

Media Release The Hon Greg Hunt MP

Federal Member for Flinders Minister for the Environment

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Lang Lang to benefit from 25th Anniversary Landcare Grants

The Government's National Landcare Programme is supporting grassroots environmental action in Lang Lang through the 25th Anniversary Landcare Grants.

Federal Member for Flinders and Environment Minister Greg Hunt said he was pleased to announce that the Western Port Seagrass Partnership had received a \$19,600 grant to plant 3000 mangroves at Lang Lang cliffs to reduce erosion.

The project will include seed collection and propagation by Mornington Peninsula Youth Enterprises at their mangrove nursery.

"Congratulations to the Western Port Seagrass Partnership on receiving this grant," Minister Hunt said.

"The 25th Anniversary Landcare Grants programme will help ensure our agricultural practices are sustainable and our natural environment is healthy for future generations.

"It's great to see so many Australians getting involved in projects to protect and restore their local environment."

Minister Hunt said the Australian Government was investing more than \$2 billion in managing Australia's natural resources over the next four years.

"We are putting Landcare back at the centre of natural resource management," he said.

"These grants are focused on engaging the community to deliver local projects that will have lasting benefits for the environment and productive agricultural landscapes.

"Funding under this component of the National Landcare Programme will support farmers, Indigenous and community groups, including Landcare, to enhance the environment and improve management of our natural resource base."

Further information about the National Landcare Programme can be found online at <u>www.nrm.gov.au</u>.

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