



2016-17 SNAPSHOT





Creating a web of green across Melbourne's south-east



Living Links is an urban nature project working to create a web of high quality, interconnected green spaces across Melbourne's south-east. By improving the connections between the many parks, reserves, open spaces, coasts, beaches, pathways, rivers, creeks and wetlands, we aim to make this area a world-class urban ecosystem. This will improve habitat for wildlife, as well as making it easier for people to experience the many benefits of connecting with nature in this urban setting.



Living Links is a partnership between Councils, Government agencies and community/interest groups including:

- City of Bayside
- City of Casey
- City of Greater Dandenong
- City of Kingston
- City of Knox
- City of Maroondah
- City of Monash
- City of Whitehorse
- Frankston City Council
- Yarra Ranges Shire Council
- Melbourne Water
- South East Water
- Parks Victoria
- Bushwalking Victoria
- Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Port Phillip & Westernport Catchment Management Authority



Over its 10 years of operation, Living Links has developed a long-term corridor plan and undertaken over 100 on-ground projects to enhance environmental values and recreational opportunities across Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs.

What Living Links achieved in 2016-17



10 years

of Living Links
celebrated in 2016

\$1 million

secured to enhance the
Dandenong Creek corridor



7804 hectares

of native vegetation
managed or established

300,000+ native plants

planted to improve habitat
and strengthen corridors



179 kilometres

of riparian vegetation
enhanced along waterways

9.6 kilometres

of recreational trails
established or improved



16,000+ hours

of volunteer time spent
caring for the environment

Looking forward

The next three years will see the ongoing delivery of environmental and community engagement works as part of the \$1M 'Transforming the Dandenong Creek into a World-Class Urban Living Link' project (funded by the state government). We will also continue to look for new funding opportunities to continue work throughout the broader catchment. In particular, we are interested in developing partnerships with the health sector, which is increasingly recognising the importance of regular contact with nature for people's health and wellbeing.



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