feral pigs are a significant problem for native plants and animals. They trample and wallow around waterways, impacting water quality, causing erosion and destroying vegetation which provides food and nesting sites for other animals. Feral pigs also prey on, and compete with, native wildlife for food, and their diggings can spread invasive plants. Threatened species such as the Giant Burrowing Frog and Leafy Greenhood orchid, and ecological communities such as alpine sphagnum bogs, are put at increased risk of extinction due to the habitat degradation caused by feral pigs.

Feral pigs also cause extensive damage to agricultural land and infrastructure, for example in competing with livestock for pasture, they have also even been known to predate on lambs. They pose a biosecurity threat to both native species

and livestock through the introduction and spread of exotic diseases, such as contributing to the recent outbreak of Japanese encephalitis virus.

Feral pigs are highly intelligent and particularly difficult to control. They are wary of methods such as traps and baiting stations and tend to avoid areas where ground shooting is occurring. Sows can produce twenty piglets a year, making ongoing control essential for achieving a reduction in numbers. Floods can lead to feral pigs being more dispersed through the landscape as surface water and available feed become increasingly available.

The Protecting Biodiversity pig control projects are using a wide range of approaches, including trapping, baiting, and ground and aerial shooting. These methods are supported by monitoring and assessment to determine population numbers and movement patterns in the landscape, informing the best locations for control measures. Examples of techniques used in the program are drone thermal imaging; Judas collaring, i.e. radio tracking pig movements through the landscape; and environmental DNA sampling, i.e. detection of DNA from a water or soil sample to determine the presence of a species.

Knowledge sharing between projects is key, with Agriculture Victoria also working with private landholders to complement public land activities and achieve greater outcomes. A Traditional Owner cultural exchange held at Budj Bim with Moogji Traditional Owners from Gippsland was a valuable way of sharing knowledge about the different equipment and methods used to control feral pigs across the state. The broader community also greatly assists with data collection to support feral pig control, by contributing to a database of feral pig sightings and damage through the Feral Scan App.

CASE STUDY

Growing trees for homes, jobs and climate action



Photo: Gippsland Plantations Investment Program. *Credit:* Hancock Victorian Plantations.

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting the sustainable growth of Victoria's plantation estate following the State's transition out of native forest harvesting. To support the shift, the government has mobilised the single largest investment in plantation establishment in the State's history to generate much needed local wood, carbon sequestration and regional jobs.

In 2017, funding was committed from the Sustainability Fund to address over a decade of stagnation in public and private investment in plantation development that resulted in the decline of plantation area across the state. Importantly, investment in plantation expansion provides the dual benefit of delivering a new source of timber supply while contributing to the State's commitment to net zero emissions by 2045.

The funding has supported two programs targeting plantation expansion at different scales: the Gippsland Plantations Investment Program has an industrial scale focus delivered in partnership with industry, while the Gippsland Farm Forestry Program supports small scale growers and the agriculture sector to access the multiple benefits and values gained through the strategic integration of trees on farms. The Gippsland focus specifically supports communities previously involved in the native timber industry.

Gippsland Plantations Investment Program

In developing the Gippsland Plantations Investment Program (GPIP), the Victorian Government undertook a multi-phased and rigorous market process to determine the best design and most suitable delivery partner to expand the Gippsland plantation estate.

The final GPIP design balances the economics of sustainable plantation establishment with social licence considerations, such as compatibility of land uses, land market dynamics, water stewardship and proactive fire management. The Victorian Government was able to achieve this by ensuring the program was optimised to generate carbon credits and limiting the concentration of plantation development in any one locality.

Following a competitive market process, Hancock Victorian Plantations (HVP Plantations) was awarded the contract to deliver the GPIP and has subsequently partnered with the Victorian Government to plant up to 16 million trees over the next 10 years. HVP Plantations is one of the largest private plantation forestry companies in Australia and is matching the government funds provided under the program.

More than 14,000 hectares of softwood plantations will be planted under the GPIP – creating wood supply that will build Victoria's future homes, create regional jobs, and produce paper and packaging products that replace single use plastics.

Over the first three years of planting, more than 3.5 million trees have been planted in this program alone.



By growing trees, the program will contribute to meeting the state's emissions reduction targets by sequestering approximately 7.8 million tonnes of CO₂-equivalent over the next 25 years.

This equates to removing approximately 60,000 cars from the road per year.

Importantly, the carbon sequestered by GPIP trees and stored in wood products created through the program supports the objectives of Victoria's Housing Statement, providing a sustainable supply of building materials for new homes constructed for Victorians into the future.

Once fully established, the GPIP estate has the potential to attract new advanced processing and manufacturing facilities to the Gippsland region, supporting jobs and the local economy.

"HVP is proud to be growing timber for Victoria's future—strengthening supply, supporting local jobs and investment, and helping deliver climate-positive outcomes for Gippsland. With more than 3.5 million trees planted, we're well underway in delivering on our commitment to this long-term program."

– Hancock Victorian Plantations
CEO Melanie Cook

Gippsland Farm Forestry Program

To complement GPIP, funding was also provided by the Sustainability Fund for the Gippsland Farm Forestry Program.

Funding was provided to landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings that can bolster regional timber supply. The program supported farmers to diversify their farm incomes and supported boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.

Grants provided through this program have committed to supporting over 1,100 hectares of plantings across the region. Landowners have explained their motivations for planting trees in terms of diversifying farm incomes, transforming unused land to make it more productive, and the agricultural co-benefits associated with trees on farms in their provision of shade and shelter for stock, addressing on-farm emissions, erosion control, and farm aesthetics.

Both of these programs support the Victorian Government's decision to end native timber harvesting and transition to a forestry industry that is supplied almost entirely from a world-class plantation estate. The carbon sequestered will contribute to climate action and the timber produced will create regional jobs through additional demand for seedling production, planting and caring for the plantations, as well as direct processing jobs in Gippsland and associated flow-on jobs in the manufacturing and retail sector.

CASE STUDY

A Bin Win



Photo: Compost made from FOGO is used in community gardens around Victoria. Credit: Craig Moodie Photography

Reducing contamination of household food and garden organics

Most Victorian households now have access to a food and garden organics (FOGO) bin. Proper use of this bin enables Victoria to recover valuable resources to create compost products while diverting organic waste from landfills, where it generates greenhouse gas emissions and contributes to climate change.

However, the FOGO stream is affected by contamination when householders put incorrect items into the bin, such as plastic bags and fruit stickers. Even small amounts of contamination can compromise the quality of compost produced, reducing market uptake. Contamination can also damage sorting facility equipment.

Addressing FOGO contamination was a key focus of Sustainability Victoria's (SV) Small Acts, Big Impact campaign (which educates Victorians on sorting waste and recycling at home) in 2024. This campaign supports Victoria's kerbside reform and target of 80% diversion from landfill by 2030.

To tackle the issue, SV delivered a targeted intervention and statewide communications campaign using an evidence-based approach driven by behavioural science and social research.

First, SV conducted audience research to understand the factors that lead Victorians to contaminate their FOGO bin, the key contaminant items and the motivators for change. SV then worked with six councils that currently offer a FOGO service to deliver a direct mail campaign, where households received two flyers sent two weeks apart during June 2024.



The flyers used directive language and imagery to highlight the most problematic contaminants in the local area and provide a clear behavioural instruction through just the headline and illustration. Additional text on the flyer catered for more engaged audiences, providing the “why” around FOGO contamination and a call to action to visit the council website.

Pre- and post-campaign surveys showed that around 58,000 Victorians changed their FOGO sorting behaviour after receiving the flyers.

Next, SV delivered statewide campaign activity in September and October 2024 aiming to motivate Victorians to use their FOGO bin correctly by showing that the food scraps and garden clippings that they put into the FOGO bin are turned into compost and used within Victoria. This was identified through research as the most likely message to motivate behavioural change.

This campaign used public relations (media pitching), social media, content creators, ambassadors and multicultural engagement. Highlights included an item on 9 News featuring a Melbourne community garden using FOGO compost, and an Instagram video by internet personality and author Thanh ‘The Fruit Nerd’ Truong following the journey of his food scraps through FOGO sorting and composting facilities.

The post-campaign survey showed that 11% of those who recalled the campaign undertook a contamination reduction behaviour for the first time. This equates to over 80,000 Victorians, or 2% of the population with a FOGO service. Collectively, SV’s FOGO education activity in 2024 drove shifts in Victorians’ knowledge, attitudes and behaviours. Getting people to rethink habitual actions like throwing things into the bin is no simple task, but when small items (like fruit stickers) can cause big problems for an industry, it’s critical.

Through a behavioural science-driven approach, SV’s household education and behaviour change program delivers results that are key to the success of Victoria’s transition to a four-stream waste and recycling system and the Recycling Victoria: A new economy policy’s 2030 targets.



CASE STUDY

Circular Economy Business Innovation Centre



This year, the Circular Economy Business Innovation Centre (CEBIC) cemented its position as a driving force behind circular transformation in Victoria. Delivered by Sustainability Victoria and funded through the Sustainability Fund, CEBIC supported industry to design out waste and circulate products at the highest value for longer.

CEBIC enabled significant systems change across sectors including built environment, food/organics, textiles, and design. The program focused on upskilling industry, delivering circular economy capability building events, masterclasses and trainings to over 8,000 professionals, publishing 11 research pieces and enabling the development of 4 sector-based action plans.

The program supported 51 projects that allowed businesses to avoid over 100,000 tonnes of waste, reduce or avoid more than 260,000 tonnes of CO₂-e emissions, and create over 220 jobs and 140 circular products and services.

CEBIC-backed initiatives such as research and development into new regenerative materials, reuse and repair infrastructure, food waste valorisation and repurposing, and remanufacturing of modular buildings, demonstrate how higher-

order circularity can enhance both sustainability and commercial value.

Notably, 84% of projects continued beyond the initial funding period, with 69% securing additional investment. This is how innovation begins – through targeted support that sparks real, measurable change. We're witnessing momentum build in real time, proving that government investment in innovation is not only effective but essential.

CEBIC has proven what's possible – demonstrating that with the right support, Victorian businesses can lead in designing out waste and building circular models that are commercially viable and environmentally essential. The program laid the groundwork for future investment by showing clear demand, measurable impact, and scalable solutions. Now, the challenge is to build on this success.

To truly make circular business the norm, Victoria must invest to scale up circular solutions and act decisively. Sustainability Victoria has delivered the proof of concept – what's needed next is a broader commitment to turn this momentum into widespread, long-term transformation.





Photo: Walindjerri Redwoods, Taungurung Country / Murrindindi

Financial Information

Support for Victoria over time

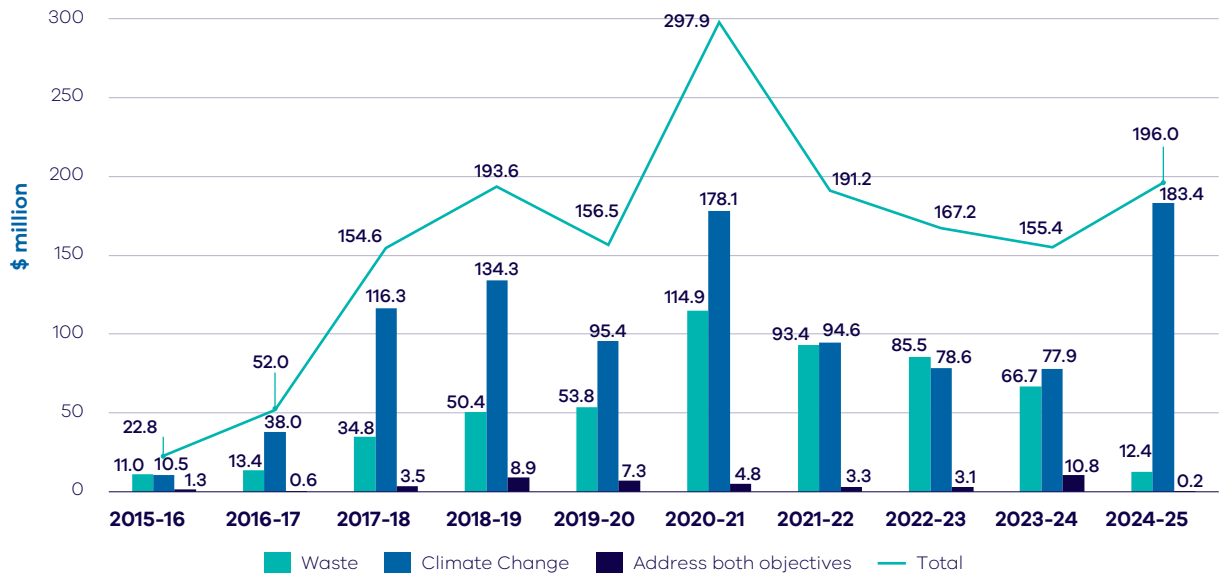
The chart below illustrates how investments from the Sustainability Fund were allocated across its waste and climate change strategic priorities in 2024–25.

Total Fund expenditure in climate change and waste management initiatives has increased by 759% since 2015–16 when DEECA commenced administration of the Fund. This investment demonstrates the government’s ongoing

commitment to strengthening Victoria’s waste and recycling industry and in responding to the effects of climate change.

Total expenditure year to year reflects the cumulative results of annual budget allocations combined with variations to planned expenditure for certain programs. In 2024–25, \$27.2 million of program expenditure was rephased to future years due to delays across a number of programs.

Figure 5: Expenditure over time in strategic priorities as proportion of total spend

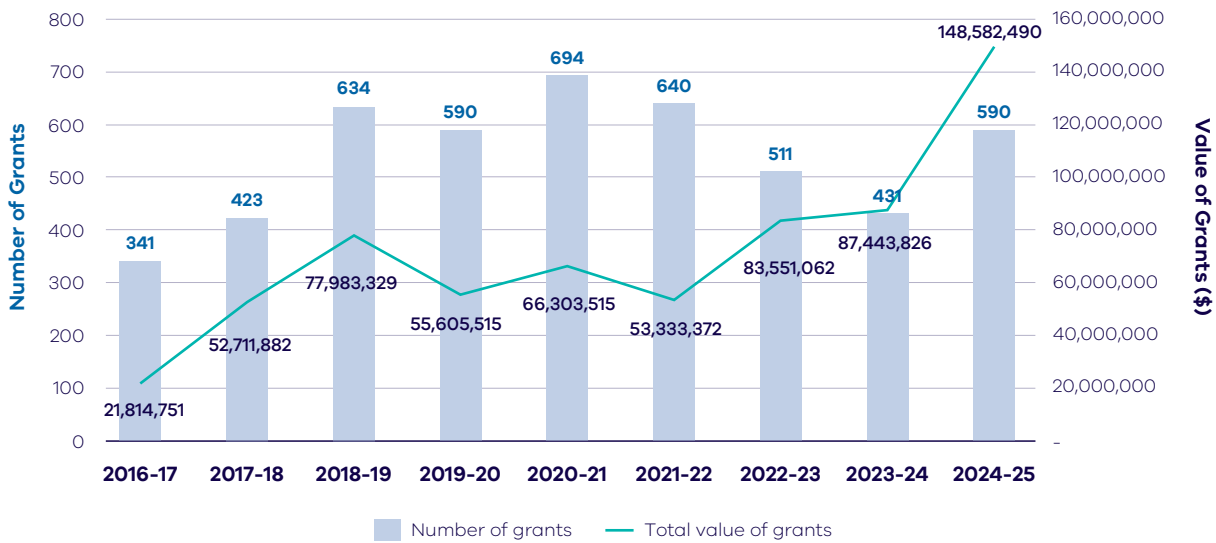


The Sustainability Fund in the Community

A major strength of the Sustainability Fund is that it supports a diverse range of organisations and entities, ensuring that funding reaches various communities across Victoria. In 2024–25, the Sustainability Fund assisted 439 unique organisations via targeted grant programs to undertake projects that deliver better environmental outcomes for Victoria.

Grants are not provided directly from the fund itself, but via the individual grant program application processes administered by the delivery agencies. In 2024–25, a total of 590 grants worth \$148.5 million were provided. **Figure 6** illustrates the number and total value of grants since 2016–17.

Figure 6: Number and value of Sustainability Fund grants provided over time



Note: Victoria Government’s Solar Homes Program paid out \$61,411,488 in rebates to 42,522 individuals. This is represented as one grant.

Individuals were the major recipients of grant funding across the state in 2024–25, receiving more than \$61.8 million. This included 42,522 solar home rebates paid to individual Victorians, which totalled over \$61.4 million. For the purpose of **Figure 6**, these rebates together are counted as a single grant. A further 95 individual recipients received grants – primarily to assist with caring for wildlife.

As the tier of government closest to the community and the main provider of waste services, local government remains a vital stakeholder in driving Victoria to a sustainable

future that delivers equitable prosperity for all Victorians. In 2024–25, local government received grants worth more than \$10 million in addition to the funding and resources provided each year to local government by DEECA and other government agencies.

The following charts illustrate the extent of different organisations and entities supported through the Fund in 2024–25. A full list of grants made possible by the Fund can be found at **Appendix 3**.

Figure 7: Proportion of 2024-25 total grant funds received by sector (Total: \$148,582,490)

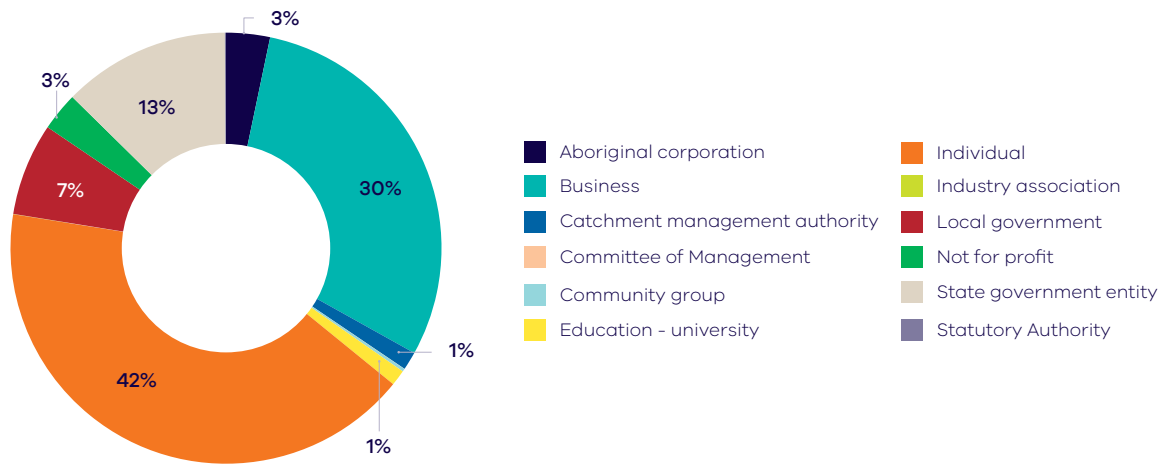


Figure 8: Proportion of 2024-25 unique grant recipients by sector (Total: 438)

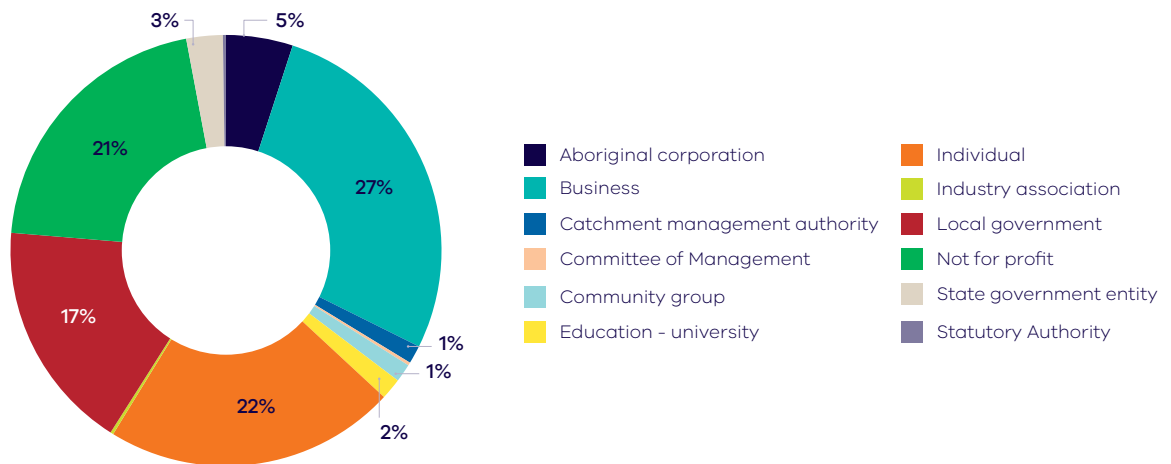
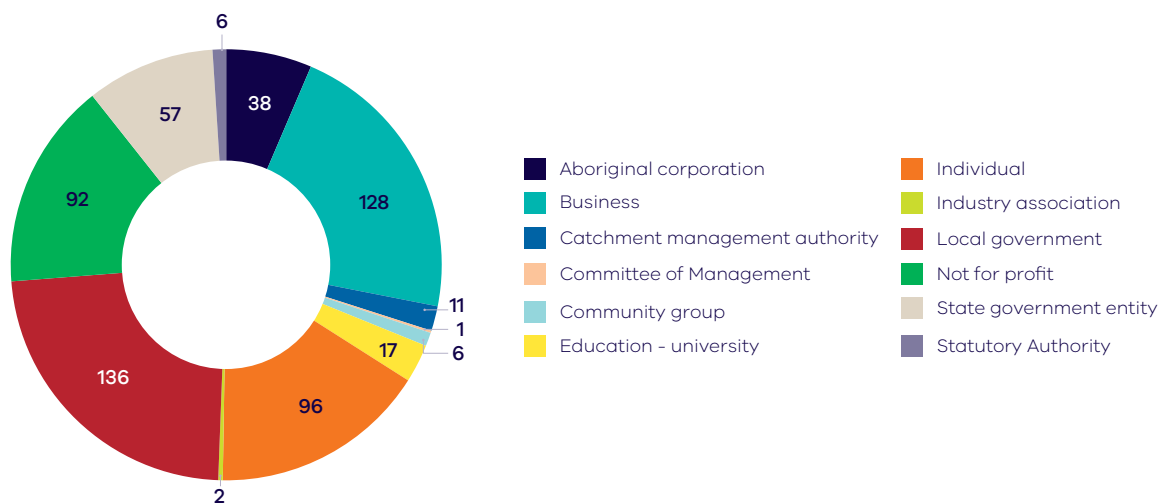


Figure 9: Number of 2024-25 grants received by sector (Total: 590)



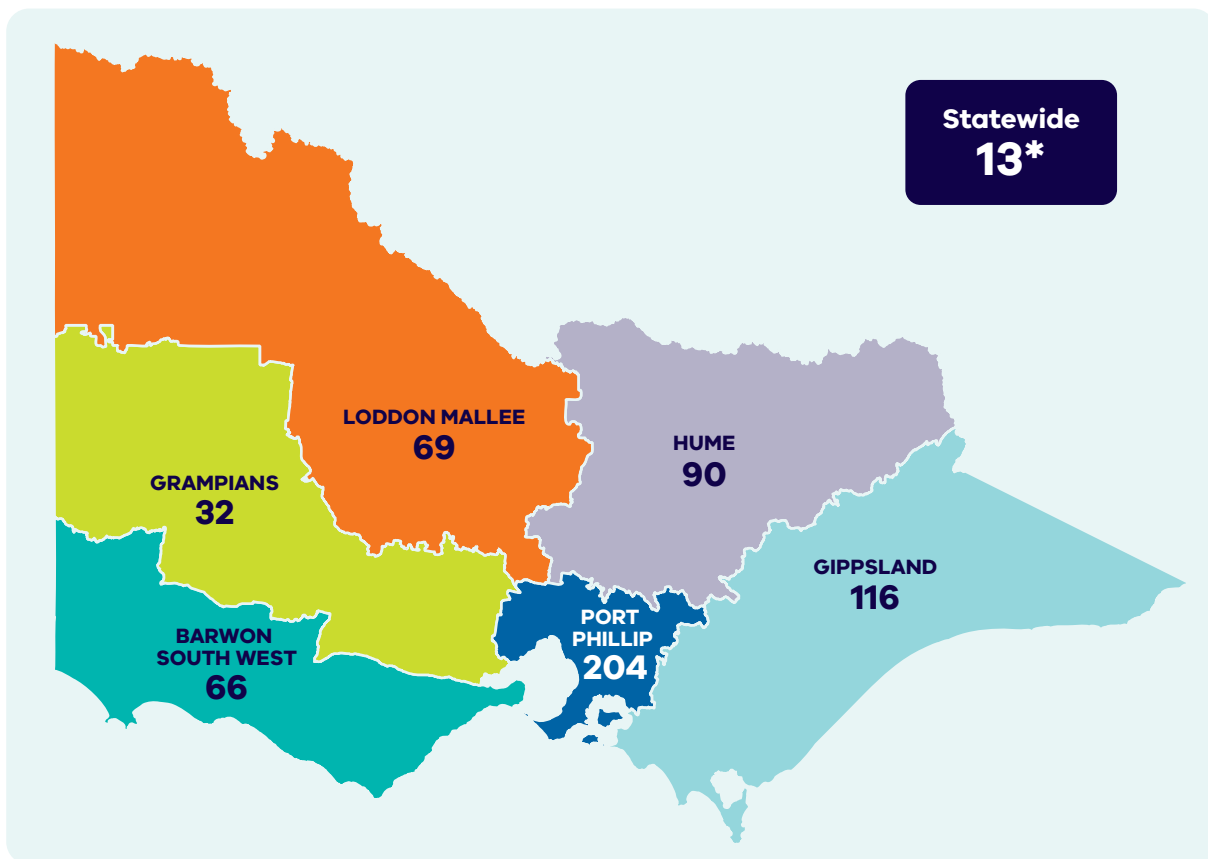
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The Sustainability Fund supports projects right across the state. **Figure 10** and **Table 2** below show the spread of projects supported by the Fund across the state.

Table 2:

Region	Amount	Number of Projects
Barwon South West	\$10,367,497	66
Grampians	\$1,310,333	32
Gippsland	\$43,495,605	116
Hume	\$3,423,163	90
Port Phillip	\$17,285,464	204
Loddon Mallee	\$6,464,260	69
Statewide	\$66,236,164	13*

Figure 10:



***Note:** Victoria Government’s Solar Homes Program paid out \$61,411,488 in rebates to 42,522 individuals. This is represented as 1 statewide grant.

Investment over time

Since its establishment, the Sustainability Fund has provided essential support to a wide range of programs to help lower our impact on the environment and assist Victoria’s communities to respond to the impacts of climate change. The chart below illustrates the significant investment that has been made by the Victorian Government since the Fund was transferred to DEECA on 1 July 2015. Commitments over the forward estimates (indicated in **Figure 11**) relate to commitments announced as part of State Budget processes, and do not take into account any potential allocations from the Fund made as part of future State Budgets. Additional allocations from the Fund will be subject to future State Budget consideration.

Figure 11: Expenditure from the Fund



Note: This chart includes both program and administration expenditure for the Fund. Actual expenditure figures from the Fund in the years prior to 1 July 2015 have been sourced from the Victorian Auditor General’s Office report, *Managing the Municipal and Industrial Landfill Levy*, July 2018, (Figure 2E, p.43).

Projected cash balance

After drawing down the cash balance to a near-low of \$66.8 million in 2021-22, the closing balance of the Sustainability Fund increased to \$545.7 million at 30 June 2025 as cash revenue increased and a number of large programs concluded.

Figure 12: Cash balance of the Fund

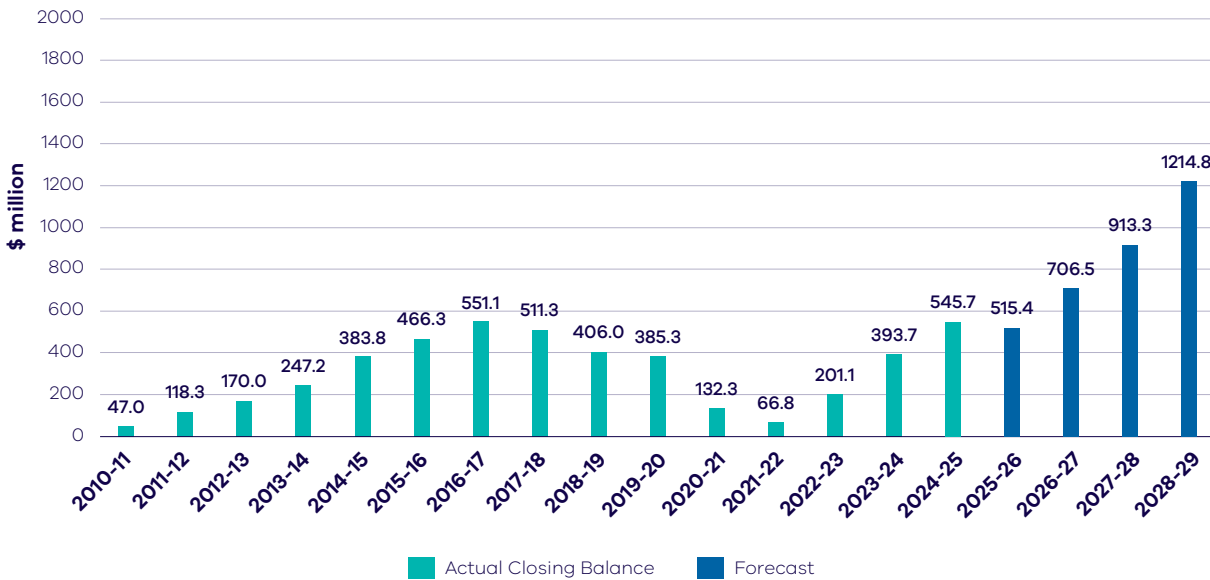


Figure 12 above illustrates the capacity forecast for the Fund over the next four years based on the current level of budget commitments.

Current forward commitments made by the Fund as of 30 June 2025 are detailed in **Table 3**. This table does not take into account any potential allocations from the Fund made as part of future state Budgets.

The DEECA 2024–25 Annual Report provides further detail on movements in the MIWL trust account and the Fund trust account.

Table 3: Sustainability Fund Forward Commitments (\$ millions)

Program Title	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Ongoing
Solar Homes Program	95.25	62.36	62.63	5.46	2.18
Cheaper Cleaner Energy To Drive Economic Recovery	67.06	19.45	11.69	10.23	9.45
Timber Plantation Establishment	32.50	-	-	-	-
Solar Homes Program - Hot Water Rebates	29.72	-	-	-	-
Energy Efficiency Upgrades For Homes	23.53	17.73	-	-	-
Protecting Victoria's Environment - Biodiversity 2037	19.71	19.71	19.71	19.71	19.71
Future Forests Program	19.16	5.87	-	-	-
Driving Down Bills with 100 Neighbourhood Batteries	19.16	10.30	-	-	-
Enhancing Core Energy Functions - Delivering core functions to support the energy transition	14.70	14.69	14.82	14.74	14.43
Recycling Victoria: A New Economy	14.58	-	-	-	-
Maintaining Essential Energy Functions	13.06	13.06	13.06	13.06	13.06
Suburban Parks	8.77	-	-	-	-
Supporting Landcare and Coastcare volunteers	8.56	8.56	-	-	-
Core Environmental Programs	7.92	7.92	7.92	7.92	7.90
Delivering Climate Action	5.00	5.00	-	-	-
Securing Our energy future – Solar Trams	4.69	4.69	4.69	-	-
Improving Victorian Energy Upgrades	4.14	-	-	-	-
Accelerating Victoria's Agriculture Sector Response to a Changing Climate	3.87	-	-	-	-
Clean Energy Worker Training Centres	3.44	1.49	-	-	-
Supporting a Circular Economy	3.18	3.13	3.13	-	-
Climate Active Agriculture: Future Drought Fund	2.79	4.31	1.39	1.50	-
A Safe and Just Community Transition to Renewable Energy	2.01	1.25	-	-	-
Charitable Recycler Grants	1.85	1.91	1.96	-	-
Forests for Victorians and Restoration Jobs for Forestry Contractors	1.55	1.16	-	-	-
Continue the establishment of Liwik Barring conservation area	1.51	1.51	-	-	-
Environment Protection and Air Quality	1.21	-	-	-	-
Protecting Public Land	0.97	0.97	-	-	-
Enabling Collaborative Wildlife Management	1.00	1.00	-	-	-
Food relief - Foodbank GROW program - Strengthening Food Security Across Victoria	0.99	0.99	0.99	-	-
Clean Energy Transition Initiatives	0.92	-	-	-	-
Core environmental and Traditional Owner Programs	0.60	0.10	-	-	-
Biosecurity Preparedness - Protecting Victoria from Biosecurity Threats	0.45	-	-	-	-
Coupe Regeneration and Compliance Standards	0.13	-	-	-	-
Administration and minor project expenditure pending approval	2.59	2.55	2.59	2.63	2.68
Grand Total	416.56	209.70	144.59	75.26	69.42



Photo: Gunaikurnai Country / Thomson River. *Credit: James Lauritz*

Appendices



Photo: Mountain bike riding in Yackandandah, Victoria.
Credit Mark Jesser

Appendix 1 – Figures not expected to be reported in future years due to conclusion of programs

Indicator	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Unit
Schools supported to adopt positive environmental action	584	457	528	563	na	Schools adopted positive environmental action

Appendix 2 – Programs funded by the Fund in 2024–25

Program Name	Total (\$) 2024-25	Expected Priority Outcome				Theme		
Biosecurity Preparedness - Protecting Victoria from Biosecurity Threats								
Emergency Animal Disease Preparedness – Waste Disposal	450,000	1.1		1.4		Waste		
The project aims to foster environmentally sustainable use of resources through work to divert organic waste generated in an emergency animal disease (EAD) outbreak that is destined for burial in landfills, to higher order use, including processing into products that have the potential to be reused, such as compost or rendering products								
Charitable Recycler Grants								
Charitable Recycler Grants	1,795,000	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	Waste		
The objective of the program is to assist the charitable recycling sector to manage waste levy costs that are incurred because of illegal dumping and inappropriate donations that are not suitable for resale								
Core Environmental and Traditional Owner Programs								
Wotjobaluk, Dja Dja Wurrung and Eastern Maar Recognition & Settlement Agreements	919,000			2.2	2.3	2.4	Climate Change	
This program supports the implementation of the Dja Dja Wurrung, Wotjobaluk and Eastern Maar Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic) (TOS Act) agreements.								
Delivering Climate Action								
Delivering Climate Action	5,000,000			2.1	2.2	2.3	Climate Change	
The program objectives are to provide core policy services within DEECA to deliver and coordinate climate policy that mitigates the risks and captures the opportunities of climate action.								
Environment Protection and Air Quality								
Expansion of the Financial Assurance Framework	97,000		1.3		1.5		Waste	
The program objectives are to apply and administer financial assurance for a substantially larger number of sites, and support policy and guidance development on financial assurance to address significantly larger-scale and more complex sites.								
Future Drought Fund								
Future Drought Fund Farm Business Resilience	120,000			2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	Climate Change
The program objective is to support farm businesses in developing the skills and action plans needed to prepare for, adapt and become more resilient to the impacts of drought and climate change.								
Future Drought Fund Regional Drought Resilience Planning 2.0	100,000			2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	Climate Change
The program objective is to help agricultural businesses and regional communities be prepared for and resilient to future droughts and dry seasonal conditions.								
Future Forests Program								
Post Timber Harvesting Regeneration	1,699,512					2.4	Climate Change	
This program aims to plan and deliver regeneration activities on sites previously harvested for timber, across the Victorian State Forest estate.								

Program Name	Total (\$) 2024-25	Expected Priority Outcome			Theme
Conserving Forest Biodiversity	4,694,400	2.4			Climate Change
This initiative aims to improve the health and resilience of forest-dependent species and ecological communities.					
Biodiversity and Threatened Species Survey Program	1,361,000	2.4			Climate Change
This program aims to improve management and protection of threatened species on land subject to Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) forest and fires management activities.					
Seed Management	2,208,836	2.3	2.4		Climate Change
The program aims to maintain and build DEECA's seedbank in readiness for recovery programs from fire and disturbance events, and support forest restoration and regeneration programs which are critical to forest health, ecological function and resilience.					
Forest Management and Forest Health Policy Setting	888,694	2.4			Climate Change
The program objective is to provide a clear and transparent framework for how DEECA will undertake forest management activities while protecting forest values and delivering climate adaptation strategies.					
Fire Ecology and Forest Modelling	866,950	2.4			Climate Change
The program aims to improve the quality of information, tools and processes available to policy and strategic, operational and tactical planners, enabling forest managers to better plan for and mitigate the damaging effects of severe bushfires and other large-scale disturbances driven by climate change.					
Maintaining Essential Energy Functions					
Supporting Victorians Through the Energy Transition	2,043,000	2.1	2.3		Climate Change
The program objectives are to support delivery of core energy functions to ensure government can maintain a safe, secure, reliable and affordable energy system for Victorians. Specifically, this project relates to the MEEF objective to support Victorians through the energy transition. The overarching objective of this project is to ensure that new energy technologies drive Victoria's energy future.					
ESD Driving Growth in Renewables	1,991,000	2.1	2.2	2.3	Climate Change
The program objectives are to support delivery of core energy functions to ensure government can maintain a safe, secure, reliable and affordable energy system for Victorians.					
ESR Driving Growth in Renewables, Reducing Emissions and Improving Reliability	2,281,000	2.1	2.2	2.3	Climate Change
The program objectives are to support delivery of core energy functions to ensure government can maintain a safe, secure, reliable and affordable energy system for Victorians. Specifically, this program is to deliver intervention four in the MEEF –Driving growth in renewables, reducing emissions and improving reliability.					

Program Name	Total (\$) 2024-25	Expected Priority Outcome	Theme
Ensuring the Rights of Energy Consumers	1,871,000	2.1 2.3	Climate Change
The program objectives are to support delivery of core energy functions to ensure government can maintain a safe, secure, reliable and affordable energy system for Victorians. Specifically, this program is to deliver intervention four in the MEEF –Driving growth in renewables, reducing emissions and improving reliability.			
Energy Safety and Security	4,878,000	2.1 2.2 2.3	Climate Change
The program objective is to deliver services and projects that effectively regulate the safety, security and resilience of energy supply and infrastructure; prevent, mitigate, and respond to energy emergencies; and improve community preparedness for and resilience to energy emergencies.			
Managing Contaminated Public Land			
Managing Contaminated Public Land	1,210,000	1.5	Waste
The program objective is to reduce the risk to human health and the environment from high risk contaminated public land.			
Protecting Victoria's Environment –Biodiversity 2037			
Protecting Biodiversity 2021-25	19,710,815	2.3 2.4	Climate Change
The program aims to deliver strategic, targeted and sustained action to improve Victoria's biodiversity as detailed in Biodiversity Division's strategic plan: Protecting Victoria's Environment –Biodiversity 2037 (Biodiversity 2037).			
Recycling Victoria - Household Chemical Collection Program			
Detox Your Home 2024-25	1,400,000	1.2 1.3 1.4	Waste
The purpose of the program in 2024-25 is to plan a safe exit from the program by providing a final round of events to allow Victorians another chance to dispose of the most dangerous and difficult-to-dispose-of items.			
Recycling Victoria: A New Economy			
Education and Behaviour Change	250,000	1.4	Waste
The program aim is to deliver a comprehensive and cohesive household education and behaviour change program for Victorian households.			
Asbestos Disposal Management Plan 2020-22 SV	698,000	1.2 1.3 1.5	Waste
The program aim is to develop and implement an Asbestos Disposal Management Plan (ADMP) to ensure Victoria has the infrastructure and supporting systems to enable safe management and disposal of waste asbestos and to meet future disposal needs.			
Circular Economy Business Innovation Centre	153,008	1.1 1.4	Both
The objective of this program is for DEECA to provide policy support and collaborate with Sustainability Victoria (SV) on the development and delivery of the Circular Economy Business Innovation Centre.			

Program Name	Total (\$) 2024-25	Expected Priority Outcome			Theme
Renewable Energy Action Plan					
Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES)	1,200,000	2.1			Climate Change
The program objective is to inform government on energy storage options via the lens of water availability, water implications and climate change including providing options to government on different renewable energy storage options using water.					
Pathway to First Peoples' Renewable Energy Transition	382,000	2.1		2.3	Climate Change
The program objective is to work collaboratively with First Nations people to co-design a Strategic Plan that both articulates and maps the Government's program of work and incorporates the input, views and aspirations of First Peoples, resulting in a shared view of the transition pathway enabling First Peoples' communities to assert their self-determining interests and aspirations in the energy transition.					
Renewable Energy Action Plan Securing Our Energy Future – Solar Trams					
Renewable Certificate Purchasing Initiative	4,687,875	2.1			Climate Change
The program objectives are to demonstrate visible leadership in tackling climate change by committing to accelerate the development of renewable energy projects in Victoria; create a precedence for government departments to pledge to visible and cost effective carbon emissions reductions; and, contribute to decarbonising Victoria's electricity sector.					
Renewable Energy Action Plan, Maintaining Essential Energy Functions, Cheaper cleaner energy to drive economic recovery					
Maximising the Benefits and Reducing Risk from ZEVs and DER	550,000	2.1		2.3	Climate Change
This program aims to unlock the value in Victoria's zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) and distributed energy resources (DER) to smooth the transition of the network to a higher DER future, benefitting all Victorian consumers.					
Securing Environmental Protection					
Maintaining Core Environmental Protection Policy Services	1,000,000	1.4	1.5		Waste
The program objectives are to implement specific legislative or instrument amendments that are required to ensure the Environment Protection framework is fit for purpose; conduct policy scans with recommendations to further develop or amend existing policies required to reduce the harmful effects of pollution and waste to human health and the environment.					
Supporting a Circular Economy					
Supporting a Circular Economy	3,135,000	1.1	1.2	1.5	Waste
The objectives of this program are to maintain critical functions within the Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action (DEECA) through core policy services					
Solar Homes					
PV Rebates	71,086,105	2.1	2.2	2.3	Climate Change
The program supports Victorian households to reduce their energy bills and address cost of living pressures, while reducing emissions.					

Program Name	Total (\$) 2024-25	Expected Priority Outcome	Theme
Cheaper Cleaner Energy To Drive Economic Recovery			
Accelerate Development of Victoria's Renewable Energy Zones (REZs) and Unlock New Renewable Investment (VicGrid)	26,711,065	2.1 2.2	Climate Change
The initiative supports actions to reduce emissions from electricity generation by switching from fossil fuel-based electricity to renewables, thereby reducing greenhouse gas substance emissions.			
Clean Energy Transition Initiatives			
Community Power Hubs	620,000	2.1 2.2	Climate Change
This project supports the energy transition away from fossil fuels to renewable energy and transition from gas to electrification, thereby contributing to the state's reduction in greenhouse gas substance emissions.			
Core Environmental Programs			
Peri-Urban Weed Management; Port Phillip Bay Fund and Unique Biodiversity Protection through Community Driven Action	8,170,000	2.2 2.3 2.4	Climate Change
The initiative supports Victorians to adapt to the impacts of climate change by building the capacity, capability and skills of partner organisations and community groups to more effectively protect valued biodiversity assets.			
A Safe and Just Community Transition to Renewable Energy			
Energy Safety Review	1,513,690	2.1	Climate Change
This project supports Victoria's energy transition to a low carbon economy by ensuring safety risks arising from the adoption of emerging renewable technologies are identified and addressed through necessary legislative and regulatory reforms.			
Clean Energy Worker Training Centres			
Wind Worker Training Centre	880,114	2.1 2.3	Climate Change
The Wind Worker Training Centre will support critical industry-based training activities to ensure the supply of qualified wind workers needed to meet the planned growth in onshore and offshore wind energy.			
Recycling Victoria			
Supporting a Circular Economy	2,384,000	1.4	Waste
The VRIP aims to contribute to sustainable use of resources by setting out a clear roadmap for infrastructure needed to increase recycling of materials while the Waste Data project aims to increase the availability and use of timely and accurate data, intelligence, modelling and analysis.			
Coupe Regeneration and Compliance Standards			
Coupe Regeneration and Compliance Standards	129,300	2.4	Climate Change
The project aims to improve the health and resilience of forest-dependent species and communities by avoiding or minimising harm to these species during forest management and in the context of climate change.			

Program Name	Total (\$) 2024-25	Expected Priority Outcome	Theme
Driving Down Bills with 100 Neighbourhood Batteries			
Driving Down Bills with 100 Neighbourhood Batteries	4,000,000	2.1 2.2	Climate Change
The rollout of batteries will be an important enabler of higher penetration of local renewable energy in the grid, thus supporting greenhouse gas emissions reductions.			
Accelerating Victoria’s Agriculture Sector Response to a Changing Climate			
Accelerating Victoria’s Agriculture Sector Response to a Changing Climate	4,017,141	2.1	Climate Change
This program to build a foundational capability and capacity in climate mitigation by Agriculture sector.			
Energy Efficiency Upgrades For Homes			
Solar Vic Energy Efficiency Upgrades For Homes	6,159,000	2.1 2.2	Climate Change
The program assists vulnerable members of the community to be a part of Victoria’s energy transition, while also providing improvements in their health and wellbeing.			
Forests for Victorians and Restoration Jobs for Forestry Contractors			
Forests for Victorians and Restoration Jobs for Forestry Contractors	1,103,799	2.3 2.4	Climate Change
This initiative will increase the capacity and capability of Victorian communities to respond to the impacts of climate change, by developing and retaining the skilled workforce required to support active forest management including prevention, preparedness and response to bushfire and other natural emergencies (through creation of control lines, strategic fuel breaks etc.), and forest recovery and restoration including through seed collection, sowing and monitoring.			
Improving Victorian Energy Upgrades			
Solar Vic Improving Victorian Energy Upgrades	1,538,200	2.1 2.2 2.3	Climate Change
This project aims to drive uptake of electric appliances (and reduced reliance on gas) and improved thermal performance in residential and commercial buildings, which will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to Victoria’s emissions targets.			
TOTAL (excludes admin expenditure)			195,953,504



Photo: Eastern Blue-tongue Lizard with Yarrowonga Wildlife Shelter carer.
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Appendix 3 – Grants and projects funded by the Sustainability Fund in 2024–25

Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action

100 Neighbourhood Batteries

The program provides grants to support the installation of 100 neighbourhood-scale batteries to improve energy reliability and provide energy storage capacity for locally generated solar power, which is expected to increase access to renewable energy and help lower energy bills.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
GV Community Energy Pty Ltd	GVCE - Resilient Community Organisations	The project will deliver two behind the meter islandable neighbourhood batteries, supplied and installed by Future NRG, at 2 not-for-profit community sites across Victoria: Moyola Aged Care and Merriwa Industries.	\$186,182
Indigo Power Ltd	Wodonga Neighbourhood Battery	Indigo Power will install a neighbourhood battery at a water treatment plant in Baranduda within the City of Wodonga. The system will be connected to the electricity grid 'behind-the-meter' through an existing high-capacity connection point, so the battery will operate as an effective solar soak.	\$45,000
Mondo Power Pty Ltd	Phillip Island Neighbourhood Batteries	Mondo Power will deploy seven neighbourhood batteries on Phillip Island. Once commissioned, a portion of the batteries' operating income will be allocated annually to community-focused initiatives in collaboration with Bass Coast Shire and community group Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI).	\$840,000
Mondo Power Pty Ltd	Queenscliff Neighbourhood Battery	Mondo Power will deliver four neighbourhood batteries on council-managed land in the Borough of Queenscliff. Once commissioned, the batteries will be owned and operated by Mondo Power. All sites will enable higher levels of rooftop solar penetration and each system is expected to deliver community benefits tailored to that location.	\$480,000
Totally Renewable Yackandandah	Yack02 - Powered and Empowered	Totally Renewable Yackandanda, along with Indigo Shire Council and the volunteer committee, will install a neighbourhood battery at the Yackandandah Sports Park. This installation aims to boost the proportion of 'low carbon' power in the network each evening, reduce power bills, and support increased solar generation. Critically, the battery will also be able to power site backup loads during outages or emergencies.	\$259,075
AusNet Electricity Services Ltd	AusNet's 10 LV Pole-Mounted Batteries	AusNet will install 10 low voltage (LV) pole-mounted batteries across their distribution network, which includes Melbourne metropolitan and regional areas. Batteries will be deployed as an alternative solution to traditional network augmentation, delivering both customer and network benefits.	\$400,000
		TOTAL	\$2,210,257

Accelerating Victoria's agriculture sector response to a changing climate

The program provides grants to support the agriculture sector in Victoria to mitigate and adapt to the climate change. It is composed of three grant streams including: Action Plan grants (to support recommended actions on Applicant's On-Farm Emission Action Plan); Innovation Fund (to trial and evaluate innovative ideas to significantly reduce on-farm emissions, and to develop case studies for learning and collaboration) and Industry Stream (to trial and evaluate innovative ideas - open to select industry or other agriculture sector organisations).

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Acacia Ridge Trust	Fertiliser use and efficiency	Purchase of a variable rate fertiliser spreader to increase accuracy of applications, allow different prescription application rates to different land classes and soil types.	\$13,775
Baanga Pty Ltd	Improving pastures, soil health, fertility and soil carbon	Conduct soil carbon, nutrient and microbial testing on the property to evaluate trends over time.	\$8,248
Ballinode Pty Ltd	Soil moisture monitoring technology	Install two soil moisture probes and a weather station to allow for monitoring of soil moisture on all soil types and crops grown in one season and monitoring weather conditions that will influence decision-making around application of fertilisers and chemicals.	\$6,012
Bear And Twigg	Tree plantations and fencing waterways	Purchase trees, fencing materials and labour to complete tree planting and establish water infrastructure to allow for further fencing and revegetation along waterways, seeking to reduce emissions through increased carbon sequestration.	\$16,000
Blythvale Pastoral Trust	Livestock improvements	Purchase two Optiweigh units for in-paddock or containment area liveweight measurement and monitoring for more efficient and frequent monitoring of liveweight to track growth.	\$16,000
Carolyn Wilde	Novel Water and Supplement Delivery System	Purchase equipment to enable the integration of methane-reducing supplements into the farm's livestock drinking water system.	\$37,399
Chambers Agriculture & Viticulture	Livestock improvements	Purchase a Te Pari sheep handler and three-way auto draft to undertake livestock improvements, including regular weighing and monitoring to reduce time to turnoff, assess performance, inform culling of poor performing animals, and to enable selection of animals for breeding and genetic improvement.	\$16,000
Chatsworth House Pastoral	Livestock improvements	Purchase and install Optiweigh equipment to allow for in-paddock weighing and the monitoring of liveweight, with the aim of increasing animal performance and reducing time to turn off.	\$9,310
Circulus Wine	Soil carbon improvements	Install pressure-compensating driplines in the irrigation area to improve water efficiency and reduce energy required for water pumping. Purchase a chipper to recycle pruning's as mulch, utilise temporary fencing to exclude sheep from the vines to allow more between row grazing and undertake baseline soil testing for soil carbon. Subscription to a data platform for recording genetic and sheep breeding values, improving livestock efficiency.	\$16,000
CJ, MJ & TC Burger	Fencing dams and wetlands	Undertake fencing around a dam, wetland and boggy area and allow natural regeneration and vegetation re-growth on wetland areas.	\$16,000

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Classic Pastoral Co Pty Ltd	Feeding infrastructure improvements	Purchase 10 restricted flow lick feeders. The project seeks to reduce emissions intensity through improved weaner management to increase early growth and achieve target liveweights at an earlier turn off date.	\$14,260
D Johnson & S Johnson	Multi Species Emissions Saver	Trial the use of various crops/blends as well as the use of nutrient and effluent resources from the dairy and associated cheesemaking business to determine the most efficient combinations for the farm, increase the use of home-grown feed and support the goal of minimising the use of nitrogen fertilisers.	\$30,000
D Murrell & F O'Connor	Water infrastructure for climate resilience and water security	Install a water pipe connecting two dams and add an automated switch to an existing solar pump to allow for water transfer and storage to service stock water and irrigation requirements.	\$2,345
DG & Bel Pern	Purchase of a second-hand Tow and Fert machine and soil testing	Purchase soil and plant tissue testing and a second-hand Tow and Fert machine, which allows for tailored nutrient blends to be applied directly to the plant via liquid folia application.	\$14,469
DJ & BJ Gardner	Soil carbon testing and recycling organic vineyard material	Purchase soil tests to complete soil testing. Recycle organic vineyard material through the purchase of a second-hand tree chipper/mulcher, and the construction of a specialised vine/post puller and a vine cordon stripper/mulcher.	\$16,000
DJ & MJ McAninly	Solar system installation and feeding systems improvements	Install a solar system to reduce electricity consumption from the grid for the electric water pumping irrigation system. Purchase semi-portable feeding infrastructure in the form of belted rubber cattle troughs that can be used out in the paddock for supplementing cattle or in the containment area for feeding cattle when feed is limited.	\$3,150
F J Lenne Pty Ltd	Replace ammonia pump and install VSD control	Installing a replacement liquid ammonia pump and variable speed drive unit with integration into the software system to improve the energy efficiency of the current pumping system.	\$15,199
GB Pastoral	Livestock improvements	Install two Optiweigh livestock weighing management systems to identify underperforming animals and better manage performance to reduce emissions intensity.	\$16,000
Goldies Farms	Solar system installation	Purchase and install a 72.6kW PV solar system with 40kWh of battery power storage.	\$16,000
HA & ML Keam	Soil benchmark and monitoring and general fertilizer efficiency	Undertake paddock mapping and zoning for yield and soil tests to validate the zone mapping of soil and nutrient characteristics. The project is an enabling step consistent with the requirements to be able to apply variable rate fertiliser applications to increase efficiency of fertiliser use on the farm.	\$5,283
Haley Ag	Livestock improvements	Purchase an Optiweigh to monitor and optimise the weight gains for cattle and use the in-paddock weighing system to analyse their paddock rotations and performance of their pastures.	\$9,245
Haven Partnership	Saltbush tree planting	Establish a 2.8ha saltbush plantation to capture carbon while maintaining emergency stock fodder reserves.	\$3,382
Henty Dairy Company	Purchase cattle weigh scales and complete soil carbon testing	Purchase cattle weight scales to improve baseline data to enable more accurate calculations of farm emissions and monitoring of changes over time. Comprehensive assessment and benchmarking of soil carbon stocks to assist in decision making around future management for carbon sequestration.	\$5,272

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Hourigan Dairy Company Pty Ltd	Fertiliser use and efficiency	Purchase a fertiliser spreader with weigh scales and section control to improve accuracy and efficiency of fertiliser application and minimise nitrogen losses.	\$11,250
Jandel Properties Pty Ltd	Water infrastructure and grazing management	Fence off dams and install water infrastructure, including solar water pumps that allow for reticulated water supply from a tank and troughs.	\$13,785
JS Pastoral	Installation of a solar pump	Installation of a solar pump and replacement of existing diesel pump for pumping water to reduce emissions from energy consumption.	\$14,341
Kia Ora Merino BP & SS Finnigan	Tree planting and paddock subdivision	Revegetation along fence lines and paddock subdivision project to improve grazing management and create shelterbelts which increase carbon sequestration as well as broader environmental and livestock protection.	\$4,000
Kininmonth Pastoral Co	Fencing dams and waterways	Subdivide a 5.5 ha area into 4 paddocks to be used as holding paddocks to enable stock containment and resting of paddocks from grazing. This will include fencing around the main farm dam.	\$16,000
Koopagri	Weather station/ soil moisture probe and fencing for a rewilding	Install perimeter fencing around an 11 ha area including remnant woodland and areas of farmland to undertake environmental rehabilitation of the area. Install a weather station and two soil moisture probes on the farm to aid decision making around fertiliser application and management of water logging.	\$10,220
Koorooman Park Pty Ltd	Irrigation system installation	Install a larger effluent irrigation system to cover a larger area and reduce methane and nitrous oxide emissions from effluent.	\$14,023
L.M Carson & S.M Carson	Solar Electric Fence Units	Install fencing in key areas on farm to remove stock access and plant trees. Fencing will include electric fencing powered by solar energisers. Install a 13.2kW solar system to provide power to a new irrigation pump.	\$11,533
Lachie Anderson	Feeding infrastructure improvements	Construct 3 to 6 containment pens for sheep with shade and shelterbelt, allowing for the containment feeding of sheep to remove them from perennial pastures to maintain ground cover and improve persistence.	\$16,000
Lake Moodemere Estate	Tree planting and fencing	Complete 2 hectares of revegetation, including preparation works, weed control and fencing. This will create a wildlife haven and allow long term carbon storage, wind break for stock in adjoining paddocks, absorption of excess water, reduction of erosion and promotion of native fauna.	\$16,000
Lemac Farm Pty Ltd	Improved chemical efficiency & silo bag recycling	Install two water storage tanks and modify a drop deck trailer to act as a batching and chemical storage facility. Manufacture a custom-built grain silo bag roller to allow for the packaging and recycling of grain silo bags.	\$16,000
Maneroo Farms Pty Ltd	Solar system installation	Purchase and install new solar systems on the workshop and woolshed to reduce emissions from electricity use.	\$7,534
Matthew Gill	Livestock improvements	Purchase 2 auto feeders (one fixed and one mobile) to feed grain or pellets to sheep, and additional fencing to split lamb finishing pens into smaller sizes.	\$9,413

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Meredith Dairy Pty Ltd	Tree planting	Planting 8,000 additional trees along a shelterbelt, fencing off 40ha of remnant vegetation for natural regeneration and direct seeding in areas requiring further tree establishment.	\$11,542
ML & MC Johns	Grazing management and water infrastructure	Install a solar pump and associated water infrastructure, including two tanks, troughs and piping to allow for a gravity-fed reticulated water system.	\$14,099
MN & LM Peterson	Replace undersized condensing unit	Purchase a condensing unit and refrigerant to improve milk cooling efficiency and reduce overall power usage.	\$15,587
Nalderun Education Aboriginal Corporation	Improve growing space & increase water tank capacity	Install a shade and hot house structure and install additional water storage. This will improve growing space and increase water tank capacity, to increase production and improve emissions intensity.	\$12,095
Oldham Pastoral Company	Grazing and pasture management and fencing dams	Fence off a key dam, install a main solar pump system with connections into the existing reticulated water supply, install two 24,000 L polytanks, and install a new water extension line to two troughs in two paddocks.	\$16,000
Peninsula Fresh Organics	Cool room upgrades and soil moisture and carbon monitoring	Installation of a rapid roller door on the cool room. Installation of soil moisture monitoring probes on existing infrastructure & complete uniformity test on irrigation. Trial of green manure crop to protect and maintain soil carbon.	\$16,000
PG & PA Mulheron	Variable drive vacuum pump & installation	Purchase and install a variable drive vacuum pump to reduce electricity usage and improve energy efficiency on-farm. This project seeks to reduce emissions through reducing energy consumption during milking periods.	\$16,000
Prospect Rural Pty Ltd	Soil Organic Carbon testing	Complete mapping and auditing of existing vegetation to develop simplified emissions reporting templates. Conduct deep soil tests and use professional agronomic services to review soil constraints, soil fertility and improve agronomy, rotations, fertiliser and water use efficiency and assess potential for increasing productivity.	\$14,220
R & C Fiedler	Herd & Breeding Improvement	Purchase a Te Pari Sheep handler to assist with the monitoring and measurement of the liveweight of sheep and lambs on the farm. The project seeks to enable improved lamb performance, improved reproductive efficiency and genetic improvement.	\$16,000
Roseneath Agricultural Partnership	Herd & Breeding Improvement	Purchase a Te Pari Sheep Handler with a front access flap to support the development of a data collection system and better management of animal performance.	\$16,000
SC & LA Finger	Fertiliser use and efficiency	Purchase a disc chipper to mulch green material for use as calf bedding and as feedstock for on farm compost production that is then spread on the farm instead of fertiliser. The project seeks to reduce annual fertiliser purchases and the upstream emissions associated and eliminate emissions by ceasing from the current practice of burning fallen branches.	\$15,965
SJDC Produce	Solar array installation	Installation of a 45kW variable speed drive, supply and installation of air curtains for a cool room, installation of a Solar PV system.	\$16,000

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Stanton & Killeen Wines	Energy audit and infrastructure upgrades	Installation of the "Vinwizard", a winery automation technology, which applies targeted cooling and energy management on the temperature-controlled wine tanks. Fencing off dams and water infrastructure, and completing additional tree planting and revegetation.	\$16,000
Sunpork Consolidated	Infrastructure upgrades	Replacing the existing reverse osmosis system and installing two additional bore water tanks to improve the efficiency of the desalination process and lower energy requirements.	\$13,314
T & E Grazebrook	Lamb and sheep weights monitoring	Purchase of a Combi Clamp trailer system improve monitoring of sheep and lamb weights.	\$9,398
Templemore Partners	Map and audit vegetation	Develop a detailed whole farm plan that includes current and future revegetation. This will be done by mapping and auditing existing vegetation and completing soil carbon tests. Continue to optimize agronomy practices estimates of sequestration for carbon accounting purposes.	\$15,504
The Lily Pastoral	Fencing dams and water infrastructure improvements	Drill a bore and install a solar pump and associated water infrastructure including two tanks, troughs and piping to allow for a gravity-fed reticulated water system to six paddocks.	\$16,000
Uondo Pastoral Pty Ltd	Investment in a Pratley Auto Drafter	Purchase a Pratley three-way auto-drafter to assist with improving animal emissions performance to improve production and reduce time to turn off.	\$10,575
V & R Dawson Pty Ltd	Grazing management and stock containment	The construction of sub-dividing fences and associated infrastructure and the construction of a stock containment area for use in summer/autumn dry periods. This will improve grazing management and pasture maintenance which support protection of soil carbon and improve emissions intensity.	\$16,000
Weston Dairies	Upgrade and enlargement of secondary effluent dam	Contract an excavator and dozer to upgrade and enlarge an effluent dam to improve storage capacity, allowing more flexibility to spread the effluent during appropriate seasonal conditions.	\$13,637
Wine Australia	Electrification of Vineyard Practices	Examine the reliability and efficacy of multiple electrified autonomous tractor processes under commercial conditions.	\$75,000
Yarrock Farms	Grazing management and stock containment	Construct a solar powered water transfer trailer and a solar powered energiser trailer to deliver necessary flow rates/volumes of water to sheep and to power moveable, temporary electric fencing for rotational grazing.	\$8,984
		TOTAL	\$839,368

Air Quality Improvement Precincts 2

The project aims to support improved air quality outcomes in the designated AQIPs in Melbourne's west and further the strategic objectives of the Air Quality Strategy.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Gypsum & Fertilizer Pty Ltd	Better Environment Plan Brooklyn Site	The grant assisted with the development and implementation of the Better Environment Plan (BEP), a new instrument under the Environment Protection Act 2017, encouraging innovative solutions to environmental issues or agreeing to ways in which duty holders can exceed their environmental obligations. This grant allowed for installation of a network of purpose-built dust sensors, planning and initiation of comprehensive vegetation planting and landscaping, staff training raising dust awareness, establishment of a reporting system to expedite cleaning and repair of roads and appointment of a Community Liaison Officer to improve and manage relationships with stakeholders relating to air pollution.	\$145,000
Metal Separation and Trading Company	E-waste recycling smoke and dust control	Grant assisted with the implementation of various dust control measures to suppress dust and installation of air quality monitors to help manage dust levels.	\$26,000
ReSource Pty Ltd	E-waste recycling dust controls	Grant assisted with the purchase and installation of a scrubber system to reduce and capture smoke and dust from operations at an e-waste facility.	\$40,000
		TOTAL	\$211,000

Charitable Recyclers Grants

The objectives of this project are to reduce some of the financial impact of illegal dumping on charitable recyclers by providing partial immediate financial relief for charitable recycling organisations.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Charitable Reuse Australia	Charitable Recycler Grants	The Charitable Recycler Grants program provides a financial relief to the charitable recyclers for a portion of the waste levy costs that are incurred because of illegal dumping and inappropriate donations. The grant is provided to Charitable Reuse Australia (previously operating as the National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations - NACRO) and then distributed across individual charities in metropolitan and regional Victoria. This funding improves the ability of the charities to continue operating and supporting the reuse economy through recovery of resources.	\$1,683,000
		TOTAL	\$1,683,000

Community Power Hubs

The Community Power Hubs program funded organisations to form and operate a Community Power Hub in their respective regions, to bring stakeholders together to develop and deliver implementation-ready community renewable energy projects across each funded region. A Community Power Hub is a collective of groups and organisations working together to develop and deliver community energy projects across a region.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Healesville Community Renewable Energy	Support Healesville Community Renewable Energy	Support Healesville Community Owned Renewable Energy (CORE) to host community information sessions and educate locals about renewable energy and home energy efficiency.	\$5,000
Indigo Power	Renewable Boost for Benambra	Boost renewables in the electorate of Benambra, with Indigo Power working with communities to identify and develop renewable projects within their Benambra community.	\$5,000
		TOTAL	\$10,000

Energy Innovation Fund

The program supports commercialisation of innovative, emerging renewable energy technologies in Victoria required to meet the net-zero emissions by 2045 target. It aims to position Victoria at the forefront of the energy transition, attracting investment and first mover-advantages by supporting emerging energy technologies to transition from pre-commercial to commercially viable energy options, providing funds to fast track the development and deployment of projects in priority energy subsectors, and targeting sectors that are not commercially competitive today but anticipated to play a critical role in supporting Victoria's energy transition.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
4 businesses operating in renewable energy	Renewable energy projects	Energy Innovation Fund projects	\$6,757,042
		TOTAL	\$6,757,042

Gippsland Plantations Investment Program (GPIP)

This project's primary objective is to further diversify timber supply away from native forests to increased supply from plantations.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd	Gippsland Plantations Investment Program	The Gippsland Plantations Investment Program is part of the government's commitment to grow more plantations as the state transitions out of native forest logging. The GPIP will add an additional 16 million trees to Victoria's plantation estate through greenfield development and is expected to remove approximately 7.8 million tonnes of carbon dioxide over the next 25 years.	\$25,837,814
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$13,257
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$34,580
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$33,100
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$28,460
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$5,310
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$13,755

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$17,878
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$3,688
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$5,555
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$9,978
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$8,169
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$7,120
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$7,586
Individual landowner	Gippsland Farm Forestry Program	The farm forestry program has two components: supporting landowners in the Gippsland region to develop farm-scale tree plantings, that can bolster regional timber supply and help farmers in diversifying their farm incomes and supporting boutique plantation growers to unlock small-scale forestry investment in Gippsland to generate timber and carbon outcomes.	\$13,420
		TOTAL	\$26,039,669

Kerbside Reform

The objective of this project is to oversee the implementation of the plan and reform of Victoria's kerbside recycling services, ensuring actions delivered are aligned with the overall vision to improve the State's recycling processes to maximise the diversion of recyclable material from landfill and improve the value of recycled materials.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
24 Victorian councils and 1 alpine resort	Household Recycling Reforms	Funding provided to 24 Victorian councils and 1 alpine resort to support the transition to the new four-stream kerbside household waste and recycling system.	\$2,252,214
		TOTAL	\$2,252,214

Maintaining Essential Energy Functions: Supporting Victorians through the Energy Transition

The purpose of Maintaining Essential Energy Functions (MEEF) is to support delivery of core energy functions to ensure government can maintain a safe, secure, reliable and affordable energy system for Victorians. Specifically, this project relates to the MEEF objective to support Victorians through the energy transition.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Centre for New Energy Technologies	Enhanced System Plan Project	This first-of-a-kind research project which informed sub-transmission level electricity planning beyond 2030. It brought together Victorian Universities and Distribution Network Service Providers for infrastructure utilisation modelling, policy insights, and collaboration. The ESP sought to address existing forecasting gaps in Australian Energy Market Operator's Integrated System Plan by understanding how technological developments at the distribution level – rooftop solar, batteries and the electrification of gas and transport – will affect electricity demand and the energy system as a whole.	\$100,000
		TOTAL	\$100,000

Pathway to First Peoples' Renewable Energy Transition

The program supports Victoria's energy transition through engagement and collaboration with Victorian First Peoples, establishing strategic direction while building First Peoples' capacities and capabilities to participate in this transition.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Eight Aboriginal Corporations	Projects supporting Renewable Energy transition	Funding provided to eight Aboriginal Corporations to support them with the Renewable Energy Transition	\$625,000
		TOTAL	\$625,000

Peri-Urban Weed Management

The program is a collaborative initiative between state and local governments, public land managers, Traditional Owners and the community. This approach aims to leverage local government leadership in landscape scale management of weed threats to public land assets. Projects are undertaken via a partnership model where stakeholders jointly agree on priority assets to be protected, key weed threats, management actions, roles and responsibilities.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Brimbank City Council	Maribyrnong Valley Connection Project	The project is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of high-value biodiversity assets within the Brimbank and Hume municipalities. Within the project area, the merging Jacksons Creek and Deep Creek waterways form the Maribyrnong River where only 10% of the catchment has retained its natural vegetation. Building upon past accomplishments, the project has expanded its footprint to safeguard the diverse vegetation spanning from mountain ranges to critically endangered grassland ecosystems, ensuring long-term protection and positive outcomes for the area.	\$75,000
Cardinia Shire Council	Cardinia Creek Rehabilitation Project	The project aims to restore and protect the biodiversity-rich middle-upper reaches of Cardinia Creek and the Stoney Creek sub-catchment near Beaconsfield Upper. This collaborative project prioritises sites with high biodiversity values, including those monitored for threatened species and threatened vegetation communities. High priority is also given to sites earmarked for future release of the Helmeted Honeyeater.	\$76,500
City of Casey	Casey Coastal Peri- Urban Weed Management Partnership 2021-2025	The project, in collaboration with Parks Victoria and the Friends of Warneet, focuses on mitigating the impact of invasive weeds and involving the community in biodiversity conservation. It targets the Warneet Natural Features Reserve and the Western Port Intertidal Reserve, both within the Western Port Ramsar Site, host to state-listed flora and significant fauna. It aims to restore bushland habitat, enhance native species, combat invasive weeds, and foster community engagement and education to promote the appreciation and protection of the reserves.	\$25,000
City of Greater Dandenong	Lower Dandenong Creek Biodiversity Connection Project	The City of Greater Dandenong, supported by Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water, the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, City of Casey, and Knox City Council, have expanded the first Lower Dandenong Creek Biodiversity Connection Project. The project area is of great significance, offering vital habitat for vulnerable fauna species like Latham's Snipe, Dwarf Galaxias, Grey-headed Flying Fox, and Swift Parrot. The project will support an extensive network biodiverse green corridors and build on the strength of previous partnerships to expand on the community's capacity to engage, value, and protect nature, for the benefit of all Victorians.	\$85,000
Hobsons Bay City Council	Coastal Corridor Partnership Project	Hobsons Bay is home to some incredibly important areas for biodiversity, including coastal vegetation and mudflats, which provide feeding, roosting and nesting areas for critically endangered migratory wading birds and local shorebirds. This project will provide a platform for land managers in Hobsons Bay and Parks Victoria to collaborate and align work more closely, whilst engaging with Traditional Owners the Bunurong Land Council and the general community.	\$85,000

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Kingston City Council	Coastal Weed Management Partnership Project	The project will foster a new partnership between the City of Kingston and the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporations Environment Team to provide an increased capacity to protect and enhance the biodiversity within the Kingston foreshore and bushland reserves. The foreshore hosts several unique species and threatened habitats, including remnant Coastal Dune Grassland, Coastal Dune Scrub, Coastal Headland Scrub, Sand Heathland and Coast Banksia Woodlands. The collaborative project aims to protect and enhance biodiversity by combining targeted weed reduction, promotion of indigenous species, and conservation with cultural knowledge.	\$100,000
Mornington Peninsula Shire	Mornington Peninsula Weed Management Partnerships	The project is a partnership between Mornington Peninsula Shire and Parks Victoria, delivering on-ground Environmental Weed control at high biodiversity value sites. This project will enhance the remnant bushland of Arthurs Seat State Park, Devilbend Natural Features Reserve, Mornington Peninsula National Park and Point Nepean National Park. Local Community Groups, Trust for Nature and Deakin University are actively involved with on-ground works and research to ensure that the natural environment at these locations is healthy, valued and protected.	\$100,000
Nillumbik Shire Council	Rivers to Ranges - East	The project encompasses four interconnected habitat corridors across Nillumbik Shire Council and City of Whittlesea, linking the middle-Yarra and Plenty Rivers to the Kinglake Ranges. The areas included have high biodiversity values and are home to rare and threatened flora and fauna including various endangered native orchid species, Brush-tailed Phascogale, Slender-tailed Dunnart, Powerful Owl and Swift Parrot.	\$75,000
Parks Victoria	French Island Weed Management	French Island National Park is Victoria's largest island, hosting rich and diverse fauna and flora. The project focuses on two significant areas, Bluegums and Bullock Swamp. It aims to protect conservation assets, including threatened species like Eastern Barred Bandicoots and Long-nosed Potoroos, while enhancing habitats and native flora in Heathland, Dry Forest, Woodland, and Coastal ecosystems. The project works with partner organisations including Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Friends of French Island, French Island Landcare, Zoos Victoria, Melbourne Water and DEECA.	\$100,000
Yarra Ranges Council	Protecting Dandenong Ranges	The Dandenong Ranges is home to a diverse range of vegetation communities, such as towering Mountain Ash trees and beautiful fern gullies. The area holds unique significance to the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people. The project focuses on protecting critical habitats for endangered species like Powerful Owls, Tree Goannas, and Southern Greater Gliders, as well as preserving iconic tree species such as Sassafras and Mountain Ash. Additionally, it aims to safeguard the headwaters of local waterways, including Dandenong Creek, which support threatened Cool Temperate Rainforest and serve as natural springs.	\$75,000
		TOTAL	\$796,500

Port Phillip Bay Fund

The Port Phillip Bay Fund is a grants program that supports community groups, not-for profit organisations, schools, research institutes, councils and Traditional Owner groups to protect and enhance the Bay's natural environment.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Australian Marine Mammal Conservation Foundation	The Port Phillip Bay Marine Mammal Bioblitz	Organising local marine mammal Bioblitz events at two locations in Port Phillip Bay, enlisting the community to become involved in marine mammal research and fill marine mammal distribution knowledge gaps, while also collaborating with Traditional Owners of the land (Bunurong Land Council).	\$22,808
Bellarine North Rotary Club Inc	Foreshore Revegetation	Weed eradication and planting with indigenous plants.	\$2,000
Dromana Foreshore Committee of Management Inc.	Dromana Marine Coastal Environment and community engagement project Stage 3	This project enables ongoing removal of extensive invasive weed species (spider weed and Blue Periwinkle) within the 13 hectare LaTrobe Reserve Dromana and supports Dromana Primary School Connecting to Country program.	\$13,585
Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Incorporated	Involving communities in conserving birdlife in Port Phillip's coastal wetlands	This project documents the status and significance of coastal wetlands in the Cheetham and Altona Key Biodiversity Area and trains volunteers from within the local community to identify and survey birds, as part of an ongoing bird monitoring program and participate in agency habitat management and conservation programs.	\$23,100
McCrae Coastal Group Incorporated	Healthy Bay, Healthy Foreshore, Happy people	Two Discovery Day public events on McCrae foreshore - Indigenous Walk and Citizen Science (Captain Trash). The events strengthen stewardship over native vegetation, dune protection, bank stability of creeks entering the bay through the foreshore. It also aims at establishment of new revegetation where substantial trees lost.	\$22,560
Port Phillip EcoCentre	Baytime: building capacity for inclusive, nature-based youth volunteering	Baytime builds capacity in bay-based communities for inclusive, nature-based youth volunteering by empowering local youth and environmental organisations to work together. The project components include creation of a directory and guide, a demonstration pilot youth volunteering program with HeadSpace Bentleigh and an online forum sharing experiences and lessons.	\$23,800
Victorian National Parks Association	Nature Stewards of our Bay	Create and deliver a marine and coastal themed educational curriculum for inclusion in Nature Stewards education courses delivered around Port Phillip Bay. A pilot course hosted by a local council, providing locally relevant teaching resources and educational experiences for participants.	\$22,900
		TOTAL	\$130,753

Protecting Biodiversity 2021-25

This program aims to: link biodiversity, science and decision support systems to ensure effective investment, prioritisation, awareness and support for communities to deliver biodiversity outcomes; implement frameworks that guide coordinated investment in monitoring and research to address priority knowledge gaps; improve decision making and reporting; increase participation of Victorians in biodiversity management and collaboration through the establishment of Biodiversity Response Planning; and, support implementation of Victoria's Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2017–2020.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Arthur Rylah Institute	Predator control research	This research project undertaken by Arthur Rylah Institute aims to assess predator control techniques to provide guidance to land managers and policy makers.	\$80,000
Bangerang Aboriginal Corporation	Strengthen Country Bangerang	Employment of a Project Officer to represent Bangerang on biocultural matters.	\$50,000
Barengi Gadjin Land Council	Spirit Officer 2023-2025 - Barengi Gadjin Land Council	A Spirit Officer will work on Wotjobaluk Country improving cultural and scientific understanding of culturally significant species in the Big Desert Cultural Landscape.	\$150,000
Biodiversity Legacy Ltd	Gippsland Spot-tailed Quoll Recovery	A major flagship initiative to develop a comprehensive translocation plan to reverse the decline of Spot-tailed Quoll in Gippsland. The initiative will undertake genetic assessment of captive and wild quolls and develop cross-sector, multi-agency and Indigenous partnerships to determine key immediate and long-term actions to expand the area of occupancy.	\$225,000
Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	Monmar (Point Nepean) White-footed Dunnart Monitoring and Feral Predator Control	Predator control and density monitoring for protection of the White-footed Dunnart and Long-nosed Bandicoot at Monmar.	\$53,600
Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	Spirit Officer 2023-2025 - Bunurong Land Council	Employment of a Wildlife Officer at Bunurong.	\$190,000
Bush Heritage Australia	Reconnecting Central Victoria through strategic property acquisition	Bush Heritage seeks to purchase a 159ha property to connect two existing reserves. This purchase would support a core strategy to create a corridor connecting Dalyenong Nature Conservation Reserve in the east and Kara Kara National Park in the west, improving habitat connectivity for native species.	\$455,000
Central Victorian Biolinks Alliance Inc	Spring Plains Watershed Repair	Demonstration project which will apply a combination of innovative ecological restoration techniques to a 138-hectare catchment that is a hot spot for the endangered Swift Parrot, to re-set the damaged forest so that it can recover ecological health and better withstand the impacts of climate change.	\$26,400

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
DEECA Barwon South West	Cross-tenure landscape scale invasive species threat management across Budj Bim cultural heritage landscape	This project will continue to implement a cross-tenure, landscape scale approach to invasive species management across the Budj Bim cultural landscape based upon effective leadership, coordinated partnerships, and community engagement and education.	\$330,830
DEECA Barwon South West	Protecting and enhancing Gunditjmara Bocara Woorowarook Mirring (River Forest) - Landscape Pig & Goat Control Project	This project addresses the major threat feral pigs and goats pose to biodiversity in Victoria, the natural environment and cultural heritage, specifically on public land in South West Victoria. The project relies on working closely with traditional owners, private landowners and other stakeholders.	\$333,000
DEECA Barwon South West	Caring for Gunditjmara Woorowarook Mirring (Forest Country) - Landscape Woody Weed Control Project	This project is removing wild pines and other woody transformer weeds to restore overall forest health to Stringybark woodlands and heathlands in South Western Victoria. Brown Stringybark seeds are a critical food source for the Endangered South Eastern Red-tail Black Cockatoo and restoring their habitat means they and other rare and endemic species can continue to exist into the future.	\$280,000
DEECA Gippsland	Gippsland wild deer control	This project will continue to reduce the impacts of deer on recovering Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act listed vegetation communities at highest-priority sites within or adjacent to the 2019-20 bushfire footprint.	\$680,000
DEECA Gippsland	Eastern Victorian landscape feral pig project	This project will continue to control, reduce, and prevent further westerly spread, of the feral pig population.	\$575,000
DEECA Gippsland	Weed control in Gippsland's rainforest areas	This project will continue to reduce post-fire weed threats in high priority Rainforest Sites of Significance to a point where only occasional monitoring is required to identify new weeds or weeds that have regenerated because of new disturbance. This project will also continue to treat all sites to Weeds at the Early Stage of Invasion to reach a zero detectable presence and establish control at new sites.	\$210,000
DEECA Gippsland	Southern Ark fox baiting - extension	This project will continue to minimise the impact of introduced foxes on threatened species within the Southern Ark footprint.	\$340,000
DEECA Gippsland	Upper Snowy pest animal control	This project will continue to deliver control activities to reduce the impact of introduced pest animals on the survival, and recovery of, critical national and state threatened fauna, especially where predation has the potential to expedite localised extinction.	\$80,500
DEECA Gippsland	Restoring Country through cross tenure integrated pest animal control - Holey Plains- Mullungdung- Stradbroke	This project will deliver fox control and monitoring in the Mullungdung landscape which supports the largest remnant of Gippsland Plains Bioregion Plains Grassy Forest and Heathy Woodland. This is the start of a plan to rewild this area with lost species and to develop a safe haven to introduce native species under future climate change scenarios.	\$245,600

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
DEECA Hume	Barry Mountains expanded fox control	This project will continue to maintain and build upon past and existing works through delivery of a sustained, coordinated, and strategic approach to fox control in the expanded Barry Mountains Great Dividing Range area.	\$460,000
DEECA Hume	Feral pig control within the Ovens District	This cross-tenure feral pig control and community engagement program aims to reduce impacts on threatened flora and fauna, and culturally significant sites in Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park, Baranduda Regional Park, Stanley, Mt Big Ben and Mt Jack State Forest areas within DEECA Hume Region Ovens District.	\$180,000
Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation	Spirit Officer 2023-2025 - Djaara	A Spirit Officer will work on Djaara Country, leading collaborations, and on-Country engagement as part of the biocultural team.	\$150,000
Duduroa Dhargal Aboriginal Corporation	Traditional Land Management of Ryans Lagoon Wetlands	The funding supported traditional land management, on-ground training and cultural workshops.	\$57,600
Duduroa Dhargal Aboriginal Corporation	Strengthen Country DDAC	This project will assist Traditional Owners in protecting threatened species and their habitat by undertaking surveys to record the threatened Sloane's froglet and long neck turtle within the Ryans Lagoon Nature Reserve.	\$50,000
Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation	Spirit Officer 2023-2025 - Eastern Maar	Employment of Spirit Officer at Eastern Marr.	\$50,000
First People of Millewa-Mallee Aboriginal Corporation	Neds Corner Safe Haven	This is a Traditional Owner-led project aiming to increase outcomes for bio-cultural diversity through this Safe Haven project. By incorporating cultural management and traditional knowledge-sharing, the project will support the management of almost 10,000 hectares within a predator-proof enclosure on Ned's Corner Station, contributing to multiple Biodiversity 2037 targets and involve Traditional Owners in carrying out their obligations to heal Country.	\$750,000
Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority	Saving 17 threatened species on the Victorian Volcanic Plain	The project aims to enhance 350 hectares of Natural Temperate Grasslands in the Victorian Volcanic Plain, Western Victoria. By establishing a seed production area and re-introduction program, it seeks to improve the trajectory of 17 threatened and culturally significant species, including the Button Wrinklewort (Endangered), Hoary Sunray (Critically Endangered), and the Derrinallum Billy-Button (Endangered), ultimately enhancing population numbers and site quality.	\$91,000
Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority	Reversing decline of the critically endangered Southern Bent-wing Bat	Project will reverse the decline in critically endangered species in the Portland area. The focus will be on improving 375-hectares of Southern Bent-Wing Bat (Critically Endangered) foraging habitat and other direct species interventions. The project will protect and improve high biodiversity remnants and the habitat of other critically endangered species.	\$134,000

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Greening Australia	Strategic restoration of Buloke Woodland in Wyperfeld National Park	This project complements work commenced in 2022 by supporting the restoration of a further 500 hectares of endangered Buloke Woodland within Wyperfeld National Park, maximising Parks Victoria's efforts to manage grazing pressure and leveraging corporate funding secured by Greening Australia, whilst extending relationships with Traditional Owners and local contractors.	\$225,000
Gunaikurnai Land & Waters Aboriginal Corporation	Spirit Officer 2023-2025 - Gliwa	Employment of Yambo (Spirit Officer) at Gliwa.	\$200,000
Jaithmathang Traditional Ancestral Bloodline Original Owners	Strengthening Country Jaithmathang TABOO	Transferring Traditional Knowledge of Jaithmathang to a digital twin simulation model, accelerating collaboration, predicting, and counteracting impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss.	\$50,000
Konermar Buller Jaithmatang	Strengthen Country Konermar Buller Jaithmathang	Supporting Jaithmathang to conduct cultural mapping activities.	\$50,000
Landowner	Land management grant	Funding to support land management.	\$112,500
Mallee Catchment Management Authority	Eastern Murray pest control	This project aims to reduce the impact of pigs, goats and foxes, within 90,000 ha of priority habitat (public land) to enhance condition and connectivity for biodiversity outcomes. The project will improve habitat for more than 100 native species (including Regent Parrot, Australian Painted Snipe, Murray-Darling Carpet Python, and Riverine Chenopod Woodland communities), across Hattah/Annuello and Robinvale to Nyah regions.	\$192,500
Mallee Catchment Management Authority	Neds Corner	This project will deliver cat, fox, rabbit and weed control programs within 20,000ha of priority habitat in Neds Corner Station conservation reserve in far north-western Victoria. Mallee CMA, First People of the Millewa-Mallee Aboriginal Corporation and Trust for Nature will partner in this project to enhance conditions and connectivity for biodiversity.	\$330,000
Matim Pty Ltd (Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park)	Moonlit Sanctuary Aquatic Fauna Facility	A breeding facility will support the genetic and demographic management of populations of threatened or ecologically important freshwater species, initially targeted to Eastern Dwarf Galaxias. The project will facilitate holding and maintaining species in emergency situations.	\$43,000
Moogji Aboriginal Council	Strengthen Country Cann River	This project will provide awareness of local First Nations values and knowledge in relations to their needs around species such as Woolie Wattle, Native Garngeks, plants, fibres, foods and medicines knowledge and learning; totem species such as Rock Wallaby, Platypus and water creation stories.	\$50,000
Nindi Ngujarn Ngarigo Monero Aboriginal Corporation	Strengthen Country NNNMAC (Wurijula to Gootdar)	NNNMAC intends to undertake two case studies to focus on two discreet landscapes that are culturally significant; the inland and the coastal areas. The case studies will collate, collect and document cultural knowledge to contribute to ongoing planning and management of the Land. The interviews with Elders and Knowledge Holders will also help to preserve culture and lore.	\$50,000

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North Central Catchment Management Authority	Small Fish, Big Impact: Securing Four Threatened Wetland Fish in Northern Vic	The project will reintroduce Olive Perchlet (FFG Extinct) into Northwest Victoria; double the number of known populations of Critically Endangered flat-headed galaxias in Northeast Victoria; undertake habitat restoration, conservation stocking, and translocations of Southern Pygmy Perch (Vulnerable) and Southern Purple Spotted Gudgeon (Critically Endangered); and undertake research to improve species reintroductions.	\$63,000
North Central Catchment Management Authority	Yawirr Withwiny - fish will return (small bodied fish)	Working in partnership with Barapa Barapa Traditional Owners, the project will undertake habitat assessments and fish surveys to select three suitable wetlands as threatened small-bodied fish surrogate habitats before revegetating the wetland with aquatic plant and installation of instream habitat (timber and brush piles). Post-works, threatened fish will be translocated.	\$30,000
North East Catchment Management Authority	Bringing back the Maccas to Livingstone Creek	This project will restore habitat for the endangered Macquarie Perch ("Maccas"), a large-bodied native fish within the Murray Darling Basin. Habitat restoration will support the long-term resilience of the species by creating conditions suitable for both spawning and the survival of newly recruited fish. The project will also support selective harvesting of adult broodfish for captive breeding efforts and surveying to better understand the population of Maccas.	\$192,440
Odonata Foundation Ltd	Widgewah Conservation Reserve Expansion	Expansion of the predator proof fence and sanctuary at Widgewah Conservation Reserve in Avenel, Victoria from 90 hectares to 421, hectares supporting conservation activities for species such as the Southern Brush-Tail Rock-Wallaby (Critically Endangered).	\$30,000
Parks Victoria	Otway Biodiversity Protection	This project is helping to protect a range of threatened species including the Leafy Greenhood Orchid, Metallic Sun-Orchid, Swamp Antechinus and Long-nosed Potoroo through weed control, feral pig control and fox control. These works complement existing projects such as Otway Ark and Otway Eden.	\$471,000
Parks Victoria	Gariwerd (Grampians) Landscape herbivore management	This project is controlling deer and goats across the Gariwerd-Grampians National Park and Black Range State Park, which have a significant and detrimental impact on the integrity of biodiversity values through over-browsing of native flora, trampling of vegetation and waterways and damage to the soil and trees and habitat, in the unique Gariwerd landscape.	\$450,000
Parks Victoria	Protecting and enhancing biodiversity in North-western Victorian Parks	This project will reduce rabbit, feral pig and feral goat populations, and treat invasive weeds in the Mallee landscape. This will give native trees and plants the chance to naturally regrow and recover, benefiting the wider ecosystem. The reduction in grazing pressure and impact of invasive species will protect perennial plant species, allowing native animals the opportunity to successfully breed in their preferred habitats.	\$906,900
Parks Victoria	Protecting and enhancing the Barmah and Lower Goulburn Red Gum Forests, Wetlands	This project is reducing the impacts of goats and pigs along the lower reaches of the heritage listed Goulburn River and at the internationally significant Barmah Forest Ramsar site. Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation is a primary delivery partner with the project delivering some priority actions of the Joint Management Plan for Barmah National Park.	\$186,600

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Parks Victoria	Managing feral pigs in the eastern borderlands	The Parks Victoria led feral pig control program is seeking to reduce the impacts of these invasive pest animals across a variety of alpine environments in Eastern Victoria. Through controlling feral pigs and the subsequent reduction of their natural behaviours including soil disturbance, trampling, grazing, and wallowing, sensitive ecosystems and high value biodiversity assets will have time to recover and prosper.	\$389,250
Parks Victoria	Managing the impacts of transformative coastal weeds in Far East Gippsland	This project will control high priority weed infestations and contain transforming weeds at a diverse suite of inlets, rocky headlands and isolated beaches of high ecological value on the Far East Gippsland coastline, including the Cape Howe Wilderness and Sandpatch Wilderness, Croajingolong National Park, Cape Conran Coastal Park, Marlo Coastal Reserve, Gabo Island Lighthouse Reserve and Pt Hicks Lighthouse Reserve.	\$281,132
Parks Victoria	Managing wild deer in Eastern Victoria	This project will continue to control introduced deer for the relief and recovery of critical habitat, vegetation and threatened fauna.	\$950,000
Parks Victoria	Feral pig control in Eastern Victoria	This project will continue to reduce the impacts of feral pig behaviour such as soil disturbance, trampling, grazing and wallowing, in sensitive ecosystems and high value biodiversity areas.	\$400,000
Parks Victoria	Feral horse management in the Victorian Alpine region	This project will continue to deliver on ground feral horse control and removal for the relief and recovery of critical habitat, Ecological Vegetation Classes (EVCs) and threatened fauna.	\$580,000
Parks Victoria	Far East Eden invasive weed control	This invasive weed control project aims to implement recommendations from the Far East Eden Strategy. The Far East Eden area is in the south-east corner of Australia and is renowned for its wildlife and plant diversity.	\$500,000
Parks Victoria	Managing weeds in North East Victoria	This project will continue to search for and treat invasive weeds to protect threatened species habitat and the natural environment.	\$300,000
Parks Victoria	Collaborative Ox-eye Daisy control in the Victorian Alps	This project will continue to collaborate with land managers within the Victorian Alps area to search for and treat Ox-eye Daisy weed species within fire affected areas and associated refugia of high biodiversity value for the protection of threatened flora and significant ecological vegetation communities.	\$300,000
Parks Victoria	Fox control in East Gippsland	This project will continue fox control to reduce predation of native species in Lake Tyers State Park and Providence Ponds Flora and Fauna Reserve. The project will also continue to support capacity building with Traditional Owners within the Joint Management Plans, under the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010.	\$152,000
Parks Victoria	Gunditjmara Stone, River, Forest and Sea Country: Protecting biodiversity with targeted weed control for healthy country	This project is a partnership led by Parks Victoria and Gunditj Mirring TOAC and supported by DEECA, to control high-risk weeds in the Glenelg coast, river, stony and forest country, in the most highly valued areas for biodiversity and cultural values.	\$376,000

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Parks Victoria	Wilson's Promontory National Park integrated pest plant and animal control	This project at Wilsons Promontory National Park is continuing to deliver an integrated invasive species control program to reduce the impacts of introduced grazers, predators and weeds on the unique flora and fauna in the park and threatened species.	\$736,000
Parks Victoria	Protecting habitat and biodiversity in Gariwerd (Grampians) from high-risk weeds	This project is controlling the invasive Sallow Wattle, which is threatening the future of native vegetation in Gariwerd-Grampians National Park by outcompeting with the many unique and localised flora species.	\$320,000
Parks Victoria	Protecting and enhancing biodiversity of the Wyperfeld-Big Desert landscape	This project will target the protection and enhancement of semi-arid woodlands, including Slender Cypress Pine & Buloke communities, and a diverse range of threatened flora and fauna, across 171,000 hectares in Wyperfeld National Park, Big Desert and adjacent State forests and conservation reserves. The project will focus on control of rabbits, feral goats and weeds.	\$338,000
Parks Victoria	French Island Weed Project	This project aims to improve the quality of significant vegetation in the French Island National Park by reducing existing pest plant infestations and combating new and emergent weeds. Weed invasion is one of the greatest threats to conservation assets in these sites, including threatened faunal species and important habitat and native flora species in the Heathland, Dry Forest, Woodland and Coastal ecosystems.	\$262,500
Parks Victoria	Mornington Peninsula National Park to Point Nepean National Park Weed Project	This project aims to improve the quality of significant vegetation in Mornington Peninsula NP and Point Nepean NP by reducing existing pest plant infestations and combating new and emergent weeds.	\$173,100
Parks Victoria	Western Victoria Deer Control Program	This project will focus on protecting key assets directly threatened by deer, in locations including Little Desert, Anglesea Heath, part of the Great Otway National Park and significant cultural assets in the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Budj Bim Cultural Landscape.	\$546,000
Parks Victoria	East Region Deer Control Program	This project will deliver deer control across eastern Victoria to reduce impacts to native ecosystems and habitat including Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act listed alpine peatlands and Rainforest Sites of Significance, protecting threatened flora and fauna species including Baw Baw Frog, Pookila and Littoral Rainforest.	\$429,850
Parks Victoria	Melbourne Region Deer Control Program	This project supports deer control throughout the Melbourne Region with focus on a number of deer priority sites as identified in the Melbourne peri-urban Deer Control Plan. This project aims to reduce deer impacts on valuable protected and remnant landscapes in peri-urban Melbourne, supporting the recovery of valuable listed plants and fauna such as the Superb Lyrebird.	\$101,790
Parks Victoria	Managing emerging Deer populations and biodiversity hotspots	This project will control and reduce established populations of deer to protect key biodiversity hotspots across North Central Victoria, including the Ovens National Park, Barmah Forest and Barmah National Park, and Kinglake National Park.	\$159,110

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Parks Victoria	Parks Victoria (Weeds and Pests on Public Land 2021-2025)	This project is funding weed and pest control across multiple sites throughout Victoria to reduce the impacts of invasive species on biodiversity values within National Parks, including in the Otways, Grampians and Murray Sunset National Parks.	\$755,500
Parks Victoria	Addressing the Major Mitchell's Cockatoo housing crisis: Restoring semi-arid woodlands	Project will restore ecosystem function in semi-arid woodlands and address the shortage of nest hollows for Major Mitchells Cockatoos and other threatened fauna by creating artificial hollows; reducing hollow competition and fire threats; and supporting the establishment and development of the next generation of nest trees through revegetation and grazer control.	\$109,400
Parks Victoria	Wilson's Promontory National Park Habitat Restoration Project	Parks Victoria is funded to undertake a landscape scale habitat restoration program in Wilson's Promontory that will consist of three components: Grasslands, Heathlands and Offshore Islands. Restoration will include treatment of woody weeds (in conjunction with ecological burning), grassland reseeding and phytophthora control.	\$207,500
Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Inc	Building our Conservation Dog Team for an Island Ark	This project aims to strengthen the Feral Cat Management Program at Phillip Island Nature Park by recruiting and training a Feral Cat Detection Dog-Handler, increasing their capacity to quickly respond to feral cat sightings.	\$20,000
Royal Botanic Gardens Board	Raising Rarity: Preventing the extinction of Victoria's threatened flora	Project will use an integrated conservation framework to prevent extinction of 24 endangered Victorian plants. Framework includes (1) threat assessment and community surveys (2) seed and essential symbiont collections (3) genetic assessment to inform propagation (4) developing permanent ex-situ living collections (5) reintroductions using knowledge of suitable habitat and pollinator availability.	\$270,200
Taungurung Land and Waters Council	Spirit Officer 2023-2025 - Taungurung	Biocultural Diversity Team will focus on nominated cultural landscapes, species and other entities, the development of biocultural artefacts and tools such as a Seasonal Calendar and Culturally Identified Species Plans, and the collection and communication of biocultural values on priority landscapes within Taungurung biik.	\$100,000
The Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation	Galk-galk Dhelkunya: Mount Barker Cultural Landscape Improvement Project	"Yapenya" (Mount Barker) is part of significant cultural landscape for Djaara. This project applies the Galk-galk Dhelkunya (Forest Gardening) toolkit to improve habitat condition through pest plant and animal control, application of Djandak Wi (cultural burning), revegetation including culturally significant species and supplementing fauna habitat with logs and nest boxes.	\$33,000
The Trustee for Djandak Fixed Trust	Healing Mt Buckrabunyule: invasive weed control	The Healing Mount Buckrabanyule project aims to remove the very large amounts of Wheel Cactus, a difficult and spiny noxious weed, which is currently preventing access to this important cultural site.	\$200,000
The Trustee for Djandak Fixed Trust	Improved management of transformer weeds of Dja Dja Wurrung in the Northern Plains	This project will undertake weed control to protect culturally important sites from Wheel Cactus and African Boxthorn, including sites with high biodiversity, across the northern plains of Victoria. This will also assist in improving self-determination and capacity building for Traditional Owners in managing Country.	\$350,000

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The Trustee for Nature Glenelg Trust	Mt Vandyke restoration: A view to preventing extinctions at the landscape scale	This project will leverage private philanthropic investment to help restore a rare volcanic tussocky open grassland habitat, protected within the Mt Vandyke sanctuary. It will provide a safe-haven for the future release of threatened mammals to supplement existing wild populations within 50,000 ha of connected habitat.	\$36,300
Threatened Species Conservancy Inc.	Crucial steps to save Australia's most unique and threatened butterfly community	This project will deliver conservation actions for threatened invertebrate communities in the Goulburn-Broken Catchment near Broadford. Continuing on from a four-year recovery program for the threatened Small and Large Ant-Blue Butterflies (Endangered) and "Butterfly Community No. 1", this project will implement key actions including habitat restoration activities, continued research and monitoring, community engagement and continue captive breeding investigation efforts.	\$38,000
Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group	Improving habitat for malleefowl on private land (Cobram Estate Boundary Bend)	This project will improve habitat on private land adjacent to remnant malleefowl populations. eDNA scat analysis will inform plantings and camera-traps will monitor critical aspects of malleefowl ecology. To manage project and risks, breeding population size will be monitored, reproductive success will be measured, and malleefowl genetics will be tested for inbreeding.	\$30,250
Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation	Murrk Ngubitj Yarram Yaluk Regeneration	Restoration of the Murrk Ngubitj Yarrum Yaluk site and restoration of cultural values, through the removal of non-indigenous plants and animal control. The project also involves the establishment of a 'Friends of' group and visitor access.	\$89,000
Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation	Spirit Officer 2023-2025 - Wadawurrung	Employment of a Spirit Officer at Wadawurrung.	\$150,000
Wetland Revival Trust	Drought-proofing threatened species on the Lower Loddon floodplain at Wirra-lo	The Northern Victorian "Wirra-Lo" project aims to secure a 180-HA property for ecological restoration. Project includes weed and pest control, revegetation, and hydrology restoration. The goal is to create and protect essential habitat for Fauna and Flora Guarantee Act listed species, including Growling Grass Frog, Grey-Crowned Babbler (Vulnerable), Southern Purple Spotted Gudgeon, Australasian Bittern, Ridged Water Milfoil and Stiff Groundsel (critically endangered). Collaboration with TOs and Wetland Revival Trust is part of the long-term vision, with indigenous rangers managing the site.	\$87,050
Wild Research Pty Ltd	Securing Spotted Tree Frogs and co-occurring native freshwater fauna	The project will create a safe haven for the Spotted Tree Frog and other co-occurring native freshwater fauna from non-native predatory fish. Will also help establish a Spotted Tree Frog captive conservation breeding program that can support future reintroduction and population augmentation recovery activities for the species.	\$85,800
World Wide Fund For Nature Australia	Degraded forest habitat landscape restoration in Victoria's Central Highlands.	Stage 2 funding for the development of a project plan, Traditional Owner Engagement, co-design for a project for a critically endangered threatened species.	\$10,000

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Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Nature Fund Caring for Country	Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (WWCHAC) will apply Traditional Cultural practices to care for Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country on their Nunganala property in Healesville. This project will provide an opportunity for WWCHAC's Narrap Rangers to practice and share traditional land management knowledge and restore this important part of Wurundjeri Country.	\$60,000
Yarra Valley Water Corporation	Upper Yarra Habitat Restoration	Yarra Valley Water will regenerate 35 hectares of habitat suited to the helmeted honey eater and lowland Leadbeater's possum on Yarra Valley Water land in the Yarra Valley, via vegetation planting and wetland system restoration. This site will act as a future release site for captive bred/translocated animals.	\$228,599
Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation	Spirit Officer 2023-2025 - Yorta Yorta	Employment of a Spirit Officer at Yorta Yorta.	\$150,000
Zoos Victoria	Back from the brink; a future for Victoria's threatened wildlife	Project will target key threatened species in Victoria where tangible, high impact conservation interventions can be enacted rapidly to drive conservation progress: the Pookila, Watsons Tree Frog and Giant Burrowing Frog. The program involves recovery actions utilising a combination of translocations, ex situ breeding, wildlife health, community engagement and research investigations to advance knowledge.	\$289,000
Zoos Victoria	Securing a Future for the critically endangered Plains-wanderer	Zoos Victoria focused on priority recovery actions for the Critically Endangered Plains-wanderer, including supporting the conservation breeding program at Werribee Open Range Zoo, release to the wild of zoo-bred animals, and investigations into health and genetics to ensure the captive-breeding population is healthy and sustainable.	\$142,000
		TOTAL	\$20,596,801

Suburban Parks Program DEECA Regions

This program provides for the creation and development of green open spaces for the community to connect with, helping Victoria to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Access to natural environments and open space will enable Victorians to remain healthy and active in warmer climate where greater extremes in temperature make built environments less suited to outdoor activities.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Hume City Council	Merri Creek Trail Extension	Construction of a further 900 meters of the Merri Creek Trail, a 3.0m wide shared path, heading north, parallel to Merri Concourse, Campbellfield.	\$446,500
Melbourne City Council	Bedford Street Pocket Park, North Melbourne	Delivery of a pocket park at Bedford Street, North Melbourne. This project will increase open space for the local community. Focus is on greening, tree canopy and pedestrian and cyclist safety.	\$257,833
Merri-bek City Council	Frith Street Pocket Park, Brunswick	The delivery and construction of a new pocket park in Brunswick which transformed an old warehouse into a vibrant parkland. The park blends heritage conservation with sustainable design, featuring deep soil planting, preserved industrial structures and diverse social spaces for relaxation and play.	\$325,000

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Moonee Valley City Council	Mount Alexander Road Triangle Pocket Park, Flemington	Activation of corner site, transforming a mechanic workshop into a green pocket park along Mt Alexander Road and adjacent to Mt Alexander College.	\$175,000
Port Phillip City Council	Moubray Street Pocket Park, Albert Park	Delivery and construction of a pocket park at Moubray Street, Albert Park. This project includes formalisation of road closure and creation of new play space in front of the primary school with multi play spaces, picnic and seating area and enhanced pedestrian access.	\$364,800
Port Phillip City Council	Palais Theatre Forecourt Pocket Park, St Kilda	Delivery and construction of a new forecourt pocket park at the Palais Theatre to create a community-centred space including seating, garden beds and grass areas, new palm trees, concrete paving with feature paving, new public lighting and a shared zone on Cavell Street to reduce vehicle speed and prioritise pedestrians.	\$325,000
		TOTAL	\$1,894,133

Suburban Parks Program Land and Environment Policy

This initiative provides for the creation, enhancement and connection of parks and green open spaces in our growing suburbs to benefit Victoria environmentally, socially and economically.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	Seaford Wetlands Biocultural Trail Design and Consultation	Creation of a self-guided biocultural trail by Bunurong Traditional Owners and Elders, as part of the Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation project.	\$20,000
Cardinia Shire Council	Cardinia Creek Pedestrian Bridge Concept Design	Feasibility assessment, concept design and plan for a shared use bridge across Cardinia Creek at Beaconsfield.	\$15,000
City of Casey	Connecting to the Creek - Cardinia Creek Parklands Shared Path Development	Shared use path, signage, and visitor amenities such as benches and information kiosk, at Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands	\$242,234
City of Whittlesea	Quarry Hills Regional Parkland Priority Pathway Connections	Development of new paths within the Quarry Hills Parkland, in line with concepts identified in the Future Directions Plan.	\$200,000
Frankston City Council	Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation	Planning and upgrade of signage and facilities at Seaford Wetlands, as part of the Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation project.	\$600,000
Kingston City Council	Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation Project - Construction of Shared Use Path	Construction of a new shared use path at Seaford Wetlands, as part of the Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation project.	\$609,638
Kingston City Council	Sandbelt Parkland Planning	Master plans, vegetation assessment and recreational needs analysis for the site of the future Sandbelt Parklands	\$328,500

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Kingston City Council	Sandbelt Parklands Communications Footage and Survey	Drone video and still images of sites of the future Sandbelt Parklands, and land survey works to develop plans and future works.	\$77,810
Merri Creek Management Committee	Seven Seasons of Merri Creek	Planning for and delivering community engagement and participation events in line with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung seasonal calendar, at sites throughout the marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parkland.	\$25,920
Mitchell Shire Council	Bald Hill to Merri Creek Masterplan	Preparation of a concept masterplan for links between Merri Creek and Bald Hill in the marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands. The plan will incorporate habitat connections, balancing community use, cultural values and biodiversity.	\$93,000
Parks Victoria	Holden Flora Reserve Boundary Fencing	Repair to fencing at Holden Flora Reserve as part of the Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands.	\$30,000
Parks Victoria	Marram Baba Galada Tamboore Infrastructure	Creation of new trail surface, reinforcement to existing bridge crossing Merri Creek, and installation of wayfinding and safety signage at galada tamboore, within marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parkland.	\$400,000
Parks Victoria	Ecological Planning and Works at marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands	A comprehensive vegetation and fauna assessment in areas identified with high-value ecology across the marram baba Merri Creek parkland, to identify key valuable and threatened species.	\$100,000
Wurundjeri Woiwurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Parkwide Archaeological Survey	Enable the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation to undertake an archaeological and geomorphological survey across the Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands.	\$400,000
		TOTAL	\$3,142,102

Unique Biodiversity Protection Through Community-Driven Action

The program delivers support to community groups and other organisations for on-ground projects such as revegetation, invasive species control, threatened species management, rehabilitating native wildlife, helping to engage more Victorians in environmental volunteering.

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Alison .K Martin & S.M Warrington	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,938
Amaroo Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Amphi creek wildlife shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,487
Balmain Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,044
Banksia Wildlife	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Beechworth Reptile Rescue	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000

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Birdlife Australia	Icon Species 2023-25 Orange-bellied Parrot	Funding for targeted actions to protect and conserve Victoria's threatened species	\$54,826
Boobook Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,785
Bungalook Creek Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Bunurong Wildlife Care	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,988
Bush Beings	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Carlisle River Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,402
Chiltern Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,969
Chordata & Ko. Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Clunes Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Corangamite Catchment Management Authority	Victorian Landcare Grants in Corangamite	Project and support grants for Landcare and environmental volunteer groups for on-ground works (e.g. weed control, revegetation), education (e.g. on local species) and capacity building (e.g. plant identification) projects that protect and restore our land and natural environment.	\$337,250
Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation	Spirit Officer 2023-2025 - Dja Dja Wurrung	Employment of a Spirit Officer with the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation.	\$50,000
Duduroa Dhargal Aboriginal Corporation	Victorian Landcare for Country Pilot 2022-2026 - Duduroa Dhargal	This pilot program aims to support self-determination by funding the employment of a Landcare for Country Officer within DDAC, strengthening connections with local Landcare communities, and delivering Caring for Country projects aligned with DDAC's aspirations and priorities.	\$102,250
East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority	Victorian Landcare Grants in East Gippsland	Project and support grants for Landcare and environmental volunteer groups for on-ground works (e.g. weed control, revegetation), education (e.g. on local species) and capacity building (e.g. plant identification) projects that protect and restore our land and natural environment	\$337,250
Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation	Threatened Species Officer 23-25	Employment of a Threatened Species Officer (Spirt Officer) at Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation.	\$100,000
Eastern Snake Control	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$886
Elouera Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,000
Fly By Night Bat Clinic	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,600

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Gerang Gerun Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,166
Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority	Victorian Landcare Grants in Glenelg-Hopkins	Project and support grants for Landcare and environmental volunteer groups for on-ground works (e.g. weed control, revegetation), education (e.g. on local species) and capacity building (e.g. plant identification) projects that protect and restore our land and natural environment	\$325,500
Hamilton Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,200
Joey and Bat Sanctuary	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,317
Koalas of Raymond Island Incorporated	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Le Refuge	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,800
Little Farm of Calm	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Lockys Legacy Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,998
Lort Smith Animal Hospital	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,600
Lyndarth Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Mallacoota Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Mallee Catchment Management Authority	Icon Species 2023-25 Murray Hardyhead	Funding for targeted actions to protect and conserve Victoria's threatened species	\$5,695
Marlo Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,574
McIntyre Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,349
Mel & the Menagerie, Native & Domestic Animal Rescue Incorporated	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,999
Melaleuca Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,199
NABanksia Manna	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,983
Our Haven Wildlife Shelter Inc	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000

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Outlook Rd Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,199
Parks Victoria	Icon Species 2023-25 Eastern Bristlebird	Funding for targeted actions to protect and conserve the critically endangered Eastern Bristlebird. This includes census monitoring and collection of genetic material from the Croajingalong population to inform the development of a southern population genetic rescue and management plan and assessment of breeding success of the Wilsons Promontory population through mist-netting, banding and genetic sampling.	\$100,000
Parks Victoria	Conservation and Pest Management Program 2023-2025	Funding to deliver the Cooperative Pest Animal Control Program with Sporting Shooters Association of Australia. The program will provide opportunities for recreational hunters to assist in reducing the impact of deer on Parks Victoria managed land statewide.	\$250,000
Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Inc.	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,998
Phoenix Wildlife Haven	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,030
Pillaroo Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,916
Possum Place Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,050
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,997
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,802
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,864
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,345
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,484
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,057
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,500
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,846
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,300
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,451
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,345

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Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,405
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,979
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,850
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$829
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,805
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,500
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,753
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,362
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,199
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,919
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,898
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,895
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,534
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,100
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$284
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,989
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,359
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,875
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$946
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000

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Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,996
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,646
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,145
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,853
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,169
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$488
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,606
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,284
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,939
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,500
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,999
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,115
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,788
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,500
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,150
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$504
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,999
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,940
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$861

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Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,954
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,475
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,365
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,552
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,802
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,780
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,500
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,000
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,945
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$817
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,999
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,973
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$915
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,217
Private Wildlife Carer	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,158
Ravenheart Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,500
Red Box Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,096
Rushworth Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,495
Seatress Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,597
Serenity	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,796
Sleepy Hollow Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,990
South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,924

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Southern Ash Wildlife Shelter Inc	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,866
St Andrews Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,834
Staghorn Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Sues Roos Kangaroo Rescue Rehab Release	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,472
Sue's Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,500
Surfcoast Wildlife Rescue Ltd	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
The Burrow	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$998
The Trustee for Heffer Family Trust (Maru Koala and Fauna Park Pty Ltd)	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,728
The Wildlings Woodend Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,985
Tierra Madre Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,824
Tiny but Wild	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,151
Totally Untamed Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,660
Trawalla Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Wallabia Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,489
Wattle Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,789
West Gippsland Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,445
Whigadn wildlife	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
Whispering Gums Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$3,000
White Sage Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$1,000

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Wombat Wisdom Wildlife Care	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,395
Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Willis Reserve Totem Officer	Employment of a Totem Officer at Willis Reserve within the Narrap Team at Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.	\$150,000
Wy Yung Wildlife Shelter (Longhorn Ranch)	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,980
Wyhurri Wildlife Shelter	2024-25 Wildlife Rehabilitator Grant	Provision of supplies and equipment for wildlife care.	\$2,959
Zoos Victoria	Icon Species 2023-25 Baw Baw Frog	Funding for targeted actions to protect and conserve Victoria's threatened species	\$100,000
		TOTAL	\$2,219,126

Victoria Government’s Solar Homes Program

The program supports Victorian households to reduce energy bills, lower greenhouse gas emissions and help Victoria’s transition towards renewable energy by providing rebates and interest-free loans to households to install rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and energy efficient hot water systems.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Owner occupiers and rental providers	Solar PV grants	Rebates for the installation of solar panel (PV) systems for with existing homes or homes under construction in Victoria. Rebates paid to 42,522 members of Victorian community.	\$61,411,488
		TOTAL	\$61,411,488



Photo: Avocado orchard at Robinvale, Northern Victoria.
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Sustainability Victoria

Asbestos Disposal Management Plan 2020-24

The objective of this program is to develop and implement an Asbestos Disposal Management Plan (ADMP) to ensure Victoria has the infrastructure and supporting systems to enable safe management and disposal of asbestos waste and to meet future disposal needs.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Future Recycling Pty Ltd	Asbestos Disposal Point Pakenham	Grant assisted with the development and operationalisation of an asbestos disposal point at Future Recycling's Pakenham Transfer Station to support the safe disposal of small quantities of packaged, non-friable asbestos.	\$45,310
Future Recycling Pty Ltd	Asbestos Disposal Point Hallam	Grant assisted with the development and operationalisation of an asbestos disposal point at Future Recycling's Hallam Transfer Station to support the safe disposal of small quantities of packaged, non-friable asbestos.	\$45,310
Greater Shepparton City Council	Pilot asbestos Disposal Point Shepparton	Grant assisted with the development and operationalisation of an asbestos disposal point at Greater Shepparton City Council's Cosgrove Landfill to support the safe disposal of small quantities of packaged, non-friable asbestos.	\$5,496
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Asbestos Disposal Point Romsey	Grant assisted with the development and operationalisation of an asbestos disposal point at Macedon Ranges Shire Council Romsey Waste and Recycling Facility to support the safe disposal of small quantities of packaged, non-friable asbestos.	\$10,000
Mount Alexander Shire Council	Pilot Asbestos Disposal Point Castlemaine	Grant assisted with an upgrade of an asbestos disposal point at Mount Alexander Shire Council's Castlemaine Transfer Station to support the safe disposal of small quantities of packaged, non-friable asbestos.	\$1,818
WestVic Waste & Recycling	Pilot Asbestos Disposal Point Warrnambool	Grant assisted with the development and operationalisation of an asbestos disposal point at WestVic Waste's Warrnambool transfer station to support the safe disposal of small quantities of packaged, non-friable asbestos.	\$59,555
		TOTAL	\$167,490

Circular Economy Business Support

The objective of this program is to support the delivery of the Business Support Fund (BSF) Programs. The BSF programs aim to help Victorian businesses take advantage of circular economy opportunities. The program will contribute towards stronger economic growth and protecting our environment, including reducing waste.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Bass Coast Shire Council	Bass Coast Circular Economy Business Accelerator Program	The Circular Economy Business Accelerator Program (CEBAP), led by the Bass Coast Shire Council, is an initiative designed to foster the transition of local businesses towards circular economy models. Aimed at enhancing understanding and implementation of circular economy principles among 20 businesses in the Bass Coast region, CEBAP offers a comprehensive suite of activities including a full-day launch event with keynote speakers and a round table workshop, tailored one-on-one consultations, and a practical challenge that empowers actionable circular economy projects.	\$96,585
Bellevue Orchard Pty Ltd	Decreasing waste from apple juice and cider manufacturing	Bellevue Orchard will collaborate with the Deakin BioFactory to conduct pilot-scale bioprocessing of pomace using a biorefinery approach. This approach enables the production of multiple products, with a focus on cellulose as the primary product. The cellulose will then be tested for its applications in textiles and textile additives. This project aims to reduce organic waste sent to landfills while simultaneously creating new products.	\$131,570
Dairy Australia Limited	Implementation of Dairy Sector Food Waste Action Plan	Following successful delivery of the 'Dairy Sector Food Waste Action Plan' in early 2023, this project brings together key industry groups to implement the key actions identified from the plan. The core actions include monitoring dairy food waste across the supply chain, establishing an industry working group and implementing practices that prevent dairy process waste across the dairy industry in Victoria.	\$123,490
Encoro Pty Ltd	Growing Bettercup's manufacturing capacity and circular support services	Bettercup will use this funding to double its manufacturing and cleaning capacity of reusable cups. This project will enable Bettercup to continue to eliminate single-use plastics at events.	\$10,000
Federation of Traditional Owner Corporations	A Country Centred Circular Economy on Gunaikurnai Country	This project aims to promote Circular Economy (CE) awareness and skills by applying a Country Centred Circular Economy (CC-CE) model on Gunaikurnai Country. It will enhance CE capabilities through hands-on learning, innovation, and the co-design of CE products and services in collaboration with the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) and local businesses like Bush Cafe and tourism facilities. The project will also create pathways for Victorian businesses to adopt CC-CE strategies, fostering Circular Business Innovation and building resilient Circular and Regenerative economies.	\$195,380

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Gippsland Climate Change Network	Gippsland Circular Futures Initiative	This project sought to address identified gaps in Circular Economy knowledge and foster collaboration among Gippsland Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to drive innovative and sustainable practices. The project provided knowledge, workshops, a web resource, and training programs to regional Gippsland businesses wanting to adopt CE models. This project was delivered in partnership with Federation University.	\$122,000
Green Collect Limited	Piloting the Circular Capabilities Package	The project aims to develop, implement, and commercialise a Circular Capabilities Package. This package examines the long-term integration of circular economy practices in the office. It is designed to help service sector organisations through a structured capability-building programme consisting of 3 stages: Circular Transition Assessment, Getting Started, and Circular Behaviour Building.	\$68,083
Lotus Energy Recycling Pty Ltd	Solar-PV REUSE protocols and National Accredited Training Program development	This project will develop Australia's first "Solar-PV REUSE Protocols" to determine whether a decommissioned solar panel can be reused or repurposed. These protocols will be used to create the course curriculum and materials for a National Accredited Training Program.	\$207,844
Pangolin Associates Pty Limited	From linear to circular: Developing a CE service for Victoria	The initiative will customise the French Circular Economy Collage workshop to fit the Victorian and Australian contexts, with two consultants trained as facilitators to lead three online workshops for the public. These workshops will focus on key CE principles, such as waste elimination, product circulation, and nature regeneration. As part of this project, CE metrics dashboard will be developed to provide a comprehensive view of clients' circularity. A CE economy strategy workshop will also be created to help clients identify actionable changes to their product design, business models, or processes based on insights from the CE metrics assessment. This workshop will provide a roadmap for implementing circular design and setting targets informed by the metrics.	\$61,920
Planet Ark Environmental Foundation	Circo Australia: Delivering circular business design training to Victoria	This project aims to train Victorian-based organisations in circular business models across sectors like built environment, plastics, packaging, textiles, and manufacturing. Stages include initial training by international and local CIRCO trainers, local trainer accreditation, and wider rollout. Goals include developing multiple new circular business models and training many design specialists. Six local trainers will be accredited to sustain the program post-project, fostering ongoing circular business model adoption in Victoria.	\$149,010
Reece Group	Developing circular business models for Reece's building supply chain	The project aims to collaborate with key stakeholders in Reece Group's supply chain, customers, and operations to identify and evaluate various circular economy opportunities to invest in. It will prioritise the top three most promising CE opportunities for further development and for each opportunity, a business case and implementation plan will be created.	\$105,285
Reground Pty Ltd	Shopping Centre Circular Economy Capability Building	This project delivered an avoidance and material-flow focused circular economy education program to five small to medium sized shopping centres, assisting more than 100 businesses to eliminate waste and pollution and keep materials in use at its highest value.	\$162,645

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Reground Pty Ltd	The Reground Circular Economy Exchange	The project developed a Circular Economy Exchange (CEE), a high impact all-in-one digital procurement, investment, and reporting platform which bridges the gap between linear corporations and circular businesses. It is an industry-to-industry solution, designed by circular economy operators with firsthand knowledge of market gaps and opportunities.	\$45,000
Rendine Constructions Pty Ltd	Design and Practice for Disassembly and Reuse in Modular Construction	The project aims to design and produce a prototype modular building using obsolete building components from the Victorian School Building Authority's Relocatable Building Program. These components, which would otherwise contribute to waste and recycling, come from decades of manufacturing and deploying relocatable classrooms.	\$45,420
RMIT University	Refashioning: Accelerating Circular Product Design at Scale	This project, the first of its kind in Australia, aims to develop a new mortar design with tailored adhesion that allows easy debonding from demolished bricks. By using this innovative mortar, whole bricks can be reused in their highest value, thereby extending their useful life, reducing the need for virgin materials, and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions in the construction sector.	\$118,942
RMIT University	Enabling the Reuse of Demolished Bricks through a New Mortar Design	The Refashioning: Accelerating Circular Product Design at Scale project will develop, pilot, and evaluate a series of open-source guides to help product development and design teams in implementing circular design and systems change. These guides will provide actionable and measurable criteria for implementing circular design and assessing its long-term impact.	\$215,000
STREAT	Crowd Sauce: The Sauce to a Deeper Shade of Green	The Crowd Sauce project addressed the environmental challenge of over 960 tonnes of organic waste generated annually at Melbourne's Queen Victoria Market (QVM). Currently, most of this waste is either composted or sent offsite, missing valuable opportunities for reuse. The project diverted organic waste from this stream, transforming it into retail and edible products, reducing environmental impact while creating sustainable models and opportunities. The initiative also offered educational workshops and an e-learning platform to share findings with social enterprises, small businesses, and aspiring entrepreneurs.	\$370,000
Swinburne University of Technology	Circular Economy design for collagen production from aquaculture by-products	This grant funded a research at Swinburne University of Technology to develop an economically and environmentally friendly method to produce collagen protein from aquaculture by-products. This approach presents an innovative model for reducing waste in the fish industry, creating high-value products, and eliminating the need for other animal-based sources to manufacture collagen proteins.	\$264,971
The RJ King Family Trust	R4 Circular Solutions for Textiles	This project will divert 8.2 tonnes per year of textile waste from landfill through the expansion of their circular 'R4' (Repurpose, Repair, Recycle, Restore) renewal solutions. This project will expand its manufacturing capability and reduce energy consumption through the purchase of new equipment specific to outdoor garments and camping equipment.	\$10,000
Tuff Turf Group	Building Australia's First Synthetic Turf Recycling Hub	The project is delivering Australia's first synthetic turf recycling facility capable of processing turf waste and recovering 98% of the raw materials for repurposing and redistribution.	\$40,000

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
University of Melbourne	A Novel, Extended-Use Infection Protection Gown	Provide a safe, novel solution to extend the use of disposable medical gowns to reduce the number of gowns used and disposed of in Victoria. This includes, evaluating and demonstrating whether a coating can be applied to a disposable personal protective equipment (PPE) gown to extend its use in a clinical setting.	\$30,000
Worn Gundidj Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd	Circular Economy Capacity Building in the Nursery Industry	Worn Gundidj Nursery, an established native plant nursery, is developing and delivering a blended virtual and onsite training program to build circular economy awareness and innovation capacity amongst 50 nurseries and/or gardens across Victoria. The 6-month program is designed to educate nurseries on circular principles and share best practices to eliminate waste, retain product value and regenerate ecosystems.	\$212,000
		TOTAL	\$2,785,145

Circular Economy Councils Fund

The objective of this program is to assist Victorian councils to transition to a circular economy by providing grant programs to solicit innovative solutions for issues and gaps when it comes to the reuse, repair, repurpose, and recycle of materials and products in the current waste management and resource recovery systems.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Alpine Shire Council	CE Councils Alpine - Reuse Shop at Myrtleford Transfer Station	Implementation of a Reuse Shop at Myrtleford Transfer Station within an existing shed, and install an office in another existing shed to facilitate staffing and operation of the Reuse Shop.	\$10,667
Central Goldfields Shire	CE Councils Central Goldfields - Compost Facility Upgrade Carisbrook	Delivery of an extension and upgrade to the receival area for the municipal food organics and garden organics currently received at the Carisbrook Compost Facility.	\$273,920
City Of Melbourne	CE Councils Implementation Melbourne High Rise Food Organics Collection Service	Implementation of a collection service for Food Organics (FO) in high-rise building's classified greater than six storeys in height. This project involves an initial trial over 4 sites.	\$97,000
City Of Melbourne	Melbourne Goes Round: The Circular Economy Precinct	The Kensington Circular Economy Precinct project will introduce a circular economy precinct within a hub of businesses in Kensington. It will become a neighbourhood precinct where residents, businesses and visitors will experience circularity in action through events, activities and initiatives led by local businesses and community groups.	\$67,040
City Of Monash	CE Councils Monash - Circular Economy Leadership Development Program	This collaborative training program, involving 12 Victorian councils, will empower Councils Officers, CEOs, Directors, Leadership teams and Department Professionals to embed circularity into policy and strategies, address barriers to transitioning to a circular economy and build networks of Circular Leaders to achieve change at scale.	\$37,114

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Frankston City Council	CE Councils Frankston - Trim Your Bin Business Program	This project will establish a bin trim program, aimed at reducing waste sent to landfill and increasing recycling, for businesses. It incorporates individual visual audits, action plans and follow up audits across 50 - 60 businesses in the Frankston, Casey and Mornington municipalities with Frankston City Council as the lead.	\$24,000
Northern Grampians Shire Council	CE Councils Implementation Northern Grampians Public Place Recycling	Introduce public place recycling to the major towns of the Northern Grampians Shire, in order to reduce waste to landfill. This will occur through creation of new public bins (waste and recycling) at 40+ sites.	\$35,815
Rural City Of Wangaratta	Wangaratta Organics Processing Facility Compost Product Enhancement Project	This project will assist the Wangaratta Organics Processing facility to process more organic materials and be able to deliver a high value product that can be used in more commercial and varied applications through the development of an Environmental Management System (which is certified under ISO 14001) and the purchase of equipment.	\$8,288
Shire Of Moira	CE Councils Moira - Resale Shop Cobram and Numurkah Transfer Stations	This project will construct and operate two Resale Shops at Cobram and Numurkah Transfer Stations to divert more waste from landfill, create local employment opportunities, and provide access for the community to pre-loved goods at affordable rates.	\$17,856
Shire Of Strathbogie	CE Councils Implementation Nagambie Resource Recovery Centre Resale Shop	This project will provide a fit-for-purpose infrastructure to house the Resale Shop in Nagambie. The facility will allow for the safe sorting and/or selling of disposed materials that could be repaired, reused or recycled.	\$41,625
Swan Hill Rural City Council	RV Councils Implementation - Swan Hill Compost Facility Stage 1	This project will see the creation of a Mattress processing facility to recover materials for reuse and recycling.	\$140,000
Swan Hill Rural City Council	CE Councils Implementation Swan Hill Mattress Processing & Recycling Facility	Establishment of a Circular Agricultural Plastics Economy (CAPE) program in the Loddon Mallee region through the purchase of a high capacity mobile plastics baler, generator and trailer.	\$92,500
Swan Hill Rural City Council	CE Councils Swan Hill - A Circular Agricultural Plastics Economy (CAPE) for Loddon Mallee	Establishment of a small scale composting facility including: research, analysis, design and concept finalisation, site preparation at the Ultima landfill, physical construction of composting rows, testing & quality assurance.	\$92,500
Wyndham City Council	CE Councils Implementation Wyndham Park Tool Library	The Library will be located at the Wyndham Park Community Shed and will convert an underutilised space into a fully fitted out Tool Library, serving the needs of the Werribee and Hoppers Crossing communities and beyond.	\$11,290
Yarriambiack Shire Council	CE Council Yarriambiack Mobile Recycling Station	Implementation of a mobile delivery service to collect materials for recycling across the shire, particularly small communities, and to improve recycling education within the community.	\$133,280
		TOTAL	\$1,082,894

Education and Behaviour Change Program

The objective of this project is to deliver a comprehensive and cohesive household education and behaviour change program for Victorian households.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
Alpine Resorts Victoria	Mt Buller Mt Stirling Alpine Resorts Improving Recycling Services	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$4,000
Alpine Resorts Victoria	Mt Baw Baw improving waste services	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$14,000
Alpine Resorts Victoria	Mt Hotham promoting the recycling system	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$8,000
Alpine Resorts Victoria	Lake Mountain Alpine Resort supporting a 4-Stream Waste System	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$14,000
Alpine Resorts Victoria	Falls Creek Alpine Resort's 4-stream recycling and waste	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$8,000
Ararat Rural City Council	Ararat Rural City Council - Household Education and Behaviour Change	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$14,940
Bass Coast Shire Council	Bass Coast Shire Council promoting the recycling system	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$34,500
Baw Baw Shire Council	Baw Baw Shire Council's Glass and FOGO Transition	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$27,040
Bayside City Council	Bayside City Council improving recycling services	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$16,800

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Benalla Rural City Council	Benalla Rural City Council's new 4 stream recycling services	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$44,280
Boroondara City Council	Boroondara's targeted contamination minimisation education	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$48,000
Borough of Queenscliff	Queenscliff's promoting and improving household recycling services	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$25,950
Brimbank City Council	Brimbank improving recycling and promoting FOGO	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$50,850
Buloke Shire Council	Buloke Shire Council - Glass out	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$11,550
Campaspe Shire Council	Campaspe Shire Council improving recycling and reducing contamination	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$18,030
Cardinia Shire Council	Cardinia Shire Council's Standardisation of Bin Lid Colours	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$7,910
Central Goldfields Shire Council	Central Goldfields Shire Council Kerbside Transition Promotion Campaign	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$36,120
City of Ballarat	City of Ballarat Household Recycling Education Program	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$15,200
City of Casey	City of Casey's Refuse, Reduce, Recycle Campaign	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$19,560

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City of Darebin	Darebin improving recycling services	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$39,480
City of Greater Geelong	Geelong - promoting the recycling system	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$45,900
City of Melton	Melton City Council's FOGO Collection Service	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$8,960
City of Monash	Monash Council improving recycling services	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$72,000
City of Stonnington	Food waste hubs for high-density dwellings: Small acts, big impact	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$46,350
City of Whittlesea	Whittlesea's Four Stream Recycling Service	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$69,510
City of Yarra	City of Yarra's new food and garden organics education and behaviour change program	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$17,623
Colac Otway Shire Council	Colac Otway Shire promoting the recycling system	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$24,120
Corangamite Shire Council	Corangamite's glass recycling bin	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$9,380
East Gippsland Shire Council	East Gippsland Shire Council promoting the recycling system	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$18,360

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Gannawarra Shire Council	Gannawarra Shire Council's New Glass Recycling Collection	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$12,840
Glen Eira City Council	Glen Eira's 'Create compost' education initiative	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$38,000
Golden Plains Shire Council	Golden Plains Shire new 4-stream recycling service	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$11,595
Greater Dandenong City Council	Greater Dandenong City Council's Household Recycling Bin Education Campaign	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$19,560
Greater Shepparton City Council	Greater Shepparton City Council's new 4-stream kerbside collection service	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$14,984
Hepburn Shire Council	Hepburn Shire's new household food and garden organics recycling service	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$18,240
Hindmarsh Shire Council	Hindmarsh Shire new Glass collection	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$13,265
Latrobe City Council	Latrobe City Sustainability Education Program	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$29,920
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Macedon Ranges Shire Council - Let's Get Sorted	Biocultural Diversity Team will focus on nominated cultural landscapes, species and other entities, the development of biocultural artefacts and tools such as a Seasonal Calendar and Culturally Identified Species Plans, and the collection and communication of biocultural values on priority landscapes within Taungurung biik.	\$6,880

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Mansfield Shire Council	Mansfield Shire's improvement and promotion of recycling services.	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$19,080
Maribyrnong City Council	Maribyrnong City Council promoting the recycling system	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$17,840
Merri-bek City Council (formerly Moreland)	Moreland's new 4-stream kerbside waste service	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$10,224
Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Rural City Council's new glass recycling service	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$13,264
Mitchell Shire Council	Mitchell Shire's Recycling Services are Changing for the Better	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$36,400
Moira Shire Council	Moira's Transition to Circular Economy and 4 stream Recycling Service.	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$12,500
Moonee Valley City Council	Moonee Valley City Council - Expanding FOGO service	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$27,623
Moorabool Shire Council	Moorabool Shire Council - Promoting the recycling system	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$25,800
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	Mornington Peninsula Shire promoting and improving the recycling services system	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$17,200
Mount Alexander Shire Council	Mount Alexander - Recycling Right - Household Education and Behaviour Change	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$11,780

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Murrindindi Shire Council	Murrindindi's new 4-stream recycling services	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$45,900
Nillumbik Shire Council	Nillumbik Shire Council improving recycling services and food waste diversion	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$29,440
Pyrenees Shire Council	Pyrenees Shire Council promoting the recycling system	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$7,580
South Gippsland Shire Council	South Gippsland Kerbside Reform Education Project	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$54,540
Southern Grampians Shire Council	Southern Grampians Shire's improving recycling services	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$18,5600
Strathbogie Shire Council	Strathbogie Shire's Sorting Superstars	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$9,620
Surf Coast Shire Council	Surf Coast Shire Council promoting waste prevention to improve recycling	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$13,060
Swan Hill Rural City Council	Swan Hill Rural City Council's new 4-stream recycling service	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$30,459
Towong Shire Council	Towong Shire's Rural Waste Education for Glass and FOGO transition	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$16,150
Wangaratta Rural City Council	Rural City of Wangaratta - Kerbside transition community education program	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$12,104

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Warrnambool City Council	Promoting the recycling system	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$26,880
Wellington Shire Council	Wellington Shire new FOGO kerbside collection	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$25,360
West Wimmera Shire Council	West Wimmera Shire Council's Glass Recycling Program	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$13,273
Whitehorse City Council	Whitehorse Council's improving the recycling stream	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$95,700
Wyndham City Council	Wyndham City Council improving recycling services	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$9,990
Yarra Ranges Council	Yarra Ranges Four-stream service education program	For the delivery of a campaign, utilising Sustainability Victoria educational materials, aiming to improve waste and recycling contamination rates and increase the understanding and use of the new, upcoming, or existing services correctly, to achieve low levels of contamination.	\$33,312
		TOTAL	\$1,569,334

Industry Infrastructure Development Package

The objective of the Industry Infrastructure Development Fund is to increase investment in Victoria's resource recovery sector for kerbside materials. Investment is needed to improve the capacity and capability of recycling infrastructure to produce higher quality recovered materials to meet market requirements.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
ASQ Group Pty Ltd	ASQ Glass Washing Facility	Installing a new glass washing facility at their existing recycling and glass crushing plant in California Gully Bendigo, to remove sugars, yeast and organic contaminants from the glass and produce a higher quality glass sand product.	\$25,000
Australian Consolidated Milk Pty Ltd	Project Whey2go	Australian Consolidated Milk will purchase, construct and commission a bioenergy facility at their dairy processing plant to convert wasted cheese from production process to produce biogas which will then be converted into electricity to run the dairy manufacturing plant.	\$75,000

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Australian Paper Recovery	Sorting Facility Upgrade - APR	APR Plastics is a Melbourne-based company that provides innovative recycling solutions for soft plastics. Their main focus is on turning hard-to-recycle soft plastic waste into usable products like oil, using advanced technology called pyrolysis. This process breaks down plastics into oil, gas, and carbon ash, which can be reused in manufacturing and energy production. They use infrared sorting, a technique used to separate materials based on their unique spectral signatures.	\$418,129
Bio Gro - Victoria	Bio Gro Dandenong South Organics Processing Facility Upgrade	Expanding the processing capacity of Bio Gro's Dandenong South Organics Processing Facility. The project will allow for additional food and organics waste to be decontaminated and shredded to improve the quality prior to composting.	\$497,500
Bio Gro - Victoria	Bio Gro New Regional Organics Recovery & Processing Facility	Establishing a Regional Organics Recovery Facility in the Bendigo region to process a range of organics including decontaminated kerbside FOGO	\$385,625
Central Gippsland Region Water Corporation	Gippsland Regional Organics Process Expansion Project	The project includes upgrades (electrical, water and storm water), the construction of hardstands, equipment (windrow turner, hose reel & finish product equipment) and the design & external Project Management. This will result in the diversion of an additional 70,000 tonnes per year of organics waste including Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) from landfill.	\$2,069,000
Circular Plastics Australia Pty Ltd	Post-consumer plastics reprocessing plant: An end-to-end solution	The project will provide a local closed loop solution for recycling and remanufacturing of plastic products in Victoria through establishing a plastics reprocessing facility to process 20,000 tonnes per annum.	\$100,000
Cleanaway Pty Ltd	PFAS Treatment Plant	Cleanaway will purchase, install and commission equipment for a new pre- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) Treatment Plant at their Campbellfield site.	\$401,750
Close the Loop Ltd	Australian Technology turns soft plastic waste into TonerPlas and rFlex	Close the Loop will pioneer, install and commission a "Mix Melter" machine, an Australian invention to turn mixed and contaminated soft plastic waste material into the proven and highly successful TonerPlas (asphalt additive) and rFlex products (used in manufacture of plastic items e.g. pallets, crates, baskets and tubs).	\$100,000
Corangamite Shire Council	Organics Processing (Pyrolysis) Feasibility Study	Corangamite Shire Council will undertake a feasibility and technical study to assess the viability of pyrolysis technology for generating bioenergy and biochar end-products from the regions green waste and FOGO waste.	\$2,000
Corex Recycling Pty Ltd	Project Succeed	Corex Recycling will repair and recommission existing recycling equipment and install a new Flake/Powder feeding system. This infrastructure upgrade will allow Corex Recycling to increase its sorting and processing capacity, recycling difficult mixed materials such as retail coat hangers and car bumper bars into pelletised resins, for use in injection moulding manufacturing.	\$26,373
Dairy Australia Limited	Assessing co-digestion opportunities from animal industry feedstocks in regional areas	Dairy Australia will identify opportunities within Victoria for the development of bioenergy projects based on co-digestion of problematic waste streams from the dairy, red meat, pork and chicken industries.	\$30,000

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Delorean Energy Pty Ltd	Victoria One Stanhope	Delorean Energy is developing a formulation tool to allow Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facilities to optimise their feedstock formulations and maximise biogas production. For this they will gather and validate feedstock formulation data from their waste to energy facility at Stanhope, Victoria.	\$20,909
Eco Recyclers Pty Ltd	Transforming low value biomass into high value biomass	Eco Recyclers will determine the feasibility of commoditising Construction and Demolition (C&D) timber waste into a high value biomass for use in energy recovery.	\$21,460
Ecocycle Pty Ltd	Ecobatt's Lithium Battery and Embedded Battery Processing and Recycling Plant	Ecocycle is establishing a lithium battery processing and recycling plant to recover up to 95% of valuable critical metals, solvents, and plastic components.	\$78,000
Energy 360 Pty Ltd	Local agricultural waste as core energy for Victorian Dairy Farms	Energy 360 will complete a feasibility study looking at turnkey costs for the engineering, design, construction and installation of an aerobic digestion facility on a Victorian dairy farm.	\$3,754
Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd	Fulton Hogan mobile glass crusher	Building a new regional glass processing hub at their Warrnambool Asphalt Plant, which will recycle glass for use in local roads.	\$340,000
Goulburn Valley Water	Project GREAT (Green Energy and Technology) for Goulburn Valley	Goulburn Valley Water will undertake a feasibility study to transition the Shepparton Wastewater Management Facility to a green energy technology hub, delivering local energy resilience and nutrient recycling.	\$50,000
Katunga Fresh Produce Pty Ltd	Northern Victoria Bioenergy Project	Katunga Fresh Pty will install and commission a pyrolysis plant that will allow them to transform its organic waste, large square bales of wheat straw, into biochar, hot water, wood vinegar and clean fuel gas which will assist with the heating and daily running of the glasshouses and excess natural gas being returned into the grid.	\$200,000
Max Biocare Pty Ltd	Fungi in BioEnergy	Max Biocare will develop a business case for the generation of fungal enzymes for recalcitrant agricultural waste treatment, while mitigating waste streams and integrating with circular economy programs.	\$45,360
Pinegro Products Pty Ltd - Head Office	Decontamination of FOGO	Installing an organics decontamination processing line in Morwell that enables higher quality marketable finished products recycling from kerbside food and garden organics.	\$250,000
Pinegro Products Pty Ltd - Head Office	Pinegro Products Enclosed In vessel Compost Facility	Building an enclosed composting facility in Gippsland to process kerbside food organics, garden organics, and commercial food waste.	\$400,000
Repurpose It	Best-practice Organics finishing line	The project will install magnetic and air density separators to remove ferrous metals and light plastic contaminants, which don't belong in compost. A new finishing line will boost the site's ability to clean and refine organic waste, helping to clear a processing bottleneck. This upgrade will allow the facility to accept more food and garden organics (FOGO). The resulting high-quality compost can then be used in soil blends and other premium products.	\$875,000
RMIT University	Waste cooking oil to biodiesel with 3D printed catalysts	The fund supports a research study to develop a portable and scalable solution for converting waste cooking oil to biodiesel utilizing an additively manufactured (3D printed) catalytic reactor.	\$98,613

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SV Joint Venture Pty Limited	EarthSure contaminated soil washing technology	EarthSure will relocate a soil washing plant as a supplementary treatment option on their existing waste management site in Dandenong South. The soil washing plant will transform contaminated soils into beneficial reuse products, a range of sands and aggregates, that can be returned to the site of origin or reused for civil and construction projects.	\$751,800
Tambo Waste	Tambo Waste MRF Upgrade & Glass Recycling Operation	Upgrading and expanding the Materials Recovery Facility in Bairnsdale with the establishment of a glass recycling facility, improving recovery, processing and the end uses for recyclables in the region.	\$202,595
Westernport Water	Waste to Energy – Biogas Cogeneration	Westernport Water will undertake a feasibility assessment for the viability for a waste-to-energy cogeneration facility at Westernport Water's Cowes Wastewater Treatment Plant.	\$58,116
Wheelie Waste	Wheelie Waste – Warrnambool Recycling Facility	Constructing a new facility that will sort and process glass as well as bale paper and plastic for transport.	\$15,900
Yarra Valley Water Corporation	ReWaste Additional Engine Design Works	Yarra Valley Water will develop a feasibility study and business case for investment into additional electricity generation infrastructure at Yarra Valley Water's bioenergy facility in Wollert.	\$2,500
Yarra Valley Water Corporation	Waste To Energy Lilydale	Yarra Valley Water will install and commission anaerobic digestion equipment at Yarra Valley Water's Lilydale sewage treatment plant. The project will process approximately 54,000 tonnes per annum of commercial/industrial food waste to power and the co-located Sewage Treatment Plant with around 75% of the bioenergy being injected into the grid.	\$240,000
		TOTAL	\$7,784,384

Market Acceleration Program

The project includes utilising a range of market interventions and incentives to address current and potential market failures for priority recycled materials (plastics, paper, cardboard, glass and tyres) across the economy. It develops and delivers projects to identify new domestic, commercial, and industrial uses and build demand.

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AgPath Pty Ltd	Quantifying Mineralisation and Biological Status from Organic Amendments and Soil	Continuation of the on-farm recycled organics trial on pasture for an additional year. The work conducted involved collecting soil and plant data for use to grow markets.	\$4,000
Australian Paper Recovery	APR Advanced Chemical Recycling Demonstration Project	APR will purchase, install and commission a modular Advanced Chemical Recycling (ACR) plant capable of taking 1800 tonnes/year of soft plastics converting it into a crude oil.	\$112,500
Blampied Kooroocheang Landcare Group	Blampied Kooroocheang Land Care Group agricultural compost utilisation trial.	Purchase of a shared compost spreader to enable small farmers in the Landcare Group to utilise recycled organics. The grant also funds 5 on-farm demonstration trials.	\$5,500

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Brimbank City Council	Using recycled compost on Brimbank's roundabouts	This project aims to utilise recycled organics compost on 75 roundabouts to build soil carbon and increase available plant nutrients.	\$50,000
Burdett Sands Pty Ltd	Compost 360 to enhance sports precincts	The project will develop a finer grade of compost that will be suitable to blend with current turf sands supplied to Melbourne's sporting grounds and public open spaces. The project includes the purchase of suitable equipment.	\$37,500
Cardboard Mill Pty Ltd	Arts and Culture: Let's close the loop.	The grant funds commercialisation activity, primarily marketing, to increase demand for recycled cardboard solutions for temporary fit outs and installations.	\$60,000
City of Greater Geelong	Recycled organics from trials to standard procedures in council settings.	The project aims to add a raised garden blend and a potting mix to use at the Geelong Botanical gardens and offers an opportunity to communicate the role recycled organics plays in soil health to council and the community.	\$31,500
City of Monash	Returning nutrients to soil in Monash	City of Monash aims to embed the use of recycled kerbside derived compost on Council parks and Gardens and build community participation and trust in using the kerbside bin for recycling food scraps, by procuring plant and compost.	\$5,000
City of Stonnington	Increasing the use of recycled kerbside organics in Stonnington	Stonnington's Parks team will trial the use of recycled organics in garden beds at different locations, conducting regular assessments to monitor the suitability of each product.	\$42,000
Cleanaway Solid Waste Pty Ltd	Thurla Food and Garden Organics Composting Facility	This project will add the infrastructure required to transform the regional transfer station into a composting facility to process FOGO from the Mildura LGA. The new facility aims to provide the entire North West of Victoria with a viable organic circular solution for household food and garden waste.	\$596,873
Daniel Patrick Nihill	Soil testing and crop yield at the Nihill Farms AORA Trial Site	Funding provided for the soil analysis and crop yield data collection from a long term compost trial site. Data is used to grow organics markets.	\$10,260
Deakin University - Waurn Ponds Campus	Particles derived from textile wastes for sustainable coloration of products	This project is developing simple and innovative processing methods to produce functional, economically viable product prototypes from post-consumer polypropylene paint containers.	\$48,716
East Gippsland Shire Council	Optimising Kerbside Organics for Council projects	This project aims to complete a compost batch trial and move towards large scale application to Council land for soil improvement.	\$21,500
Eco Guardians Pty Ltd	Eco Guardians SoilFood™ Processing Plant	Procurement and installation of equipment to manufacture SoilFood, a new product created from rapidly dehydrated food waste. A detailed marketing plan will be developed and initial feedback from end markets will be collected.	\$290,000
Elmore Compost and Organics	Deep soil amelioration research and demonstration promotional program - Trial Extension	Extending subsoil amelioration trial (using recycled organics) for additional year. It will involve the collection of soil and crop monitoring data.	\$5,000

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Elmore Compost and Organics	Deep soil amelioration research and demonstration promotional program	This project will fine tune the novel practice of subsoil amelioration with recycled organics (including biochar) and promote the results to grow markets.	\$92,800
Falkiner Ag Pty Ltd	Accelerating Adoption of Recycled Organics through Subsoil Amelioration in Agriculture - Trial Extension	Continue management and data collection from two recycled organics subsoil amelioration trial sites for an additional year. One trial is at Ombersley and the other one is in Horsham.	\$9,000
Green Chip Recycling Trust	Carbon Pellet Soil Improver Project	Greenchip Recycling will upgrade their composting facility to incorporate a compost pelletiser to make their product more accessible for broadacre agriculture.	\$148,780
Heathcote Winegrowers Association	Turning green waste into wine	Purchase shared compost application equipment for the Heathcote Winegrowers Association to overcome a barrier to adoption of recycled organics.	\$10,600
Hepburn Shire Council	Optimising compost quality for beneficial applications within Hepburn Shire	This project will deliver a scientifically rigorous study of soil and tree health after applying compost generated from Hepburn Shire Council's (HSC) food and garden organics (FOGO) collection to a range of Council-managed parks and open spaces.	\$35,000
Jesuit Social Services	Merri-bek Organic Waste Composting Pilot Program	This pilot program will collect grass clippings from 6 designated Merri-bek Council sites that currently go to landfill. The results will be used to inform a business case for a council-wide scale up of the recycling project.	\$63,506
La Trobe University	Product assessment of a novel plastic waste recycling technology	Further development of Rtec novel plastic melting technology to process bale twine and other agricultural plastic wastes.	\$40,000
Melbourne Water Corporation	Enhancing uptake of composted recycled green waste in Victorian vineyards - Trial Extension	Extend the management and data collection from two recycled organics trials established under a previous grant for the 2024-25 wine growing season.	\$9,000
Melbourne Water Corporation	Enhancing uptake of composted recycled green waste in Victorian vineyards	Undertake on-farm demonstration trial to compare the use of different mulch (small particle vs coarse composted urban green waste) in two vineyards over two years.	\$4,816
Monash Institute of Railway Technology	Monash IRT – next generation composite plastic railway sleeper for mainline rail application.	To develop, lab test and prototype an advanced composite plastic railway sleeper suitable for concrete sleeper replacement in mainline railway networks in Victoria.	\$50,000
Monash Institute of Railway Technology	Waste Plastics Detour - Landfills to Innovate Plastic Pavement Blocks	To develop modular pavement blocks using post-consumer recycled plastic materials with potential applications in transport infrastructure as well as in commercial and residential constructions.	\$100,000
Pine Grow Products Pty Ltd	Pinegro Aerated Floor Composting Technology	The project proposes to upgrade the compost technology to effectively process FOGO through the design, construction and installation of an Aerated Floor Composting System. It is expected to result in the increase of 5,000 tonnes per annum of FOGO.	\$491,400

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Plasgain Pty Ltd	Plaspole: Australia's First Light Pole with Recycled Plastic Core	To purchase, install and commission a production line to manufacture light poles with a post-consumer soft plastics core, to replace imported steel poles.	\$240,000
Porous Lane Pty Ltd	Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) Development for Porous Lane's Waste Tyre Permeable Pavement	The project will provide an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) for Porous Lane's waste tyre permeable pavement products.	\$15,000
PV Industries Pty Ltd	Validating a new commercial pathway for solar panel glass	Funding used to establish a pilot plant in Victoria which demonstrates a viable process to recover the glass from solar panels. The recovered glass has been tested against VicRoads specifications for non-structural concrete.	\$140,000
RCallan Pty Ltd	On-line continuous paper strength measurement	Undertake development, testing and commercialisation activity for a novel technology that measures paper strength during the manufacturing process. This technology enables environmental savings and increased use of recycled content in paper manufacturing.	\$30,000
Rentiers Machinery Pty Ltd	Accelerating Adoption of Recycled Organics through Subsoil Amelioration in Agriculture	This project seeks to overcome barriers to the adoption of subsoil amelioration with recycled organics. These barriers include required machinery innovations, agronomic knowledge and local organics supply chains.	\$120,000
RMIT University	Upcycling plastic waste into graphene for boosting solar cell performances	To develop a method of processing low value plastics into high value graphene and investigate the use of this output to boost the energy efficiency of solar panels.	\$78,994
Robovoid Pty Ltd	Circular Bed Bases: A novel ROBOVOID solution	To manufacture, trial and promote a 100% recycled plastic bed base.	\$100,000
Sequence Digital Pty Ltd	New life for resource recovery centre harvested Li-ion batteries	The project will provide a proof-of-concept demonstration of a Lithium-ion battery management system.	\$11,200
Sequence Digital Pty Ltd	Advancement of Li-ion batteries recovery patent application	To develop and submit a patent application for a Lithium-ion battery management system which allows for re-use/extension of life for discarded lithium-ion batteries.	\$6,260
Shire of Strathbogie	Circular Gardens: Boosting Biodiversity with Recycled Compost	Project aims to boost biodiversity in the region with the supply of compost made from household food and garden waste to the Euroa Arboretum, community gardens, supporting the "Gardens for Wildlife" program and local seed harvesting initiatives.	\$22,500
Swan Hill Rural City Council	Ultima Compost Facility - Stage 2	Expansion of the stage 1 open windrow composting facility at the Ultima landfill site by increasing the processing capacity of regional FOGO from 1,200 tonnes to up to 2,500 tonnes per year and also increasing the output of fine compost material to up to 2,300 tonnes per year.	\$398,333

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Swinburne University of Technology	Converting Used Tyres to Road Safety Roller Barrier: Technology Development stage 1 and 2	To develop a method of foaming recycled tyre rubber to manufacture roller safety barriers utilising 50% end of life tyre rubber and deliver a small scale prototype. The subsequent extension to the project increased the waste tyre recycled content of roller safety barriers from 50% to 75% and developed full scale prototyping of the manufactured roller barriers, which is required for mass production.	\$245,518
Swinburne University of Technology	A closed loop manufacturing of mattresses using the integration of novel designs and recycled materials	Further development of recycled and recyclable mattress components by investigating the material characteristics of available recycled material sources, undertaking further design modification and developing production methodologies for mass manufacturing.	\$150,000
Total Viticulture Solutions Pty Ltd	TVS - Agriculture Compost Market Expansion	The project will upgrade the existing equipment with the aim to increase efficiencies up to 70%, decreasing the cost of compost and mulch products to the end users.	\$5,000
University of Melbourne	Waste Tyre Permeable Kerbs; Design, Testing and Field Monitoring	Extended monitoring of previously supported waste tyre permeable kerb and channel systems on its mechanical and hydrological performance.	\$57,886
University of Melbourne	Innovative advanced catalytic microwave pyrolysis for recycling polystyrene waste	To develop a new, low-cost, low-energy pyrolysis process to recover styrene monomer from polystyrene waste, the precursor material for producing polystyrene.	\$125,336
Upper Goulburn Landcare Network	A home for Alexandra soil food.	A community compost project that aims to overcome current and unforeseen obstacles to make the organic waste product financially viable. The intended outcome is to create a market for both Soil Food and worm castings.	\$16,700
Victoria University	Full scale trial for backfilling excavated trenches under trafficable areas	To conduct a full scale trial at a Greater Western Water site to demonstrate the performance of backfill blends developed for sewer trenches under trafficable areas that contain recycled materials.	\$48,000
Victoria University	Used textile and cardboard fibres as reinforcing-agents in structural concrete	To develop and trial a concrete mix containing used synthetic textile and pre-treated cardboard fibres as a partial replacement for cement, and to improve concrete performance.	\$43,355
Victoria University	Full-scale trial testing of a carpark using novel concrete incorporating textile and cardboard fibres.	To further trial a concrete mix containing used synthetic textile and pre-treated cardboard fibres, in a structural concrete carpark application.	\$34,547
Yarra City Council	Full cycle FOGO, keeping our food and green organics clean	A Council-wide education and awareness campaign that aims to share knowledge, improve understanding, and upskill community members on how to minimise FOGO contamination and why it is necessary.	\$10,909
		TOTAL	\$4,274,790

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