



# YARRA RIVER RECOVERY – School Revegetation Projects



## YARRA RIVER RECOVERY – Educating for Sustainability

### VISION

The vision for *Yarra River Recovery - Educating for Sustainability* is to engage schools and the community in vegetation management, biodiversity, river health and recreation in the Yarra catchment. Community activities and programs will develop skills, networks, knowledge and values that will contribute to the long term sustainability of the Yarra River for future generations.

### OBJECTIVES FOR SCHOOLS:

- Engage schools across the catchment in the *Yarra River Recovery* program
- Increase the knowledge, understanding and sense of connectedness to the Yarra amongst students and schools across the catchment
- Create meaningful and positive learning experiences around river health and biodiversity for students across the Yarra catchment
- Engage schools in the restoration of indigenous riparian vegetation throughout the Yarra catchment
- Create opportunities for students to build leadership skills and connect with their local communities
- Actively engage the Wurundjeri and Boonerung Aboriginal Community in education activities and knowledge transfer and exchange with schools across the Yarra catchment
- Integrate education for sustainability principles into the delivery of all River Recovery schools programs

### CONTACT DETAILS

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### HANDS ON SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

Greening Australia Victoria's *Schools for the Environment* program are focusing on schools in the upper, middle and lower Yarra catchment to participate in part of the national *River Recovery* program. Schools that are interested in biodiversity and the health of their local waterways will take a 'hands-on' approach to environmental and sustainability education by assisting local community groups and Greening Australia in the restoration and revegetation of the Yarra River and its tributaries.

### WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT?

The following will be involved in *Yarra River Recovery* education programs:

- Local **schools**
- Local **community** groups
- Wurunderji and Boon Wurrung **Aboriginal community** members
- **Greening Australia** Victoria staff and volunteers
- **Waterwatch**
- Local **Councils**
- Land and waterway managers eg: Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This program will include **revegetation** opportunities on public land with schools including the guidance and assistance of community groups.

The program may also include;

- **Habitat** activities such as indigenous plant and animal surveys
- **Seed propagation**
- **Cultural awareness** activities delivered by local Aboriginal community members
- **Site preparation** activities such as mulching, weeding etc...
- **Monitoring** and **evaluation** of revegetation sites



*Yarra River Recovery* school revegetation projects and learning activities meet curriculum outcomes addressing the **Victorian Essential Learning Standards** for all *Stages of Learning*.