



# Media Release

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### Celebrating 25 years of Landcare

I was delighted to join the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Landcare (on Sunday July 20) at Mornington Peninsula Youth Enterprises.

Landcare started as a small group, funded by generous farmers and community members and has now grown to more than 6000 affiliated groups across the country.

Landcare has become one of our most important environmental movements, helping local groups tackle environmental and sustainable agriculture challenges.

It is made up of the two words that sum it up completely – land and care, which is what it is all about.

Landcare members are inspirational people, united by a shared desire to make a positive difference and I thank Landcare members across the country for the tremendous work they do. The Australian Government is proud to be working with Landcare to continue to sustainably manage our natural resources.

The Australian Government will be hitting the road in August to talk to communities about getting involved in the National Landcare Programme.

Information sessions will be held in capital cities as well as regional centres, so that farmers, environmental groups, local Landcare bodies and natural resource management organisations can have a say about how the National Landcare Programme could operate in their area.

The Australian Government has provided more than \$90,000 to Landcare Australia for a number of events to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it is terrific to be part of these events.

I congratulate Landcare and all of its members on achieving this milestone and look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries in the future.

The Government will also shortly announce details of funding for future small projects and a one-off grants programme to coincide with the 25th anniversary of Landcare.

Information on the consultation survey and community sessions is available on [www.nrm.gov.au](http://www.nrm.gov.au)

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