



2017-18 SNAPSHOT





Creating a web of green spaces 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 collaboration between numerous organisations and community 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
- VicRoads
- Bushwalking Victoria
- Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Port Phillip & Westernport Catchment Management Authority.



2017-18 was another solid year for delivery of Living Links. Environmental works and community engagement projects continued, with a focus on citizen science and connecting people with nature. Behind the scenes, there was a strong focus on communications and marketing, including five short videos promoting Living Links and projects, a website revamp and updating our Strategic Plan and Communications Plan.

What Living Links achieved in 2017-18



7808 hectares

of native vegetation
managed or established

200,000+ native plants

planted to improve habitat
and strengthen corridors



156+ kilometres

of riparian vegetation
enhanced along waterways

13 kilometres

of recreational trails
established or improved



22,000+ hours

of volunteer time spent
caring for the environment

Major project: Transforming the Dandenong Creek

- Environmental works at 24 priority sites along the Dandenong Creek corridor (between Bayswater and Dandenong North) .
- Over 1250 people engaged in 22 community events.
- Delivery of the first ever 'Discover Dandenong Creek Festival', which attracted 350+ people in April 2018.

Looking forward

The next two years will see the continued delivery of on-ground and community engagement works by Living Links partners, including as part of the \$1M 'Transforming the Dandenong Creek corridor' project funded by the Victorian Government.

Other immediate priorities for the Living Links Coordination Committee include development of a schools engagement program, carrying out a gap analysis to identify 'missing links' in the network of shared trails and green spaces across the region, and seeking major funding to continue our work to extend and enhance urban green spaces.



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