



## New Growth Projects

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

### Case Studies from the Barwon South West and Grampians Regions



**Project name:** Stoked for the Planet

**Funding recipient:** Brophy Warrnambool Family and Youth Services

**Project location:** Warrnambool region

**Outcomes:**

- Provided an opportunity for young people to participate in six 'Come and try' environmental volunteering experiences in their local area including Beach Patrol and community gardens.
- Engaged 24 young people in participating in a surf camp in the Warrnambool region, which connected them to nature and local volunteering groups.
- Enabled young people to act for nature and were given skills in understanding health benefits of connecting with nature and with their peers in nature.



**Project name:** Young Multicultural Environmental Leaders

**Funding recipient:** Cultura

**Project location:** Geelong and Colac-Otway regions

**Outcomes:**

- Built participants confidence and leadership skills in environmental volunteering.
- Improved environmental literacy for young people through a series of hands-on environmental immersion workshops and field trips.
- Reduced barriers for young people from multicultural and refugee backgrounds to spend time in nature and understand the value of environmental volunteering with their local communities.



**Project name:** Nature Stewards

**Funding recipient:** Victorian National Parks Association and local councils

**Project location:** Grampians, Hume and Loddon Mallee regions

**Outcomes:**

- Young people in three Victorian regions learnt about nature and connected with local environmental volunteering groups over a 6-week course.
- Built participants' environmental literacy at a local level, as well as provided pathways to taking actions, joining volunteer groups and undertaking further study.
- Undertook conservation works on private properties.

