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South East Natural Resources
Management Board

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Region receives significant environmental funding

The South East Natural Resources Management Board (SE NRM Board) in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the South East, have been awarded over 1.6 million dollars over six years from round one of the Federal Government Australian Biodiversity fund.

\$535,900 has been received for a woodland habitat revegetation and restoration project on the Naracoorte range. The range possesses some of the most inter-connected woodlands remaining in South East South Australia and the funding will help with the re-vegetation of seventy hectares of land, plus invasive weed control of a further 3000 hectares of Stringybark woodland. The protection and enhancement of these areas will improve conditions for critically listed flora and fauna.

A further \$1,118,400 will be used for restoring priority habitats through large scale re-vegetation in the South East. The project will capitalise on reinstating linkages between identified remnant vegetation patches through strategic biodiversity planting on approximately 100 hectares of cleared land. Additionally, critical threats to biodiversity from invasive weeds and loss of ecological communities will be controlled over 1000 hectares.

SE NRM Board Presiding Member Mark Braes says the funding is acknowledgement of the hard work being done at a strategic level and on the ground. "It is projects like this that have positive impacts for our regions environment, habitat and communities. To reduce the threat of our flora and fauna becoming threatened or extinct is one of our major goals".

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in partnership with the Local Government Association (SELGA) have also been funded for projects to support the Limestone Coast and Coorong Coastal Action Plan (LCCCAP) and other programs such as NatureLinks and Habitat141 Coastal Conservation Action Plan.

Regional Manager for DENR Tim Collins said "It's a great boost to our regional program and adds value to existing initiatives working with the local community in land management, biodiversity conservation and natural resource management projects."

Community Support Officer for DENR SE's Habitat Recovery Team, Rebecca McCann is excited about the projects the funding will support. "These projects build on the highly successful projects that the Region's Conservation Programs Unit has been undertaking for nearly a decade. With less than 13% native vegetation left in the South East and a high number of threatened and rare habitats, plants and animals, these projects will make a major difference."

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