

Grassroots Grants projects, 2025-26

Project title	Organisation	Project description	\$ funded
Intercultural Bushtucker Garden	Tumby Bay Area School	The Tumby Bay Area School Aboriginal Community Education Officer is working with students to create a Bushtucker garden and food orchard as part of cultural studies, aiming to promote awareness and connection to Aboriginal life and history. The garden will feature bushtucker plants alongside other fruits and vegetables to extend the harvesting season. An irrigation system will be installed for water efficiency, and signage will be added to highlight the cultural significance of the bushtucker plants.	\$2,865
Provision of roosting/perching poles for the endangered Eastern Osprey	Friends of Parnkalla Walking Trail	Carbon fibre poles with attached hardwood perches will be constructed and installed as maintenance-free roosts for Eastern Ospreys. The 6 m poles (2 m below ground) require engineering assessment and certification before installation, as mandated by the Port Lincoln City Council. Site monitoring will be carried out by Southern Eyre Birds members, local Aboriginal associations, school students, and community groups such as Friends of the Parnkalla Walking Trail and Osprey.	\$4,967
Yarniri Gabmididi Yarda (Youth Learning Country)	Galinyala Arts Hub Aboriginal Corporation	A 3-day camp will comprise of a nature and taters education learning workshops with on-country activities to upskill participants in caring and monitoring country within the region. This includes bird identification and wildlife monitoring tools, learning and exploring fish traps, marine science education and debris awareness, First Nations arts, foods, crafts teachings, and activities such as weaving, painting, damper, cooking and artefact making, bush medicine education and Aboriginal Heritage.	\$15,000
Program for removal of declared environmental weeds and rabbit exclusion fencing along coastal cliffs at East Bay, Point Boston	Point Boston Community Corporation 25691 Inc.	Point Boston Community Corporation will continue its weed and pest control efforts in its 750ha coastal development area. Building on a previous Grassroots Grant project, the new initiative targets declared weeds such as White Weeping Broom and Aleppo Pine and expands rabbit control measures. Actions include extending the rabbit-proof fence by 1,000m, surveying and treating infestations, and revegetating sensitive areas. This project supports long-term environmental management and enhances the ecological value of the coastal landscape.	\$13,000

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Rehabilitation of the Arno Bay norther coast-walk: Pest control and community revegetation	Arno Bay Progress Association Inc.	The Arno Bay Progress Association is undertaking a three-phase project to restore the coastal dune ecosystem near the northern Arno Bay boardwalk. Phase 1 involves pest control to remove African boxthorn and reduce rabbit populations. Phase 2 includes a community planting day with local volunteers and Cleve Area School students, focusing on native species. Phase 3 focuses on ongoing care, including watering, weeding, and monitoring, with community involvement in citizen science to ensure lasting outcomes.	\$3,961
Sims Farm revegetation project	Minister of Education and Child Development, and Cleve Area School - Sims Farm	Tree planting project, planting 200 plants of varying varieties native to the Barngarla land. Cleve Area School students will work to assess, prepare and plant trees.	\$4,219
Arno Bay Community Connections to Country	Arno Bay Community Sporting Association Incorporated	The Arno Bay Community Sporting Association in partnership with a range of local organisations is undertaking a community-driven project to revegetate and restore landscape, whilst nurturing their connection with country through the incorporation of story-telling artwork by Barngala artist Jenna Richards. This grant will be used exclusively for an Aboriginal artwork by Barngarla artist Jenna Richards, aimed at strengthening connection to Country.	\$5,000
Creating a (rural) urban Native Learning and Sensory Garden with community at the Eyre Business Centre, Kimba, featuring local endangered native species.	Eyre Business Enterprises Pty Ltd	A new sensory garden in central Kimba will showcase endangered native plants like the Chalky Wattle, with seating, shade, and educational signage. In partnership with Kimba Area School and local experts, it will host workshops on native species and water-wise gardening. The garden will serve as a learning space and community hub, enhancing biodiversity, local engagement, and town appeal.	\$12,075
The Pildappa Rock Cultural and Interpretive Trail Activation Plan	Wudinna District Council	This will continue the project "Pildappa Rock Masterplan". Grant money to be used for trail heads, trail markers, education signage, First Nations consultation engagement, and imagery.	\$15,000

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Chain of Bays 2026 Community Environmental Calendar	Friends of Sceale Bay Incorporated	The Friends of Sceale Bay are producing the ' <i>Chain of Bays 2026 Community Environmental Calendar</i> ' to raise awareness of rare and endangered species and promote environmental stewardship across the West Coast Bays region. Featuring photos by renowned local photographer Grant Hobson, the calendar highlights marine and land conservation parks, key eco-dates, funding opportunities, and ways for various community members to get involved in environmental initiatives. It draws from the 'Chain of Bays' publication and aims to deepen community engagement. Funding will allow the print run to double from 500 to 1,000 copies, with interest already shown by potential sponsors.	\$5,000
Gazania Removal Perlubie and Streaky Bay	District Council of Streaky Bay	This project is specifically targeting the removal of Gazania from Perlubie and Streaky Bay continuing work previously completed. The spread of Gazania has significantly changed the native landscape of these coastal areas. This project aims to spray and kill the Gazania, to prevent further spreading onto unaffected Crown Land and Council Reserves. Starting with areas that are least affected by Gazania and working backwards to the heavily infested areas.	\$10,000
Building knowledge together: providing opportunities for women on the EP to increase their agronomic and soil knowledge, and professional networks	WoTL	This project builds on the success of previous WoTL crop walks funded by grassroots grants. In three regions, local WoTL Ambassadors will partner with agronomists to host spring crop walks at trial sites or grower paddocks. These events will cover agronomic topics such as soil and nutrient management, weed control, and lessons from the 2024/25 drought. Agronomists are carefully chosen for their communication skills and community reputation, ensuring they can effectively engage women with varying levels of agricultural experience—ranging from beginners to those actively involved in farm decision-making.	\$12,050
Conserving coasts with community: protecting Hooded Plovers on Eyre Peninsula	BirdLife Australia	This project aims to protect the vulnerable Eastern Hooded Plover by training new and existing volunteers through four workshops across Eyre Peninsula in 2025–2026. Volunteers will monitor nesting sites, report threats via the MyBeachBird portal, and support breeding site protection. A specialised workshop will also train land managers and volunteers in effective site protection methods, helping reduce disturbances and improve breeding outcomes.	\$9,153