



MEDIA RELEASE

The Hon Peter Garrett MP

Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

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ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE GROUPS TO RECEIVE FUNDING

Minister for the Environment, Peter Garrett, today announced more than \$600,000 in grants for vital projects across the country to protect the environment.

Mr Garrett said the funding for volunteer groups under the Grants for Voluntary Environmental and Heritage Organisations program, recognised the important and valuable work many groups play across the country in protecting our land, unique species and historic places.

“So many people devote so much of their own time to protecting and improving our environment and heritage and I am very pleased to support the tremendous contribution these organisations make on behalf of us all.

“Through this round of grants funding, 118 environment and 34 heritage organisations will receive more than \$600,000 to assist their efforts to conserve and protect Australia's natural environment and historic heritage.

“The focus of this program is on easing the burden of day-to-day running expenses by making funds available for administration costs.”

The groups receiving funding are diverse, for example, in an old WWII hanger at Werribee, Victoria, the last surviving RAAF Liberator is being restored by The B24 Liberator Memorial Restoration Fund Inc. The fund was founded by RAAF B24 pilot Bob Butler, and wireless/radar operator and waist gunner Eric Clark, both retired.

“Conservation councils, local organisations and national conservation organisations, largely through the dedication of many volunteers, have achieved great outcomes for all Australians in preserving many of our natural icons,” Mr Garrett said.

“Take the work of Birds Australia. They use knowledge gained from professional and amateur ornithologists from all over Australia for biodiversity conservation. The organisation has worked on vast conservation projects including the Gluepot and Newhaven Reserves for the conservation of nationally threatened bird species. There is strong community support with 7545 members.”

Note: a list of all the grants provided in this round is attached.

GVEHO grant allocation - 2007-08 Round

ENVIRONMENT GROUPS

Organisation	State	Grant 2007-08
Albury-Wodonga Environment Centre Inc	NSW	\$1,500
Australian Ecosystems Foundation Incorporated	NSW	\$1,500
Australian Marine Conservation Society Inc	QLD	\$9,000
Australian Platypus Conservancy Inc	VIC	\$2,300
Australian Rainforest Conservation Society Inc	QLD	\$3,600
Australian Seabird Rescue Inc	NSW	\$1,500
Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers	VIC	\$9,000
Balcombe Estuary Rehabilitation Group Inc.	VIC	\$2,000
Barung Landcare Association Inc	QLD	\$4,500
Blue Mountains Conservation Society Incorporated	NSW	\$4,500
Brisbane Valley - Kilcoy Landcare Group	QLD	\$2,300
Bunya Community Association Inc	QLD	\$2,300
Burnett Catchment Care Association Inc	QLD	\$1,500
Byron Environment Centre Incorporated	NSW	\$2,300
Cambooya Landcare Association Inc	QLD	\$2,300
Canberra and South East Region Environment Centre	ACT	\$1,500
Candlebark Community Nursery Incorporated	VIC	\$1,500
Capricorn Coast Landcare Group Incorporated	QLD	\$1,500
Capricorn Conservation Council Inc	QLD	\$1,500
Cardinia Environment Coalition Inc	VIC	\$4,500
Citizens Wildlife Corridors Armidale Inc	NSW	\$1,700
Clifton Landcare Group Inc.	QLD	\$1,500
Comboyne Community Association Inc	NSW	\$1,500
Community Environment Network Inc	NSW	\$2,300
Community For Coastal And Cassowary Conservation	QLD	\$2,300
Community Land Management Inc	SA	\$1,500
Conservation Council of South Australia (SA) Inc	SA	\$55,000
Conservation Council of the South East Region and Canberra	ACT	\$9,000
Conservation Council Of WA Inc	WA	\$18,000
Daintree Rainforest Foundation Ltd	QLD	\$1,500
Darebin Creek Management Committee Incorporated	VIC	\$3,600
David G Stead Memorial Wild Life Research	NSW	\$2,300
Earthwatch Institute	VIC	\$5,000
Environment Centre of the Northern Territory Inc	NT	\$18,000
Environment Victoria Inc	VIC	\$55,000
Field Naturalists Club Of Victoria Inc	VIC	\$3,600
Friends Of Attadale Foreshore (foaf) Inc	WA	\$2,300
Friends Of Caboolture Region Environmental Education Centre Association Inc	QLD	\$2,300
Friends Of Federation Walk Inc	QLD	\$2,300
Friends of the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens Inc	QLD	\$1,500
Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc	VIC	\$4,500
Friends Of The Koala Inc.	NSW	\$2,300
Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park Inc	WA	\$1,500
Futureworld: National Centre For Appropriate Technology (ncat) Inc	NSW	\$1,500
Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Board	SA	\$1,500
Gracetown Progress Association (Inc)	WA	\$2,300
Granite Borders Landcare Committee Inc	NSW	\$4,500
Greening Australia (VIC)	VIC	\$1,500

Greening Australia (WA) Inc	WA	\$3,600
Greening Australia South Australia	SA	\$3,600
Gympie & District Landcare Group Inc	QLD	\$4,500
Inglewood Shire Landcare Group	QLD	\$1,500
Johnstone River Catchment Management Association Inc	QLD	\$1,500
Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre	WA	\$2,300
Launceston Environment Centre Inc	TAS	\$2,300
Liverpool Plains Land Management Committee	NSW	\$3,600
Mackay Conservation Group Inc.	QLD	\$1,500
Malleefowl Preservation Group Inc	WA	\$4,500
Maroochy Waterwatch Inc	QLD	\$3,600
Merri Creek Management Committee Inc	VIC	\$4,500
Mersey Natural Resource Management Group Inc	TAS	\$1,500
Mingenew Irwin Group Inc	WA	\$2,300
Mitchell River Watershed Management Group Inc	QLD	\$3,600
Mooloolah River Waterwatch & Landcare Inc	QLD	\$2,300
Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd	VIC	\$1,500
Mt Roland Rivercare Catchment Inc.	TAS	\$1,500
Murray Darling Association Inc For Conservation and Sustainable Development	NSW	\$4,500
Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc	NSW	\$1,500
National Parks Association Of Queensland Inc	QLD	\$2,300
Nature Conservation Council of NSW Inc	NSW	\$18,000
Noosa & District Landcare Group Inc.	QLD	\$4,500
Noosa Integrated Catchment Assoc. Inc.	QLD	\$2,300
North and South Pine Integrated Catchment	QLD	\$4,500
North-West Environment Centre Inc	TAS	\$1,500
Ocean Watch Australia Ltd	NSW	\$3,600
Organisation For The Rescue and Research of Cetaceans In Australia	NSW	\$1,500
Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group Inc	QLD	\$2,300
Pullen Pullen Catchments Group Incorporated	QLD	\$1,500
Pumicestone Region Catchment Coordination Association Inc	QLD	\$3,600
Queensland Conservation Council Assoc Inc	QLD	\$10,000
Reef Check Foundation Limited	QLD	\$2,300
Regent Honeyeater Project Inc	VIC	\$2,300
Renmark to the Border Local Action Planning	SA	\$3,600
River Murray Urban Users Local Action Planning Association Incorporated	SA	\$2,300
Riverland West Local Action Planning Association	SA	\$1,500
Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union	VIC	\$2,300
SCRAP (School Communities Recycling All Paper) Ltd	NSW	\$2,300
Shortland Wetlands Centre Limited	NSW	\$4,500
South Gippsland Conservation Society Inc.	VIC	\$1,500
South Myall Catchment Landcare Group Inc	QLD	\$1,500
Stop The Toad Foundation Inc	WA	\$1,500
Taroona Environment Network Inc	TAS	\$2,300
Tasmanian Environment Centre Inc	TAS	\$10,000
Tasmanian Landcare Association Inc.	TAS	\$2,300
The Crossing Land Education Centre ATF The Crossing Land Education Trust	NSW	\$2,300
The Friends Of The Cape To Cape Track Inc.	WA	\$2,300
The Moore Catchment Council Inc	WA	\$2,300
The Ornamental Plant Conservation Society of Australia Inc	VIC	\$1,500
The Understorey Network	TAS	\$1,500
The Valley Centre For Environmental Education and Research Incorporated	NSW	\$1,500
The West Moreton Landcare Group Inc	QLD	\$3,600
Toby Inlet Catchment Group Inc	WA	\$2,300

Tree Project Incorporated	VIC	\$1,500
Trees for Life Incorporated	SA	\$9,000
Trees in Newcastle Inc	NSW	\$4,500
Victorian CliffCare Trust	VIC	\$1,500
Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group Inc.	VIC	\$1,500
Waterfall Springs Conservation Association	NSW	\$2,300
West Midlands Natural Resource Group Inc	WA	\$1,500
West Of Ranges Landcare Inc	NSW	\$2,300
WetlandCare Australia Pty Ltd	NSW	\$4,500
Wetlands and Wildlife Ltd	SA	\$2,300
Wild Mountains Ltd (ATF Wild Mountains Trust)	QLD	\$2,300
Wildcare Incorporated	TAS	\$3,600
World Wide Fund for Nature Australia	NSW	\$9,000
Yea Wetlands Trust	VIC	\$2,300

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HERITAGE GROUPS

Organisation	State	Grant 2007-08
Australia ICOMOS Incorporated	VIC	\$9,000
Australian Country Music Foundation Inc	NSW	\$3,600
Australian Garden History Society Incorporated	VIC	\$3,000
Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Materials Inc	ACT	\$9,000
Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives Inc	VIC	\$2,300
Australian Society of Archivists Incorporated	ACT	\$4,500
Axel Stenross Maritime Museum Inc	SA	\$1,500
B-24 Liberator Memorial Restoration Fund Inc.	VIC	\$2,300
Blue Mountains Association Of Cultural Heritage	NSW	\$1,500
Blue Mountains Historical Society Inc	NSW	\$1,500
Buderim - Palmwoods Heritage Tramway Inc	QLD	\$1,500
Camden Historical Society Inc.	NSW	\$2,300
Canberra & District Historical Society Inc.	ACT	\$2,300
Carnarvon Heritage Group Inc	WA	\$3,600
Casterton and District Historical Society Inc	VIC	\$1,500
Chewton Domain Society	VIC	\$1,500
Convict Trail Project Incorporated	NSW	\$4,500
Federation of Australian Historical Societies Inc	ACT	\$17,000
Furneaux Historical Research Association	TAS	\$2,300
Gold Coast and Hinterland Historical Society Inc	QLD	\$1,500
Ipswich Historical Society Inc	QLD	\$2,300
Motor Museum Of Western Australia Trust	WA	\$2,300
Museums Australia Incorporated	ACT	\$18,000
Parramatta & District Historical Society Inc.	NSW	\$2,300
Richmond River Historical Society Inc	NSW	\$2,300
Robertson Heritage Railway Station Inc	NSW	\$2,300
Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company	NSW	\$2,300
Shire Of Landsborough Historical Society Inc	QLD	\$1,500
State Coal Mine - Rescue Station Arts Inc	VIC	\$1,500
Sydney Maritime Museum Ltd	NSW	\$4,500
The Australasian Society For Historical Archaeology	NSW	\$1,500
The City Of Greater Lithgow Mining Museum Inc	NSW	\$4,500
The Queensland Women's Historical Association	QLD	\$1,500
West Coast Heritage Ltd	TAS	\$1,500
Woolmers Foundation Inc	TAS	\$4,500
Zig Zag Railway Cooperative Ltd	NSW	\$4,500

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