



Australian Government



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Green Army marches in to start work on the Mornington Peninsula

It was terrific to join participants, project sponsors and service provider Conservation Volunteers Australia at Chinamans Creek today to launch the Mornington Peninsula Green Army project.

This is one of seven sites across the Mornington Peninsula that will be revegetated and rehabilitated over the next 26 weeks by the Green Army team.

The team will carry out a range of works including landscaping, revegetation, weed control and eradication, track restoration, and habitat enhancement across the peninsula. The sites include:

- Creek Rejuvenation at Chinamans Creek - weed control and revegetation
- Red Hill Community Park - landscaping and revegetation
- Red Hill Rail Trail - weed control
- Mornington Peninsula National Park - weed eradication, track restoration and revegetation
- Arthurs Seat State Park - weed control for habitat quality
- Mt Martha, Balcombe Creek - habitat enhancement
- Red Hill South Biolink - weed control

The Green Army was a key Coalition election commitment and is one of the Government's major environmental initiatives, with \$525 million budgeted over four years for the initiative.

The first round of 196 Green Army projects across Australia will engage 17 to 24 year olds in what will soon be largest ever team of young Australians mobilised to support environmental action.

It is fantastic to see these young people ready to get their hands dirty and make a real difference to the environment.

Not only will these young people be receiving a training wage for the work they are doing but they will also have the opportunity to gain valuable qualifications and skills in areas such as land management, park management, landscaping or horticulture.

Conservation Volunteers Australia will oversee these young participants and ensure they are properly equipped and skilled to complete this important environmental work.

Conservation Volunteers Australia will work in collaboration with Landcare and community groups as well as the Mornington Peninsula Shire. For more information on the Green Army visit

www.environment.gov.au/green-army

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