

Landscape Change in 2020

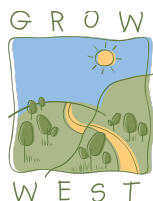
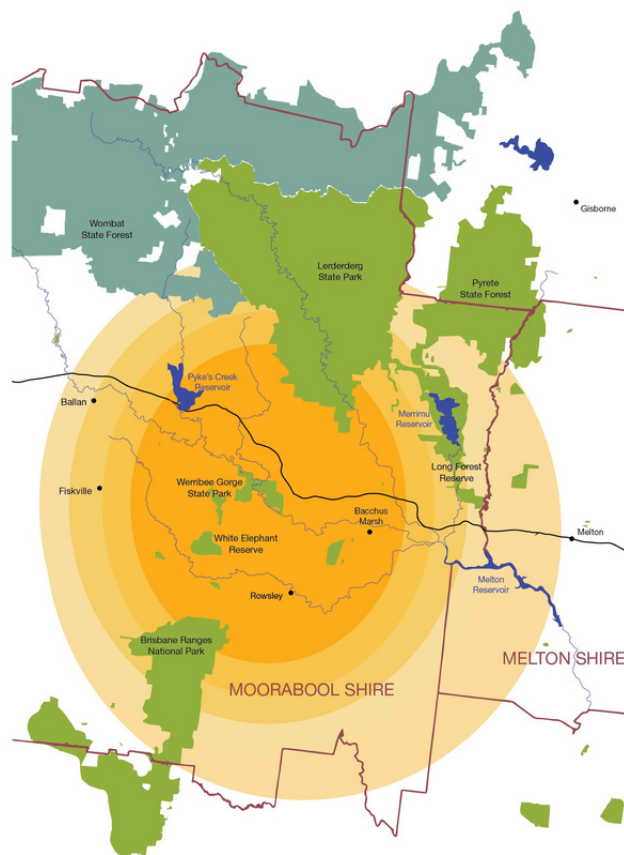
About Grow West

Grow West is an ambitious landscape restoration program that works with local communities in the west of Melbourne to create a sustainable future.

Grow West's vision is to rejuvenate 10,000 hectares of land by connecting the Brisbane Ranges National Park, Werribee Gorge State Park and Lerderderg State Park through a mosaic of restoration works on private and public property.

Balliang Creek Restoration Project

Over the past 15 years, the Grow West Program, coordinated by the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority on behalf of its partners, has been hosting an annual community planting day in July, attracting over 200 people from all over Melbourne and the local area as well a host of sponsors. Unfortunately, due to coronavirus (COVID-19), the 2020 event was cancelled, however, with the generous support from our sponsors we were able to plant 6,300 indigenous plants along the Balliang Creek.



Grow West is a partnership between these organisations

Balliang Creek Restoration Project



Three generations on the farm



Indigenous species planted on the site

This year's Grow West community revegetation site was located on the Wilson's property in Balliang. Grow West's Environmental Projects Coordinator, Helena Lindorff worked with the Wilson Family and Melbourne Water Assessor, Lloyd Stanway, in developing a project plan and executing the works along 2.3 kilometres of Balliang Creek, covering an area of 13.8 hectares.

The project will provide a crucial habitat corridor for native birds across the landscape and add an important piece to the vision of Grow West – rejuvenating 10,000 hectares of land by connecting the Brisbane Ranges National Park, Werribee Gorge State Park and Lerderderg State Park through a mosaic of restoration works on private and public property.

The Balliang Creek Restoration Project would not be possible without the funding support from our Grow West sponsors - Melbourne Water's Stream Frontage Program, ANZ Seeds for Renewal, Bacchus Marsh Community Bank, Bacchus Marsh Lions Club and the Australian Government's Communities Environment Program.

The annual planting day event is run in partnership with Port Phillip and Westernport CMA - Grow West Program and its partners (Moorabool Shire Council, Southern Rural Water, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Moorabool Landcare Network, Conservation Volunteers Australia), Victorian National Park Association, Friends of Werribee Gorge and Long Forest Mallee, Bacchus Marsh Lions Club and Victorian Mobile Landcare Group.

