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CELEBRATING VICTORIA'S LANDCARE GROUPS

The State's best and brightest Landcare advocates were acknowledged at the 2017 Victorian Landcare Awards ceremony at Government House today.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio presented awards, alongside the Governor of Victoria, Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC and Patron-In-Chief of Landcare in Victoria.

The Landcare Awards are an opportunity to showcase people and projects that are contributing to sustainable agriculture and the protection of Victoria's environment.

This year's awards received significant interest from right across the state, with 85 nominations submitted across the 14 categories.

Victorian award winners include:

- Blackburn & District Tree Preservation Society (Urban Landcare Award)
- Bret Ryan, Corangamite CMA (Dr Sidney Plowman Award)
- Connecting Country (Landcare Network Award)
- Sandii Lewis (Victorian Farmers Federation/Landcare Victoria Inc. Heather Mitchell Memorial Fellowship)
- Terry Hubbard (Joan Kirner Landcare Award).

All state winners of the nine national categories will now proceed as finalists to the 2018 National Landcare Awards.

The Andrews Labor Government has invested $86.3 million over four years for the continued preservation of Victoria's vital ecosystems, as well as an ongoing funding of $20 million per year to deliver the Protecting Victoria's Environment program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"It's fantastic to see such a diverse range of groups and individuals recognised for their significant contribution to the conservation of Victoria's biodiversity."

"We understand the important role Landcare plays getting communities involved in the protection of our unique environment."

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