

Education Key To A Waste Free Victoria

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To mark Clean Up Australia Day the Andrews Labor Government has launched a \$300,000 grants package to support the delivery of targeted waste education programs.

Sustainability Victoria will manage the three funding programs which are now open to local government, schools, education providers and community groups, focusing on the strategic objectives of the Victorian Waste Education Strategy.

Eligible Victorians are encouraged to apply for one of the following grant programs:

- Improving Resource Recovery program: supporting waste education through behaviour change projects
- Love Food Hate Waste Local Engagement Support program: raising awareness of food waste
- Litter and Illegal Dumping program: tackling state-wide litter issues

In 2016, the Labor Government launched the strategy to lead targeted waste education in the community to improve the community's understanding of waste, littering, illegal dumping and recycling.

Locally-targeted education programs will enhance the community's understanding of the importance of waste as a utility.

For more information and to apply for a grant, visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au

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

“By increasing community awareness of better waste management, we can reduce contamination levels, littering and illegal dumping, and recover more resources.”

“Better collaborations between industry, local government, and waste delivery agencies will help us meet our goals of generating less waste across Victoria.”