



## New Growth Projects

Supporting youth volunteers to help protect Victoria's biodiversity and environment

### Case Studies from the Port Phillip Region



**Project name:** Sense of Place

**Funding recipient:** Port Phillip Eco Centre

**Project location:** Yalukit Willam Conservation Reserve and St Kilda Beach

**Outcomes:**

Through a series of nature-based excursions, barriers were reduced for young adult migrants to be introduced to the entry pathways, personal joys and benefits to nature gained through environmental volunteering by:

- Providing a safe and welcoming space
- Providing transport to urban nature locations
- Providing hands-on environmental education



**Project name:** Community planting day out

**Funding recipient:** Urban Bushland Initiative

**Project location:** Cranwell Park, Braybrook

**Outcomes:**

Over 100 people from the community planted 1,100 native plants during a community planting day. The event included free food via a food-truck, free coffee, and local entertainment including live music, helping to build a 'festival' like atmosphere. There was a strong focus on biodiversity, as well as creating a community-oriented, fun-centric environment to solidify the event and site in the minds of the locals. This helped to strengthen participants' connection to the space as it develops into a mature woodland.



**Project name:** Young Stewards of Iramoo

**Funding recipient:** Cairnlea Committee of Management

**Project location:** Iramoo Grasslands, St Albans

**Outcomes:**

Around 20 young stewards (aged 18-29) came together for a grasslands tour, a tour of Mt. Rothwell and to brainstorm projects to help protect Iramoo Grasslands. The group produced numerous ideas including a grassland festival with art installations and children's activities to engage the local community in grassland restoration. The event is planned for early 2024.

